

**Indian Gaming Question Series
(marginal statewide survey findings)**

1. As you know, the state of California allows legal casino gaming, such as playing slot machines, dice, blackjack, and roulette, at casinos located on Indian tribal lands. Tax proceeds from these casinos are shared between the state government and the local governments where they are located. In general, do you favor or oppose expanding the number of casino gaming establishments on Indian tribal lands in California?

	STATEWIDE TOTAL
FAVOR	39%
OPPOSE	50%
DEPENDS.....	6%
NO OPINION	5%

2. Suppose that an Indian tribe native to your county proposed to either expand an existing casino or open a new casino in your county at a tribal location acceptable to local elected officials, and that a portion of the casino's profits would be taxed, with revenue shared between the state and your local government. If a proposal like this were being discussed in your county, would you tend to favor it or oppose it?

FAVOR	45%
OPPOSE	47%
DEPENDS.....	5%
NO OPINION	3%

3. Let's talk about a specific Indian gaming casino that has been proposed. An 1,800 member Indian tribe native to the Los Angeles basin, the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe, has proposed opening a gaming casino on the grounds of the Hollywood Park racetrack located about 3 miles from the LAX airport on the site of the tribe's native lands in Los Angeles County. In addition to live thoroughbred horse racing, Hollywood Park already permits card play and off-track betting at the site. If an Indian gaming casino were also allowed, it would raise an additional 165 million dollars per year in tax revenue for the state and for local governments in Los Angeles County. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose allowing the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe to open an Indian gaming casino at Hollywood Park racetrack?

FAVOR	52%
OPPOSE	38%
DEPENDS.....	5%
NO OPINION	5%

4. I am going to read some arguments that have been made by supporters and opponents of the proposed Indian gaming casino at Hollywood Park in Los Angeles County, and for each, please tell me whether you agree or disagree. (READ ITEMS ON AT A TIME IN RANDOM ORDER, ASKING:) Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
() a. Allowing Indian tribes to operate gaming casinos is a small price to pay for the very harsh treatment they had to endure in the formation of our country	41%	50%	9%
() b. People in the Los Angeles area are going to gamble anyway and there is no reason why local governments in Los Angeles County and the state shouldn't benefit from the tax money that a Los Angeles area casino gaming facility would bring.....	56%	40%	4%
() c. Indian gaming casinos in California do not pay their fair share in taxes to state and local governments	38%	36%	26%
() d. Opening an Indian gaming casino at Hollywood Park would be boost the local economy, expand tourism, create jobs, and benefit service companies and merchants in the area	68%	26%	6%
() e. Other Indian tribes operate gaming casinos in or near major urban areas of California, like San Diego, Oakland, Sacramento and Riverside, and its only fair to allow a Los Angeles County area tribe to open one as well	60%	35%	5%
() f. Expanding the number of Indian gaming casinos in California will encourage more people to gamble away money they need to support their families	56%	39%	5%
() g. If we are going to allow casino gaming in Los Angeles County, it makes sense to locate it at Hollywood Park, where horseracing and card club gaming are already allowed	67%	28%	5%
() h. Allowing an Indian gaming casino at Hollywood Park will bring more organized crime and unsavory people and activities into the area	46%	48%	6%
() i. If we are going to allow casino gaming on Indian tribal lands in California, it makes sense to allow a tribe native to Los Angeles County to open one as well.....	62%	32%	6%

5. Please tell me if you have done any of the following things in the past year: (READ ITEMS ON AT A TIME IN ORDER, ASKING:) Have you done this in the past year?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
a. Gambled in a casino either on Indian tribal lands in California or in places like Las Vegas, Reno, or Lake Tahoe (NOTE: DO <u>NOT</u> COUNT ONLINE GAMBLING HERE)	35%	65%	*
b. Placed bets on horseracing or sporting events, or played poker or blackjack for money either on-line or at a card club.....	12%	88%	*

(Net "yes" to either a or b = 38%)

* Less than 1/2 of 1%