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July 27, 2005

Senate President Pro tem Don Perata
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Pro tem Perata:

I am writing in regards to your proposed resolution to ban urban gaming. It is my understanding that a complete ban on urban gaming as proposed in this resolution, will not take into consideration cities and counties such as Los Angeles that may wish to explore future options of building a regional casino to promote tourism, fund government and stimulate the regional economy.

As you know, the Gabrielino Tribe has geographic, historical and cultural ties to Los Angeles County. We agree that off-reservation gaming, where tribes have no such ties to historic lands, should be strictly controlled by the legislature. We also understand that under the California State Constitution, the legislature holds the authority to ratify, or to refuse to ratify, tribal gaming compacts.

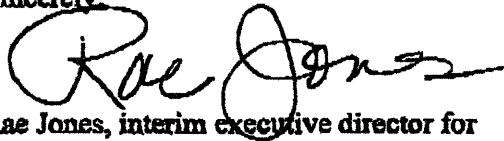
We feel that through hearings and the traditional legislative process, tribal gaming compacts can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, allowing the legislature to control the expansion of Indian gaming, especially in urban areas.

A ban on urban gaming may prohibit the development of future projects that we here in Los Angeles may wish to explore. We are awaiting the release of two empirical studies on June 30th that will detail urban gaming trends across the nation and the empirical effects that a regional casino will have on Los Angeles County. In particular, these studies will emphasize the benefits that an urban casino can bring through the promotion of regional tourism, enhanced revenues for cities and counties and the creation of quality jobs.

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We hope that you will not propose a resolution that includes an outright ban on urban gaming, but will instead allow for a case-by-case consideration of compacts and legislative hearings to control the expansion of gaming in urban areas.

Sincerely,



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Greater Los Angeles African-American Chamber of Commerce

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