

What can the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe do for Compton?



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THE GABRIELINO-TONGVA TRIBE IS A STATE-RECOGNIZED TRIBE NATIVE TO LA COUNTY, AND BY LAW CAN CONDUCT GAMING

AB 2272, by Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally (D-Compton), would create a state Indian reservation in Compton, designating it as 'tribal lands' under Cal.Const.Art. IV,§19(f). Sect. 19(f) allows gaming under state law on 'tribal lands'.

13 states have state-recognized tribes, and 9 states have state Indian reservations, which are 'tribal lands'. Alternatively, federal recognition for the Tribe would allow gaming.

Bona fides of the Tribe and its members are not questioned, with 2,800 archaeological sites in LA County. The Bureau of Indian Affairs 'landless Indian rolls', recording the Tribe's membership for the past 75 years, confirms that the Tribe has over 400 current members. The Tribe's 1853 treaty with the U.S. was never ratified, and was one of the famous '18 lost treaties' discovered in 1906.



URBAN GAMING BRINGS JOBS TO INNER CITY MINORITY GROUPS, "LOCKED OUT" OF ECONOMIC GROWTH FROM NON-URBAN CASINOS

Indian casinos are the largest generators of new jobs in California. However, because of policies against urban gaming, these jobs are not within range of inner city minority groups.

The Tongva Casino in Compton will provide 7,000+ permanent jobs for minority areas in southeast LA County.

The 'Compton Auto Mall site', owned by the City, has stood vacant for 20 years. The site has a card club and gaming already.

Letters of support include City of Compton, Compton Unified School Dist., Compton College School Dist., the LA NAACP, Jim Brown's anti-gang org., Amer-I-Can, Black Businessmen's Assoc. and Recycling Black Dollars.

The Tribe has signed labor agreements with State Building Trades Council and CWA Local 9400 (which represents Viejas Casino and San Manuel).

TONGVA CASINO WILL BRING FUNDING TO COMPTON PUBLIC SAFETY, THE LA SHERIFFS, LA COUNTY AND 15% OF NET WIN TO CALIFORNIA. MORE THAN STATEWIDE TOBACCO AND ESTATE TAXES

The Tribe has offered 20% of the 'net win' from 4,000 slot machines. According to Lehman Bros:

- State 15%, or \$130 million per year
- City of Compton 3% for 'public safety', or \$26 million per year, increasing Sheriffs' budget from \$11 million to \$37 million
- County of Los Angeles 1%, or \$8 million per year, plus Compton Creek will be restored
- Compton Unified School District 1/2%, or \$4 million per year
- Compton College School District 1/2%, or \$4 million per year (currently under state budget supervision)

Immediate financing of the casino is assured, according to Tribal financial advisor Wells Fargo Bank Gaming Division.

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