

# **Keep Indian Gaming on Indian Lands**

## **Proposition 1A Sponsors Promised: No Off-Reservation Casinos**

During the Proposition 1A campaign which allowed Indian gaming, the issue of off-reservation casinos was hotly debated. Opponents claimed the measure would allow for off-reservation casinos. Its sponsors steadfastly promised off-reservation casinos would not be allowed.

### **Proposition 1A Opponents Claimed:**

"Casinos won't be limited to remote locations. Indian tribes are already buying up prime property for casinos in our towns and cities. And they're bringing in Nevada gambling interests to build and run their casinos."

**Quote from Argument Against Proposition 1A  
California Primary Election Voter Guide, March 2000**

### **Proposition 1A Sponsors Responded:**

"Proposition 1A and federal law strictly limit Indian gaming to tribal land. The claim that casinos could be built anywhere is totally false."

"The majority of Indian Tribes are located on remote reservations and the fact is their markets will only support a limited number of machines."

**Quote from Rebuttal to Argument Against Proposition 1A  
California Primary Election Voter Guide, March 2000**

### **What Has Happened Since Passage of Proposition 1A?**

Just as Proposition 1A opponents feared, Nevada and other gambling interests have bankrolled many off-reservation casino projects. In Madera, Las Vegas gambling company Station Casinos purchased 305 acres of land just off busy Highway 99 for a mega-casino. They have partnered with the North Fork Rancheria whose tribal headquarters is nearly 50 miles away from the planned casino. In Yuba County, a casino developer has partnered with the Enterprise Rancheria to build an off-reservation casino again nearly 50 miles away from its tribal headquarters. Similar off-reservation casino applications are pending for Joshua Tree, Barstow, Richmond and other areas of the state.

To keep their promises to the voters, the Indian tribes that led the fight for Proposition 1A have strongly opposed these off-reservation casinos. They are joined in opposition by Senator Dianne Feinstein, local and state officials and community organizations across the state.

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