

# Keep Indian Gaming on Indian Lands

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## Stand Up for California! Voices Opposition to Proposed Off-Reservation Casinos

### *Citizen's Group Issues Statewide Alert Opposing Off-Reservation Casinos*

*Sacramento, CA – Stand Up for California!*, the respected citizen's group that monitors Indian gaming issued a statewide alert to community activists to join them in two proposed off-reservation gaming applications recently approved by the Department of Interior (DOI) and now on the Governor's desk for concurrence

*Stand Up for California's* Cheryl Schmit recently distributed an action alert calling on coalition members to make their voices heard.

"Permitting the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians proposed casino on Highway 99 near Madera and Enterprise Rancheria's proposed casino in Yuba City would set a very bad precedent and would open a floodgate to new urban casinos in direct violation of the will of California voters," Schmit said.

In the action alert, Schmit notes that a "growing coalition of local and state officials, community organizations, agricultural and religious groups opposes these casino projects because they will harm the local environment, increase traffic, an impact already overtaxed water supplies."

"These off-reservation casinos are in direct violation of the promises made to voters that Indian gaming would remain on Indian lands," Schmit wrote, noting that the casino projects would be located nearly 50 miles from each tribe's traditional (and current) lands. "If these decisions are allowed to stand, it could result in many more off-reservation casinos throughout California.

*Stand Up for California!* reminds interested parties that the fate of the off-reservation casinos "rests in the hands of Governor Jerry Brown who will decide whether to approve or reject the federal government's decision," and encourages anyone also opposed to the proposed casinos to contact the Governor, asking him to not concur.

Stand Up for California! is a statewide organization with a focus on gambling issues including tribal gaming, card clubs, horse racing, charitable gaming and the state lottery. For more information about the organization visit [www.standupca.org](http://www.standupca.org).

For more information about the proposed off-reservation casinos, visit [www.NoOffReservationCasino.com](http://www.NoOffReservationCasino.com).

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