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Re: OPPOSITION TO SB 162 (Anderson): Economic Development: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

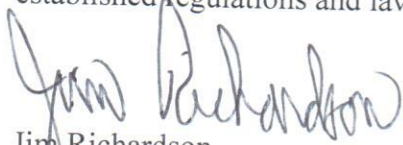
Dear Assembly Members Hall and Nestande, and Mr. Johnson,

As the Mayor of Solvang, California, a city with-in four miles of an Indian Reservation, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 162 (Anderson).

You have undoubtedly received many letters of opposition regarding this bill, detailing reasons for opposition. Because of that I won't go over plowed ground. Let me say that legitimizing Indian gambling in the State of California has caused great problems in the Santa Ynez Valley.

"Fee to Trust" is a blank check to Indian Tribes to override local laws and customs. Evidence suggests that what appears to be benevolent reasons, are really a subterfuge to expand gambling. and the exploitation of land, citizen customs and mores. The state, by reducing oversight will allow tribes another advantage in upsetting the established values of local communities.

I urge you reject this bill, a bill that was gutted of its original intent, and not abridge the established regulations and laws that govern "Fee to Trust" for Indian Tribes.



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