



The Murrieta Temecula Group is a group of proven community leaders dedicated to the social well being of the Murrieta Temecula area and its environs, through informed, collective and individual influence and actions

June 8, 2020

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2006
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCA 6 (Dodd) – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Portantino:

This letter is sent on behalf of The Murrieta-Temecula Group in opposition to SCA 6 (Dodd), a measure that would severely impact our tribal government partners by infringing on their constitutional gaming rights and subsequently their ability to provide for their tribes and surrounding communities.

The development of tribal gaming has been one of the most important drivers of economic growth in Riverside County in the last two decades. Tribal governments throughout the county have made substantial investments and expanded their resort gaming facilities, adding new recreational opportunities and reaching out to draw new audiences and tourist dollars to the Inland Empire. In terms of local employment, a recent economic impact analysis by Beacon Economics for TASIN (tribes in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Santa Barbara Counties) shows that just five tribes had a direct payroll of almost \$700 million.

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians alone were responsible for the creation of 5,500 jobs pre-COVID-19. Since its opening in 2002, Pechanga Resort Casino has been a staple in the Temecula Valley, attracting tourists to their facility, Southern California Wine Country, and other local businesses. We simply cannot support a measure that would undermine the Tribe's ability to promote economic development and self-sufficiency, while also creating local jobs and generating revenues at a time when we need it the most. What's more, this measure breaks an agreement between tribes and the state through the passage of Proposition 1A in 2000 with 65% of the vote.

We are proud to stand with our tribal government partner in opposing SCA 6. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Loelkes', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Carmela Rincon Loelkes, 2nd V.P./Secretary
The Murrieta-Temecula Group