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## Coalition of CA Tribal Governments Announce Formation of Campaign Committee to Defeat Out-of-State Online Gambling Operator Ballot Measure

**Tribes are committed to a “NO” campaign that will Protect CA Tribal Gaming**

Three California tribal governments have formed a committee to campaign against an online sports betting measure sponsored by out-of-state online gaming corporations. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the Rincon Band of Luisueño Indians, and Wilton Rancheria have established **Californians for Tribal Sovereignty and Safe Gaming**.

The tribes are financially committed to defeating the operators and have established an initial campaign budget of \$100 million.

“In 2000, Californians voted to give sovereign Indian nations the exclusive right to operate gaming in California. The online sports betting measure sponsored by out-of-state corporations violates that promise of sovereignty, which has worked exceptionally well now for over two decades to the benefit of the tribes and California,” said Roger Salazar, a spokesperson for the committee.

The campaign’s formation follows an October 29 letter from the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) and the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN) announcing its 43-member tribes oppose the out-of-state operator initiative - and highlights the broad tribal consensus and support for defeating these operators.

“The out-of-state corporations will export money from California and have a track record of questionable operating practices,” said Rob Stutzman, also a spokesperson for the committee.

[Bloomberg reported](#) last year that the out-of-state operators’ practices included tax avoidance strategies that overpromised tax revenues to states from legalized sports betting.

In addition to violating tribal sovereignty and prioritizing out-of-state corporation profits over California jobs and investment, the operators’ measure does not require in-person age verification to register to bet online. The tribes believe that in-person age verification is a critical principle to ensure safe online sports betting.

The tribes are confident a “NO” campaign will succeed in defeating the out-of-state operators’ measure. A voter study conducted by ALG Research determined that tribes show much higher favorability among California voters and a “NO” campaign would persuade voters to oppose the out-of-state initiative.

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