

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Appointment of City representative to the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors' appoint Mr. Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang, as a regular member of the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The Recommendation is primarily aligned with the Board of Supervisor's Strategic Plan Goal number 1: An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Need of the Community.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Government Code Section 12715("GC 12715") creates, in each county where Indian gaming is conducted, an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee, with specified membership. The primary purpose of the Committee is to select local jurisdiction grants to be funded from the Tribal Gaming Casino Account.

The recommended action before the Board is necessary to appoint a new member to the Committee. The composition and appointing authority for the membership of the Committee is statutorily prescribed. Pursuant to GC 12715, the Committee shall be composed of seven (7) representatives as follows:

1. Two (2) representatives from the County, selected by the County Board of Supervisors.
2. Three (3) elected representatives from cities located within four (4) miles of a tribal casino in the county, selected by the County Board of Supervisors.

3. Two (2) representatives selected upon the recommendation of a majority of the tribes paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund in each county.

At the Solvang City Council meeting of April 24, 2006, the City Council selected Mr. Jim Richardson to serve as a regular member of the Committee. Mr. Richardson will replace Mr. Eugene Boyle who previously served as a regular member from the City of Solvang. Mr. Richardson will join Mr. Ed Skytt and Mr. Ken Palmer as regular members of the Committee.

In addition to the members specified by statute, the Santa Barbara Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee adopted bylaws which include a provision for an alternate City member and an alternate County member. The City of Solvang has not recommended an alternate member to the Committee.

The recommended action is for the Board to appoint the elected representative from the City of Solvang to the Committee. Solvang is the only city within four (4) miles of the Tribal Casino within the County, thus is the only city eligible under State statute.

The primary purpose of the Committee is to select local jurisdiction grants to be funded from the Tribal Gaming Casino Account. In addition, the Committee has the following responsibilities:

1. Establish all application policies and procedures for grants.
2. Assess the eligibility of applications for grants from local jurisdictions impacted by tribal gaming operations.
3. Determine the appropriate amount for reimbursement of the demonstrated costs incurred by the County for administering the grant programs. The reimbursement for the county administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent (2%) of the aggregate county tribal account in any given fiscal year.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

GC 12715 creates an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee in Santa Barbara County and requires local grants funded by the Committee to be administered by the County. As administrator of local grants, the County provides staff support to the Committee provides an annual report to the legislature.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

GC specifies the amount available to the County to administer local grants, which amounts to 2% of the annual amount allocated to the Tribal Gaming Account. The Committee determines the actual amount, thus may limit it further. To date, the Committee has authorized, and the County has been reimbursed for all demonstrated costs to support the Committee and administer local grants.

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