

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors' appoint the following representative from the City of Solvang as an Alternate member of the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee:

Ms. Beverly Russ, Council member

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The Recommendations are 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:

SB 621 creates, in each county where Indian gaming is conducted, an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee ("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.

In previous actions your Board appointed two Regular and one Alternate County members to the Committee, and 3 Regular City members to the Committee. The action before you today is to appoint an Alternate City member to the Committee.

Background

On April 15th, 2004, the Community Benefit Committee held its second meeting, and adopted Bylaws for the Committee. Included in the adopted Bylaws is a provision to allow for 3 Alternate members— one County Alternate, which the Board has already appointed, one City Alternate, and one Tribe Alternate.

At the Solvang City Council meeting of April 13, 2004, the City Council selected an Alternate representative. The recommendation action is for the Board to appoint the Alternate representative selected by the City of Solvang.

The primary purpose of the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit 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.

Implementation Timeline

Although SB 621 does not specify a timeline for implementing the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee, it does prescribe that funds not allocated by the end of each fiscal year shall revert back to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF). As such, the approximately \$1.1 million available for distribution by the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee must be allocated by June 30, 2004, or it will revert back to the SDF for statewide distribution.

Mandates and Service Levels:

SB 621 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 is required to provide an annual report to the legislature.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

County staff will support the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee and will administer the local grants funded by the Committee. SB 621 limits the amount available to the County to administer local grants to 2% of the annual amount allocated to the Tribal Gaming Account. The Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee determines the amount, thus may limit it further. For FY 2003-04, the maximum the County could receive for administering local grants is \$22,000 (2% of the total \$1.1 million allocated to the Tribal Gaming Account).

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