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Vote Yes on Proposition 26

The Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming led by California Indian tribes is heading the effort to authorize highly regulated in-person sports wagering at tribal casinos and four licensed racetracks if passed in November. Prop 26 will also authorize tribes to offer craps and roulette at their casinos. By authorizing strictly in-person wagers at tribal casinos and racetracks, racing will benefit.

The proposition includes all the safeguards Californians have enjoyed for many years that ensure responsible sports wagering and prevent underage and problem gaming. The measure is supported by California horse racing and a broad coalition of more than 50 California Indian tribes.

Proposition 27 will also appear on the Nov. 8 ballot and is largely funded by DraftKings and FanDuel.

It would legalize online betting for corporations that license with a recognized California tribe. Currently, three tribes in California support 27.

Proposition 26 allows tribes and four racetracks to offer brick-and-mortar wagering only. It protects California jobs and horse racing's exclusivity for Internet wagering. The 10% tax on racing wagers will support public schools, wildfire prevention, public safety, mental health programs, and other state priorities.

Prop. 26 will increase foot traffic to California's premier racetracks and expose new bettors to the excitement and beauty of horse racing. Sports wagering attracts young, educated individuals who value experiences provided by betting on a favorite team and, in the future, a favorite horse or trainer. By requiring in-person betting only, racing is

ideally suited in the state's population centers to capitalize from the huge increase in bettors coming to the track and introducing new generations to horse racing.

Proposition 26 has broad support from business, public safety, labor, social justice and faith-based organizations, political organizations, and more. In her statement of support for Prop. 26, longtime labor and civil rights leader Dolores Huerta said, "Tribal gaming has given California's Indian tribes the resources to fight through generational poverty, oppression, and disenfranchisement. The in-person Tribal Sports Wagering Act will empower tribes to create new economic opportunities for their members and all Californians through safe, responsible sports wagering."

California horse racing agrees. **CTB**