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## SUPPORT IN-PERSON TRIBAL SPORTS WAGERING

# YES ON 26

### STAND WITH INDIAN TRIBES

In 2018 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision that struck down the federal ban on state authorization of sports betting. Now, California voters will be presented with two sports wagering propositions on the November 2022 statewide ballot. The Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming, led by California Indian tribes, has formed to urge a YES vote on Prop 26, the in-person Tribal Sports Wagering Act. While it was written by and for California's Indian tribes, Prop 26 has significant benefits for the horse racing industry as well. Prop 26 would authorize highly regulated, in-person sports betting at tribal casinos and four of California's licensed horse racetracks — Santa Anita Park, Del Mar Racetrack, Golden Gate Fields, and Los Alamitos Race Course.

California is known for world-class horse racing, including hosting the Breeders' Cup more than any other state — three in the last five years. For more than 89 years California voters have allowed highly regulated in-person betting on horse races, generating more than 19,000 jobs and \$1.7 billion annually for the state's economy.

To build on this legacy, **Prop 26 would authorize highly regulated in-person sports betting at tribal ca-**

**sinos and four of California's licensed horse racetracks: Santa Anita Park, Del Mar Racetrack, Golden Gate Fields and Los Alamitos Race Course.** The in-person approach is the safest and most responsible way to authorize sports betting, setting up safeguards to limit participation to adults over 21, prohibiting advertising to minors, and requiring individuals to be physically present to place bets. Allowing in-person sports betting at the four major horse racing tracks not only allows additional opportunities for sports fans to place wagers, but will help increase attendance, protect horse racing jobs, and bolster economic activity for all of California. California is the only major racing state that doesn't receive subsidies for purses, either slots, casino, or HHR (historic horse-racing machines). California's purses are entirely built on wagering on our racing product. With the introduction of in-person sports betting, purses will continue to grow and benefit all aspects of the racing industry.

**Prop 26 creates jobs and economic opportunities for ALL Californians.** Tribal gaming provides more than 150,000 jobs for Californians and \$12.4 billion in wages annually. In addition, gaming generates \$26.9 billion for the

state economy and contributes nearly \$1.2 billion in taxes and revenues to the state and \$489 million to local governments annually. Further, current gaming locations attract visitors and increase foot-traffic to their respective communities, ensuring money is spent at local businesses and providing tax revenues to cities and counties. Under Prop 26, horse racetracks will grow as economic engines and destinations while generating new jobs, increasing local spending, and creating additional economic opportunities for California communities.

**Prop 26 honors the state's commitment to tribes.** For more than 20 years, California voters have entrusted Indian tribes with the exclusive right to operate highly regulated casinos on their tribal lands, helping promote Indian self-sufficiency. Prop 26 will bolster this tribal self-sufficiency by providing funding and access to vital services such as healthcare, housing, infrastructure, and education for tribal communities.

Proposition 26 provides significant benefits to the horse racing industry — attracting new customers, increasing purses, and continuing to build interest in our sport. We urge you to support Proposition 26 this November. **CTB**