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Honorable Steve Westly State  
Controller  
P.O. Box 942850 Sacramento,  
CA 94250-5872

Subject: **INDIVIDUAL TRIBAL CASINO ACCOUNT FUNDS**

Dear Mr. Westly:

On behalf of the Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC), I am writing to inform you of the urgency to provide our Committee with the available allocation balances in the Individual Tribal Casino Accounts (ITCA) provided for in Senate Bill 621 (Chapter 858, Statutes of 2003).

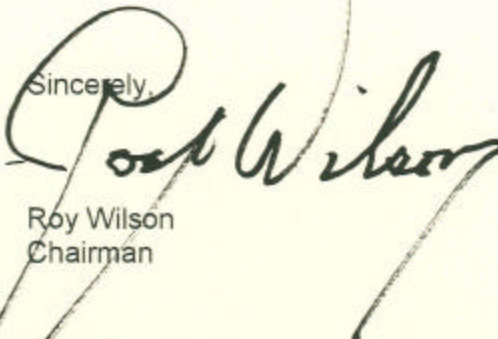
Riverside County has more tribes paying into the Special Distribution Fund (SDF) than any other county. Moreover, our County has been home to tribal gaming, and its associated impacts, for over a decade. Local jurisdictions are eagerly awaiting disbursement of these funds to improve communities surrounding tribal casinos.

In the spirit of the law, Tribes have paid into the SDF so that monies can flow to local jurisdictions to mitigate impacts. The State Controller should act with the same conviction in identifying ITCA balances, notifying counties, and providing for their timely release. Our local tribes are supportive of the immediate identification of the ITCA balances so we can move forward in partnership to allocate the funds.

As you are aware, funds not allocated from ITCAs by June 30, 2004 revert to the SDF. By withholding ITCA amounts, the State Controller is creating an impediment for CBCs to identify and approve projects for funding.

In the current fiscal era, coupled by the growth Riverside County is experiencing, local jurisdictions desperately need these funds to mitigate the impacts of tribal gaming. It is based on this need and the impending June 30 deadline that the Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee implores you to immediately notify us of the balances available for distribution in Riverside County's Individual Tribal Casino Accounts.

If County staff can be of any assistance or provide additional information, please call Barbara Dunmore, Deputy County Executive Officer, at (909) 955-1100. We look forward to working with you to allocate the Special Distribution Funds to benefit the communities of our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,  
  
Roy Wilson  
Chairman

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