



Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians Commends Assemblyman Gray's Continued Efforts to Pass Meaningful Internet Poker Legislation

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SACRAMENTO - Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians Chairman Bo Mazzetti issued the following statement after Assemblyman Adam Gray introduced Assembly Bill 2863.

“The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians has worked and continue to work with the Legislature, Tribal leaders, cardrooms and other key stakeholders in passing meaningful Internet poker legislation. The introduction of Assembly Bill 2863 provides a vehicle for the passage of Internet poker.

“Through Assemblyman Gray’s hard work last year and continuing open and honest dialogue this year, the momentum behind Internet poker legislation builds.

“Paramount to any gaming legislation is the protection of children and the vulnerable; California job creation; revenue generation for state services, and consumer protection. AB 2863 expands upon all of these ideals.

“We support Assemblyman Gray’s efforts and look forward to getting this done in 2016.”

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians governs a 6,000-acre reservation in Valley Center, and has 500 plus members. Established in 1875, the Rincon Band is a sovereign government, recognized by the U.S. Constitution, and federal government. A democratically elected tribal council has the executive, legislative, and legal authority to protect and promote the welfare of the tribal members and lands with powers equal to a city, county, or state. The Rincon Band owns Harrah’s Resort Southern California and uses profits from this and other commercial enterprises to provide services such as police and environmental protection, health care, senior, youth and cultural programs, economic development and a tribal court. The government also funds a tribal fire department, ambulance and paramedic unit, as well as increased Sheriffs’ shifts that service the reservation and neighboring communities. Rincon’s tribal enterprises are significant contributors to the North San Diego County economy, through job creation, purchase of local products and services, and tax generation. Annual community donations to regional non-profits support quality of life programs. The tribal council consists of Chairman Bo Mazzetti, Vice Chairwoman Stephanie Spencer, and Council Members Steve Stallings, Laurie E. Gonzalez and Alfonso Kolb, Sr.

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