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A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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## Back Country Sounds Alarm on Casino Complex

**O**fficials from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) got an earful last month when hundreds of Back Country residents and I spoke against a proposal to turn more than 100 acres in the quiet community of Jamul into a sprawling, multi-story casino complex.

The proposal, introduced by the Jamul Indian Village, is a tribal development project unlike any other. If approved, rural Jamul won't be the only community changed forever by the massive project. If the BIA allows the Jamul Indian Village to move forward, it ushers in a whole new set of rules that hasten the unchecked construction of Indian casinos across the Country.

This month, I am pleased to share with you a transcript of my comments before the BIA. I hope my words will give you a better understanding of the project's devastating impacts on its neighbors.

I also hope my comments shed light on the complicated history of the Jamul Indian Village, and reveal the powerful out-of-state forces that have the most to

gain from the casino's financial success. Here are my remarks from February 6 at the El Cajon Community Center:

As Supervisor of the County's Second District, I represent residents who would be the most affected by this proposal. I am here to outline my opposition to the annexation of land and opposition to this casino complex.

I am not opposing gambling. I am not questioning the sovereignty of tribal nations. In fact, I supported California Propositions 5 and 1A. I just never imagined those two measures could lead to a case like this.

Members of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, I understand that you are in San Diego for one reason. You want to know if it is okay to add 100 acres of non-tribal land to the smallest Indian reservation in the State in order to build a sprawling casino complex in a quiet, country town.

I'm here to tell you it is not okay. It is destructive. This proposal would drive a stake through the heart and soul of the families who live in this community. It is so reckless that it would open the floodgates for any out-of-state gambling interest to buy any piece of land, turn it over to a tribe and build a casino anywhere, anytime.

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*-Supervisor Dianne Jacob*



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**If this meeting were being held in Jamul, you could see the peaceful grasslands and the rural ranches where the Jamul Indian Village is proposing to construct its large casino complex.**

**Just yards away from the exact spot where the Jamul Indian Village wants to build its casino is the Rancho Jamul Ecological Preserve. The preserve is one of the last remaining homes of the Golden Eagle, rare Engleman Oak trees, the burrowing owl and the Least Bells Viero.**

**If this meeting were being held in Jamul, you would travel the tiny two-lane road that is already so troubled by accidents and near accidents, that many stretches have received the lowest service grade, an F.**

**There is no sewer system in the area. Jamul doesn't have full-time police officers or fire fighters manning fully-equipped facilities to respond to a project as intense as the one being proposed by the Jamul Indian Village.**

**According to an independent poll of the community, nearly 97 percent of Jamul residents are opposed to the casino, but that's not all. The founding members of the Jamul Indian Village are so opposed, they have actually filed lawsuits to try to halt it.**

**Maybe the founding members understand what I understand. The history of the Jamul Indian Village is not like the history of the other tribes in San Diego County.**

**The Federal government did not place the Jamul Indian Village on a reservation in East County. Instead, a single Native American family was given the land as a gift.**

**I've seen the deed. In that deed, the Daley family gave a single family a gift of land for the purposes of housing in 1978. It wasn't until**

**1981, through the BIA, that the family became the Jamul Indian Village.**

**Today, a multi-million dollar out-of-state casino company called Lakes Entertainment has come to Jamul and is using the Jamul Indian Village to cash in on the lucrative Indian gambling industry.**

**The Jamul Indian Village could opt to receive more than \$1 million a year in revenue sharing as outlined in compacts negotiated with the State. It has not.**

**Instead, the Jamul Indian Village is proposing to sacrifice Jamul's peaceful way of life forever, just to get a cut of the gaming revenues.**

**No other tribe in San Diego County has sought to put non-**

**tribal lands into trust to build a large casino complex. If you approve this project, you are setting a dangerous nationwide precedent. That precedent makes it possible for bankrollers like Lakes Entertainment to exploit small tribes to build casinos anywhere a tribal member might live.**

**Once again, I want to remind you that I supported Propositions 5 and 1A and I support self-sufficiency. But this project is not about self-sufficiency. This project is about compromising the welfare of an entire town so some out of state multi-million-dollar company can get richer pretending to care about sovereignty.**

**The Jamul Indian Village has options, like revenue sharing. The community of Jamul does not. You can never undo what this proposal will do to this community and you will be forced to handle the dangerous precedent it will set.**

**I thank you on behalf of future generations of Jamul residents, including residents of the Jamul Indian Village, whose quality of life depends on your decision. I urge your opposition.**

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# Jacob's Manufacturing Summit Gets Down to Business

to California's unfriendly business atmosphere.

In San Diego County, manufacturing jobs declined from 130,800 in January of 2001 to 128,900 in January of 2002. If you consider that the manufacturing sector generates nearly \$27 billion in sales and revenue for the local economy each year and accounts for a quarter of San Diego's gross revenue, there is good reason to take immediate action.

I will be hosting a manufacturing summit this Spring to address the troubling state of the manufacturing industry. The event will explore ways San Diego County can help the manufacturing industry and the local economy through the retention and creation of manufacturing jobs. By identifying obstacles that businesses face and developing an action plan to improve the region's competitiveness, we can create a market conducive to company expansion.

Economists and business-watchers agree, the high price of doing business in California is driving companies out of the state. San Diego County stands ready to do its part to stop the trend.

*For more information please contact the Office of Trade and Business at (858) 495-5494.*

**I**t will be a sad day for San Diego County when Buck Knives, a long-time East County institution, shuts down its El Cajon plant next year.

Citing sky-high electric bills, rising insurance costs and onerous regulations, Buck Knives is regrettably relocating to Idaho. Alarmingly, Buck Knives isn't the only manufacturing outfit falling victim

## Revitalizing Ramona



Photo by C. Adams

**S**upervisor Jacob and Ramona community leaders continue their quest to make the community healthier and safer. Last month, Supervisor Jacob was thrilled to return tax dollars to a number of worthy Ramona community groups, including the Wildlife Research Institute represented by Dave Bittner.

### Join me for Coffee and Conversation

Friday, March 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

The Village Garden Restaurant

8384 La Mesa Blvd.

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