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L.A. CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO OPPOSE PROP. 68

Council President Padilla cites proposition's negative effects on public safety, local schools

LOS ANGELES – Council President Alex Padilla today won approval for his motion for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Proposition 68, the non-tribal commercial gambling Expansion measure on the November 2 ballot.

If passed, Proposition 68 would permit horse racing tracks and card rooms to operate slot machines if any of California's Indian tribes do not agree to give the State 25% of their slot machine profits.

"Prop. 68 would allow for race tracks and card rooms to expand and build large casino operations that would be detrimental to public safety and to traffic in our region," said Council President Padilla. "These casino operations would operate in close proximity to 200 schools throughout the State. Prop. 68 would circumvent existing State compacts, and would also destroy our quality of life here in Southern California by expanding casino gaming right in the hearts of our communities."

Under the terms of Proposition 68, nine existing horse racing tracks and card rooms would have the authority to expand their casino operations with 30,000 slot machines at card clubs and horse tracks in Northern and Southern California if any California Indian tribe did not agree to revise their compacts with the State.

Prop. 68 is opposed by a wide coalition of diverse interests throughout California, including Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Firefighters Association, California Coalition of Law Enforcement Association, the California District Attorneys Association, , Sierra Club California, California State PTA, The League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, California Federation of Teachers, California School Boards Association, California Association of School Business Officials, and Small School Districts' Association.

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