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TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA)

Website: www.cniga.com

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA), founded in 1988, is a non-profit organization comprised of federally-recognized tribal governments. CNIGA is dedicated to the purpose of protecting Indian gaming on federally-recognized Indian lands. It acts as a planning and coordinating agency for legal and communication efforts on behalf of its members and serves as an industry forum for information and resources. The specific purposes of the organization are to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare and interests of Indian tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming activities in Indian country, to assist Indian tribes and the federal government by providing technical assistance relating to the Indian gaming industry, to disseminate information to the Indian gaming community, the federal and state governments and the general public on issues related to the conduct of gaming in Indian country, to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming conducted in Indian country, and to maintain, protect, and advocate Indian tribal sovereignty.

National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)

Website: www.indiangaming.org

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), established in 1985, is a non-profit organization of 184 Indian Nations and other non-voting associate members representing organizations, tribes and businesses engaged in tribal gaming enterprises from around the country. The common commitment and purpose of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian peoples economically, socially, and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative, and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development.

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)

Website: www.sctca.net

The Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) is a multi-service non-profit corporation established in 1972 for a consortium of 19 Federally recognized Indian tribes in Southern California. The Primary goals and objectives of SCTCA are the health, welfare, safety, education, culture, economic and employment opportunities for its tribal members. A board of directors comprised of tribal chairpersons from each of its member Tribes governs SCTCA. SCTCA coordinates and administers numerous grant programs for its members and the southern California Indian community.

Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN)

Websites: www.tasin.org -or- www.strongercommunities.com

TASIN's mission is to protect and promote tribal sovereign government rights, cultural identity and interests of federally recognized tribes located throughout the State of California. The organization is made up of fourteen independent sovereign tribal nations located within the Federal Central Judicial District of California. TASIN also promotes the positive effects of Indian gaming and the economic development and positive relationships it brings to neighboring communities. TASIN board members are elected by member tribes and serve two or three year terms.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Website: www.ncai.org

The NCAI was founded in 1944 in response to termination and assimilation policies that the United States forced upon the tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereigns. NCAI stressed the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of their treaty and sovereign rights. Since 1944, the National Congress of American Indians has been working to inform the public and Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives. NCAI has grown over the years from its modest beginnings of 100 people to include 250 member tribes from throughout the United States. Now serving as the major national tribal government organization, NCAI is positioned to monitor federal policy and coordinated efforts to inform federal decisions that affect tribal government interests.

California Tribal Business Alliance

Website: www.caltba.org

The California Tribal Business Alliance was formed in 2004 to address an array of public policy matters of importance to the diverse business interests of the founding tribes, including business, housing, transportation, agriculture and environmental issues. The CTBA's six charter members are the Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, the United Auburn Indian Community, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.