

Why Californians Should Vote

= NO ON 27 =

Background: Out-of-state online gambling corporations are funding a deceptive November 2022 ballot measure that would legalize online sports gambling while *falsely* masquerading as a “solution” for homelessness—hurting tribes, exposing kids to the perils of online gambling and driving jobs and business out of California. The Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming, led by California Indian Tribes, has formed to **urge a NO vote on Prop 27**. Here’s why Californians should oppose **Prop 27**:

Don’t Be Fooled – A Massive Expansion of Online Gambling is NOT a “Solution” to Homelessness

- » **Prop 27** would authorize the largest expansion of gambling in the state’s history and legalize online sports wagering—turning virtually every phone, tablet, computer and video game console in California into a gambling device.
- » Proponents are cleverly marketing **Prop 27** as a “solution” to homelessness, but **it’s simply bad public policy to fund homelessness and mental health programs by legalizing a massive expansion of online gambling that will lead to further addiction and financial distress.**
- » Many experts, including from the *UCLA Gambling Studies Program*, cite gambling addiction as a significant factor that contributes to **becoming homeless and maintaining a cycle of homelessness.**
- » California has spent more than \$30 billion to address homelessness in the last five years alone, but **things have only gotten worse.** A recent report by the independent State Auditor said the state’s homelessness efforts are “**disjointed,**” “**fragmented**” and have “**not fulfilled some of its most critical responsibilities.**”
- » Look no further than the State Lottery—voters were promised billions in new revenue for public education, but decades later, it has failed to live up to the promise.

Increases Risk of Underage and Problem Gambling

- » The *National Council on Problem Gambling* found that online gambling is far more addictive than in-person gambling and leads to more problem gambling. In fact, **online sports gamblers are five times more likely to develop problem gambling** than other types of gamblers.
- » The accelerated speed of play, easy access and instantaneous nature of online and mobile gambling are **especially attractive to youth and those prone to impulsive gambling.**
- » **Prop 27** also lacks critical safeguards to prevent underage gambling—**there is no sure-proof way to prevent kids from placing bets** using false information or using an adult’s credit card.
- » And, **Prop 27** would authorize gambling via credit card, putting those who struggle with addiction and problem gambling at risk of easily incurring mass amounts of debt.

Written for the Sole Benefit of Out-of-State, Online Gambling Corporations – Hurting Tribes

- » A **broad coalition of California Indian tribes strongly opposes Prop 27** because it undercuts voter-approved tribal exclusivity.
- » Under **Prop 27**, online gambling corporations would take near **total control** of the sports wagering market in California— while excluding the vast majority of Indian tribes.
- » **Prop 27** would **drive business away from Indian casinos**—posing a direct threat to Indian self-sufficiency and **reducing funds for healthcare, education and housing in tribal communities** that endure poverty at twice the rate of California’s population.

Shortchanges our State, our Schools and Critical State Priorities

- » **Prop 27** would send 90% of profits into the pockets of out-of-state gambling corporations, without creating new jobs or making any real investments in California.
- » Moreover, **Prop 27** explicitly sidesteps the General Fund—**not a single penny** of tax revenues will go to state priorities like public schools, wildfire prevention or emergency response.

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