



**California Nations Indian Gaming Association  
Statement of Policy  
In Support of IGRA Provisions for  
Taking Land Into Trust for Gaming Purposes**

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA), an association of tribal governments, supports the definition of “Indian lands” in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), which states at Section 2703 (4) that Indian lands are:

- (A) all lands within the limits of any Indian reservation; and
- (B) any lands title to which is either held in trust by the United States for the benefit of any Indian tribe or individual or held by any Indian tribe or individual subject to restriction by the United States against alienation and over which an Indian tribe exercises governmental power.

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association also supports IGRA at Section 2719, which provides a process for tribal government gaming on lands acquired after October 17, 1988.

The California Nations Indian Gaming Association opposes any efforts by the United States Congress to amend IGRA in a manner that is detrimental to tribal interests or diminishes existing tribal rights regarding gaming, including provisions addressing Indian lands for gaming purposes. Further, CNIGA opposes any efforts by state governments to enact state policies that impact, undermine, or otherwise attempts to amend federal laws addressing Indian lands for tribal government gaming purposes.

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**Protecting the sovereign right of California tribes to operate gaming on their lands.**