



CNIGA Guiding Principles re: Sports Wagering

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- Amending the California Constitution to allow sports wagering is an important public policy decision.
- Tribal exclusivity as granted by the voters of the state of California must be respected in any attempt to legalize sports betting. Any attempt to offer sports betting beyond tribal governments via a state Constitutional amendment must have approval of the tribes and must not infringe on existing exclusivity.
- A thorough analysis of the social and economic effects of legalizing sports wagering must be completed prior to any consideration to amend the Constitution to allow wagering on sporting events.
- Federally recognized tribal governments should be included in all stakeholder meetings involving the future of the California gaming environment.
- Any initiative to legalize sports betting would have to have the approval of the majority of CNIGA member tribes present and voting.