

INDIAN GAMING IN ARIZONA  
A DECADE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
AN INVESTMENT FOR GENERATIONS





In 2002, the voters of Arizona approved Proposition 202 which continued gaming on Indian lands and shared a portion of gaming revenues with the State of Arizona and local governments. In ten years Tribes have funded hundreds of millions of dollars to support education, trauma and emergency care, wildlife conservation and economic development through tourism. Gaming revenues have been shared with cities, towns and counties statewide and supported hundreds of non-profits and charitable organizations.

In addition, the state has benefited from jobs created by this new growth industry. Because tribal lands range from remote reaches of the state to busy, urban areas, the economic impact of this industry is felt statewide. Like copper, cotton, cattle and climate, Indian casinos are an important “C” for Arizona.

*Today Indian gaming employment ranks among some large and influential sectors in the Arizona economy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which tallies employment by job type, would rank Arizona Indian gaming (if they tracked it as its own category) between statewide mining and logging employment and statewide employment engaged in the management of companies and enterprise. The comparisons make it clear that Indian gaming ranks among consequential sectors of the Arizona economy.”*

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JONATHAN B. TAYLOR, AUGUST, 2012







It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the Arizona Tribal Gaming Compact and passage of Proposition 202. I know how vital the Native American community is to this great state, and I believe it is important to recognize past accomplishments that made a difference.

While it is over a decade since I left the office of Governor I am proud of how the decisions we made in tandem, continue to benefit future generations of Arizonans. And though we may not have agreed on every issue, our ability to sit down and work through complex matters serves as a model for future Arizona leaders on how things can get done.

As Governor of this great state I fought hard to improve quality of life for all Arizonans. My relationship with our Tribes is a testament to what can occur when we work together for the common good of all Arizona citizens.

Sincerely,

Jane Dee Hull  
Governor, State of Arizona



On behalf of the current leadership of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association, welcome to this celebration. When the 2002 AIGA leadership courageously took its message to the Arizona voters, leaders believed that our entire state would benefit from a model that shared Indian gaming revenues with all Arizonans. The challenge was how to explain this concept to voters since a ballot measure, sponsored by Tribes, was then considered an unusual and very risky proposition.

We were blessed to have courageous and visionary leadership by our Board of Directors and Executive Committee and we thank Ivan Makil, then President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, for helping to carry our message effectively to the voters.

We were also fortunate to have an outstanding staff, headed by David LaSarte, then Executive Director of AIGA, who was supported by an exceptional campaign team under the direction of Paul Mandabach of Winner & Mandabach. That team included Campaign Director Joe Yuhas and Tribal Outreach Director Sheila Morago and others, who all were instrumental to our success.

Thank you to the Tribal leaders and everyone who worked so hard ten years ago to pass Proposition 202. And a special thank you to Arizona voters, who listened, learned and agreed that Indian gaming does benefit all Arizonans.

Sincerely,

Timothy Hinton  
Chairman  
Arizona Indian Gaming Association





Before the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) recognized the inherent and still-relevant powers of Indian self-government, tribal people suffered more than two hundred years of neglect. The federal government took away ancestral tribal lands that were rich with water, minerals and other natural resources and left behind promises to compensate Tribes for their losses.

Those promises were broken.

Without a tax base or other revenue sources to fund essential services like roads, electricity, water, sewer and telephones, Tribal leaders in modern times struggled to provide for their people. Cultural values remained intact, but basic services were inadequate or non-existent.

*As tribal government spending addresses chronic reservation deficits in education, health, housing, safety, employment, and crime, the Arizona economy becomes more productive. When, for example, a single mother receives casino-supported daycare that enables her to be a breadwinner for the first time, the Arizona economy unequivocally grows. When casino profits close the longstanding gaps in Indian Health Service funding or raise the quality and quantity of reservation high school graduates, American Indian human capital grows – to the lasting benefit of the Arizona economy. In innumerable ways, this key feature of Indian gaming in Arizona helps do what a century of federal policy experimentation and private philanthropy could not: sustained economic growth on the reservations.*

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TRIBAL LEADERSHIP FOR PROP 202

Donald Antone, Sr. <i>Governor</i>	Ivan Makil <i>President</i>
Gila River Indian Community	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Kelsey Begay <i>President</i>	Edward Manuel <i>Chairman</i>
Navajo Nation	Tohono O'odham Nation
Louise Benson <i>Chairperson</i>	Dallas Massey <i>Chairman</i>
Hualapai Tribe	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Carmen Bradley <i>Chairperson</i>	Clinton Pattea <i>President</i>
Kaibab-Paiute Tribe	Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation
Vivian Burdette <i>Chairperson</i>	Dennis Ramon <i>Councilman</i>
Tonto Apache Tribe	Tohono O'odham Nation
Delia Carlyle <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Aaron Russell <i>Chairman</i>
Ak-Chin Indian Community	Yavapai Apache Nation
Sherry Cordova <i>Chairperson</i>	Fred Sanchez <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Cocopah Tribe	Yavapai Apache Nation
Terry O. Enos <i>Chairman</i>	Raymond Stanley <i>Chairman</i>
Ak-Chin Indian Community	San Carlos Apache Tribe
Augustine Hanna <i>Chairman</i>	Robert Valencia <i>Chairman</i>
Havasupai Tribe	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Nora Helton <i>Chairperson</i>	
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	
Mike Jackson, Sr. <i>President</i>	
Quechan Tribe	

By joining together to support Proposition 202, which was approved by voters in November, 2002, Tribal leaders continued gaming on Tribal lands, enabled non-gaming tribes living in remote areas of the state to benefit from gaming revenue, and established a system to share revenues with the people of Arizona for education, trauma and emergency care, wildlife conservation and economic development through tourism. Seventeen Tribes representing more than 90% of Indian people living in Arizona supported Proposition 202.

*Because Indian gaming must take place on Indian land, the distribution of Indian casinos around Arizona reflects, to a large degree, accidents of treaty-making history and reservation geography...*

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TRIBAL LEADERSHIP 2012

Louis Manuel <i>Chairman</i> Ak-Chin Indian Community	Manuel Savala <i>Chairman</i> Kaibab-Paiute Tribe
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Timothy Williams <i>Chairman</i> Fort Mojave Tribal Council	Terry Rambler <i>Chairman</i> San Carlos Apache Tribe
Keeny Escalanti <i>President</i> Ft. Yuma-Quechan Tribe	Marylou Boone <i>President</i> San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
Greg Mendoza <i>Governor</i> Gila River Indian Community	Ivan Smith <i>Chairman</i> Tonto Apache Tribe
Don Watahomigie <i>Chairman</i> Havasupai Tribe	Ned Norris <i>Chairman</i> Tohono O'odham Nation
Sherry Counts <i>Chairwoman</i> Hualapai Tribe	Ronnie Lupe <i>Chairman</i> White Mountain Apache Tribe



David Kwail <i>Chairman</i> Yavapai Apache Nation
Ernest Joes <i>President</i> Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
Arlen Quetawki Sr. <i>Governor</i> Zuni Pueblo

Indian people call Indian gaming the new buffalo.

With revenues from Indian gaming, Tribes are realizing the promise of IGRA by investing in their own communities. Tribal leadership is upgrading water and sewer systems and improving roads. They are fixing antiquated communications networks, building new housing and opening new schools. Looking to the future, they are making scholarships available to students to train their own teachers, doctors, nurses and lawyers, while at the same time, constructing new medical facilities and opening centers for children, youth and elders that are improving the lives of people today.

*... in the outlying counties, Indian casinos rank among the largest employers and are important vehicles for attracting out-of-county visitation. To all the Indian reservation economies, casinos bring long-sought revenues and jobs.*

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Children throughout Arizona are having a better classroom experience because revenues from Indian gaming are funding education for all students. In supporting education, Tribes are committed to helping all students in the state, tribal and non-tribal, realize their full potential.

Fifty-six percent of the revenues contributed to the Arizona Benefits Fund go directly to school districts in Arizona where they are used to compensate teachers, reduce class size, enhance and improve instruction and prevent student drop out.

*We're using Indian gaming dollars to help keep our students engaged through better teaching strategies. We are a small district. We work with a diverse population with a high poverty rate and many second language learners. We have earmarked our funds for teachers' salaries, teacher training, and dropout prevention programs because we know that teacher training goes hand in hand with dropout prevention. Our challenge is to help teachers learn how to actively engage students in the classroom. When students are actively engaged they don't turn off and we have a better chance of keeping them in school.*

BOB KLEE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
ANTELOPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WELLTON, ARIZONA (YUMA COUNTY)  
ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2005







Indian gaming is positively impacting the quality of trauma and emergency care statewide, improving the health and well-being of patients and their families in times of need and stress.

Twenty-eight percent of the revenues contributed to the Arizona Benefits Fund are distributed to sixty-four hospitals that use these funds to improve patient care and survival rate, cover unfunded trauma and emergency services. In addition, these revenues support the education of health care workers and provide community programs for injury prevention.

*The University of Arizona Medical Center is Southern Arizona's only Level 1 trauma system and is one of the most highly rated trauma programs in the country in several key outcomes, such as patient survival, low cost and shorter length of stays. Without the money made available to trauma centers from the tribal leaders, our trauma center would not be where it is today.*

PETER RHEE, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR, UMC TRAUMA PROGRAM  
CHIEF, DIVISION OF TRAUMA, CRITICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY SURGERY  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY



*Many Native American Indians hold the burning of sage sacred because of the herb's purifying energies.*





Indian gaming is helping to ensure that the Arizona outdoor experience remains healthy and available for people, plants and creatures for generations to come.

Eight percent of the revenues to the Arizona Benefits Fund are contributed to the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund which conserves wildlife, restores native landscapes, promotes nature-based tourism like birding and nature festivals, and supports shooting ranges and shooting sports.

*In 2009, the Wildlife Conservation Fund granted funds for projects including a study on borderlands Jaguar detection, mountain lions and their landscapes, and projects that researched riparian raptors, among many others.*

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT







Indian gaming, through Proposition 202, promotes the very best of Arizona.

Eight percent of the revenues contributed to the Arizona Benefits Fund are given to the Arizona Office of Tourism to support the State's marketing efforts to attract domestic and international visitors.

These monies are used to leverage advertising dollars in print, broadcast and social media, promote the tourism industry and enhance research projects to benefit the tourism industry.

*For the past ten years, funding from Proposition 202 has significantly contributed to our overall statewide marketing efforts. As a vital component of economic development, tourism is the only export-oriented in Arizona that impacts all 15 counties. It is responsible for generating thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in earnings and billions of dollars in tax revenues. Funding will continue to help us leverage our marketing dollars, stay competitive against other travel destinations, and gain those valuable visitor dollars*

SHERRY HENRY, DIRECTOR ARIZONA OFFICE OF TOURISM







Proposition 202 created powerful partnerships with cities, towns and counties by contributing additional Indian gaming funds directly to local governments. These entities use these revenues to meet important social, cultural and infrastructure needs.

“Partner” revenues flow as grants to cities, towns and counties. This additional revenue stream is over and above the economic impact in terms of jobs and purchasing power that is generated by Indian gaming facilities.

*We are a small community in the southeast corner of the state, and we are on a state contract to protect wildlands. This is the largest grant we ever received. Our trucks are 25 to 30 years old and the City of Willcox has never before purchased a brand new piece of firefighting equipment. This is the first time.*

CAPTAIN JAKE WEAVER  
WILLCOX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2008







Proposition 202 made it possible for all tribes to share in the benefits of Indian gaming. ~~Gaming tribes that are~~ located in populated areas of the state are able to lease machines from tribes whose lands are too remote to support a gaming facility. These rural tribes are using leasing revenues to meet their critical needs and grow stronger communities.

*Our budget has tripled with our gaming transfer revenues. Our seniors do not want a lot of economic development on our reservation. They want to keep the land as it is. Gaming transfers have made a huge difference in education...Our educational department now supplies back packs and school supplies to all our children who live here, not just those who are members of our tribe, and we are able to tutor all our children in school – elementary, middle school and high school. We also support five of our students who are attending college. This is more than double the number of students previously in college.*

ONA SEGUNDO, FORMER CHAIRWOMAN  
KAIBAB BAND OF PAIUTE INDIANS  
ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2008







The new Indian economy is supporting jobs and benefiting all Arizona.

*Construction of and operations for an Indian casino translate very quickly into purchases and hires from the broader Arizona economy. Because tribes do not have diverse economies capable of supplying the necessary electricity, carpeting, restaurant supplies, advertising, or poker chips, they have to turn to the state economy for goods, services and labor.*

*One Maricopa County tribes reports that in 2011 more than three-quarters of its commercial workforces was non-Indian and that it purchased more than ninety-nine percent of its goods and services from off the reservation.*

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*In contrast to privately owned companies whose owners may collect (and spend) their profits wherever in the world they reside, tribal governments spend casino profits in state and will do so indefinitely. The tribes cannot outsource the work of the casino or their road programs; neither will they move their headquarters out of state. What's more, tribal government ownership concentrates the proceeds and economic development in some of Arizona's poorest communities – to the great benefit of Arizona.*

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