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The United Auburn Indian Community Supports California Problem Gambling Nonprofit Despite Current Economic Uncertainties

MURRIETA, CA, JULY 27, 2020: The California Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) thanks the United Auburn Indian Community, operators of Thunder Valley casino, for its continued support during these current unprecedented times.

CCPG is a non-profit organization, founded in 1986, dedicated to assisting problem gamblers and their loved ones by promoting awareness, education, research, prevention and treatment for problem gambling. CCPG is one of 36 state affiliates of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

The United Auburn Indian Community's annual \$50,000 contribution helps fund CCPG's operating expenses, while providing additional services at no charge within Placer County. CCPG's programs directly reach up to 200,000 Californians each year, and indirectly reach far more. Those programs include:

- Operating the statewide 1-800-GAMBLER helpline
- Providing continuing education training to behavioral health providers
- Community outreach
- Training for casino employees and law enforcement agents

"The tribe's continued support has been invaluable for us, and it is especially so during these challenging and unprecedented times," said Robert Jacobson, Executive Director of CCPG. "During times of uncertainty, fear or loneliness, individuals are at their most vulnerable, while a lack of access to other activities may lead people to gamble more. And there has never in my life been a time that fit this description as much as it does right now."

Gambling addiction is a devastating yet treatable disease, which manifests as the inability to control one's gambling, despite harmful negative consequences or a desire to stop. If left untreated, it can have devastating consequences for the gambler (and the people around them),

doing severe and sometimes irreparable harm to their finances, relationships, and mental and physical health.

The statewide helpline, 1-800-GAMBLER, is available 24/7/365, at no cost, and provides confidential crisis intervention and referral services in English, Spanish and Chinese, with translation services available for more than 240 languages and TTY for the hearing impaired. You can also chat with a counselor by texting 'support' to 53342, or visiting www.800gambler.chat.

If you are struggling with a gambling problem, or have been affected by someone else's gambling, there is help available at NO COST. Services include one on one therapy, group sessions, and intensive outpatient or residential treatment. For more information about these and other services, call the 1-800-GAMBLER helpline. Treatment is funded under the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services program (CalGETS), and is available at no cost to residents of California who exhibit at least one symptom of gambling disorder.

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