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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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STATEMENT
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Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dianne Jacob reacts to today's announcement that Jamul Indian Village and Penn National Gaming have started construction of a \$360 million "Hollywood Casino" in Jamul:

"The tribe must take us for fools if it thinks a Hollywood-style, Costco-sized casino would blend seamlessly into rural Jamul. The giant gaming complex might generate profits for the tribe and its developer, but at the expense of the community's quality of life. The tribe needs to follow the law and delay construction until an adequate environmental review of the traffic impacts has been completed. The county will be taking legal action to enforce the law. The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted this week to file a lawsuit against Caltrans over the approval of the tribe's encroachment permit and temporary management plan. It's ridiculous to embark on a \$360 million project without first ironing out the best way to access it."

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(Supervisor Jacob represents District 2, the largest of San Diego County's five supervisorial districts. It covers most of the eastern two-thirds of the county and includes more than 50 communities and cities, including La Mesa, Poway, El Cajon, Spring Valley, Ramona, Campo and Julian.)