



Our Community Matters - Windsor and Sonoma County

Why is the Koi Nation's Shiloh Resort and Casino Project Wrong for Windsor and Sonoma County?

Residential Neighborhood

The proposed Casino site sits directly across the street from residential neighborhoods. It will operate 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Houses will be looking directly into the bright, busy grand entrance. There is no question this will negatively impact the homes of hundreds of Windsor and Santa Rosa residents, and undeniably changing the character of our neighborhoods. The increased traffic and constant construction will bring disruptive noise and endanger the safety of our neighbors, including elementary schools, parks, and religious centers.

Clear and Present Wildfire Risks/Massive Traffic Influx

The increased traffic from the Casino project will impact our ability to evacuate safely when the next wildfire occurs, and it will occur. We have already been through two evacuations in the past 7 years. Traffic on the single lane roads during past evacuations was stop and go with embers falling around our cars. Adding thousands of vehicles to our already limited roads will not only create a daily nuisance, but also a dangerous situation in a life-or-death emergency.

Groundwater Supply Issues

We are worried that the casino project's massive, constant demand of hundreds of thousands of gallons per day will deplete the aquifers that supply water to our homes, as well as the surrounding businesses and vineyards.

Waste/Wastewater Issues

As with the water supply, we are deeply concerned over wastewater treatment and disposal. The wastewater facility along with the water treatment facility will be massive. The Casino project would generate hundreds of thousands of gallons of wastewater every day and this enormous quantity of wastewater would need to be properly treated, stored and disposed of daily. Despite being treated there is significant risk to nearby families in the event of any kind of system failure.

Impact on Air Quality/Environmental Justice

Both the lengthy construction project and then the daily Casino Resort operation will worsen air quality and contribute to harmful climate impacts, which would further degrade the quality of life in our community.



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What They're Saying About the Koi Nation's Shiloh Casino and Resort Project Opposed by the State of California; County of Sonoma; Town of Windsor and neighbors like you!

"On behalf of **Governor Gavin Newsom**, I write to urge the U.S. Department of the Interior **not to move forward with the Shiloh Resort and Casino Project** in Sonoma County."

**Matthew Lee, Senior Advisor for Tribal Negotiations &
Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary Office of Governor Gavin Newsom**

"On behalf of Mayor Reynoza and the Town Council of the **Town of Windsor**, I am writing to express **the Town's strong opposition to this project**...For the litany of reasons outlined in the Town's response to the EA, as well as those additionally expressed here regarding the location, the Town Council affirms their opposition to this project."

Jon Davis, Windsor Town Manager

The **Sonoma County Board of Supervisors** "unanimously adopted a resolution **opposing the Koi Nation of Northern California's attempts** to place land southeast of Windsor into trust **to build a casino** [and] asserted that the Koi Nation lacks the necessary significant historical connection to the lands...As a Southeastern Pomo tribe, the Koi Nation's historic and ancestral lands lie in Lake County."

Press Release, April 2022, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

"We write to express **our opposition to the Koi Nation's proposal to acquire land in Sonoma County for the purposes of gaming because it is inconsistent with the Department's [of Interior's] policy and regulations** ... We urge you to consider the arguments on this issue articulated by the broad opposition to this project within Sonoma County, including from all five federally recognized tribes in the County...and the unanimous resolutions of both the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the neighboring Town of Windsor."

U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and (the late) Dianne Feinstein

"The proposed project would be located in a residential area with elementary schools, parks and religious centers in close proximity. The anticipated traffic and construction from a casino would create unwanted noise and pose a danger to these residents – not to mention its associated air quality and climate impacts. Increased traffic also poses a serious concern when considering wildfire evacuation routes... Thank you for your full, fair and serious consideration of our request for you to **reject the Koi Nation's application to acquire this land in trust and the proposed casino.**"

U.S. Representatives Jared Huffman and Mike Thompson