



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Oakland Leads Region in Legal Battle to Stop Casino

Five Jurisdictions Join Together to Prevent Koi Nation Proposal

What: Press Conference and Signing Ceremony for a Joint Cooperation Agreement between the City of Oakland, the County of Alameda, the City of Alameda, the City of San Leandro and the East Bay Regional Parks to unify legal strategies and share resources to defeat the proposed casino in Oakland.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY – Site line to proposed site will be backdrop for press conference. Escorts to proposed site will be available for the press.

When: **Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 9:30 am -10:15am.**

Where: MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline Park,
7250 Doolittle Drive, (between Swan Way and Harbor Way) Oakland, CA

Who: Oakland City Attorney John Russo
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, Alameda County
Supervisor Nate Miley, Alameda County
Mayor Sheila Young, City of San Leandro
Mayor Beverly Johnson, City of Alameda
Oakland City Council President Ignacio De la Fuente
Oakland City Vice Mayor Jane Brunner
Oakland City Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Oakland City Councilmember Jean Quan
Doug Siden, East Bay Regional Parks Board Member

BACKGROUND:

The City of Oakland, the County of Alameda, the City of Alameda, the City of San Leandro and the East Bay Regional Parks have joined as a legal 'unified front' to defeat the proposed 200,000 square foot hotel and casino proposed by the Lower Lake Rancheria-Koi Nation on property near the Oakland Airport. Each jurisdiction has passed a resolution or issued a statement in opposition to the proposed casino.

The purpose of the Joint Cooperating Agreement is to permit the jurisdictions to share legal resources and strategies.