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### **California Tribal Business Alliance Supports Federal Campaign Finance Reform**

The California Tribal Business Alliance announced today that it supports federal campaign finance reform to require tribal governments to report political contributions to federal candidates.

“Although tribal governments are different from non-Indian business entities, they have become increasingly active in business and politics,” said Paula Lorenzo, chairwoman of the CTBA Board of Director. “The public has the right to know as much about the campaign contributions we make to elected officials as they do about any other entity.”

“Our member tribes believe that they have nothing to hide about their political role and that full disclosure is in their own best interest,” said Bobby Barrett, vice chairman of the CTBA. “We hope that other tribes will support this concept and move forward with us.”

Under current federal law, tribal governments are not required to report contributions to federal candidates, although candidates are required to report receiving them.

Although there is some dispute about whether California reporting laws apply to tribes, all the member tribes of the California Tribal Business Alliance have chosen to comply and report their contributions to state candidates.

“We’re accustomed to playing by the open California disclosure requirements, and we feel no discomfort in extending that policy to the federal level,” Lorenzo said.

The member tribes of the California Tribal Business Alliance are the Pala Band of Mission Indians, The Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, the United Auburn Indian Community, and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

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