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Casino threat lingers in Petaluma

“I’m a little bit gobsmacked that something this big and this controversial would just be dropped like this.”

--Congressman Jared Huffman, remarking on the Koi Nation’s announced plans to build a large casino near Windsor

When 80% of Petaluma voters went to the polls in 2006 to express their strong opposition to a Las Vegas style gambling casino planned for property immediately south of town, they hoped to prevent the spread of tribal gaming operations from reaching their town. But the advisory vote had only a negligible effect on the opaque decision-making process in Washington, D.C., where such casinos are quietly given birth.

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