

February 2016 - Narinder Dhaliwal to Receive the California Nations Indian Gaming Association's Sixth Annual Pauline Murillo Industry Leader Award



CTCP would like to congratulate Narinder Dhaliwal, Project Director of ETR's [California Clean Air Project \(CCAP\)](#) as she receives the [California Nations Indian Gaming Association's \(CNIGA\)](#) Sixth Annual Pauline Murillo Industry Leader Award. CNIGA is a non-profit association comprised of federally recognized tribal governments dedicated to preserving and protecting the inherent sovereign right of tribes to have gaming on tribal lands. The award, named in honor of Ms. Murillo is awarded to those who have shown a commitment to preserve and protect the sovereign rights of tribes.

Ms. Dhaliwal was recognized for her continued dedication and diligence to Indian Country during an award ceremony on February 10th at Harrah's Resort Southern California.

Notable remarks from the awards ceremony include:

Through her work with California's Clean Air Project, Narinder Dhaliwal, has educated California's tribes on the adverse effects of secondhand smoke. Her respectful and supportive approach to tribal sovereignty has been a proven method for building lasting relationships with California's tribal governments.

A proud Associate Member of CNIGA, Narinder is a fixture at CNIGA meetings and events. It is a rare occasion when she is not present to provide support for CNIGA's member tribes. In addition to her work with CNIGA, Narinder is a member of numerous organizations including the California Indian Law Association, the Nevada California Indian Housing Association, Sutter County Children and Families Advisory Committee, the Substance Abuse Steering Committee, Yuba City Parks and Recreation Cultural Celebration planning committee, and many, many more.

Narinder's intelligence combined with her compassion and respect has led her to successfully collaborate with numerous tribes including the Redding Rancheria and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. Recently Sycuan announced that they were increasing the size of their smoke free wing, making them the largest smoke free venue in San Diego. We are excited to see what the future brings for Narinder, the CCAP and California's tribal governments.

Indian Country is lucky to have an advocate dedicated to improving our business while respecting our sovereign rights. Narinder is a true friend to Indian Country.

Congratulations to Narinder, and the entire team at CCAP. This honor is truly a reflection of your collaborative and respectful partnership with tribal casinos and your dedication to protecting the health of all Californian's by advocating for smoke-free work places for casino workers and smoke-free gaming for the public.

For more information on CCAP and smoke-free tribal casinos, please contact Narinder Dhaliwal at narinderd@ert.org, or visit their website at www.etr.org/ccap.

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