



# The Truth is on our side.

RECENT "SURVEY" DISHONEST AND MISLEADING

As the Shinnecock Indian Nation continues its quest for self-reliance, some of our neighbors and community leaders are not speaking honestly and truthfully. These are myths and scare tactics created to confuse local residents—the latest is a creative “constituent survey.” Our promise to the community has never changed—we will share our plans and give you the facts. And here are the facts.

## THIELE'S MYTH

## FACT

2,700 people responded to his questionnaire but he still claims “overwhelming” local opposition to a Shinnecock owned Indian gaming facility. <small>Source: Southampton Press, March 4, 2004</small>	There are 126,510 residents in his district. Approximately 2.1 % of his constituents responded to the survey.
80% oppose the casino.	Represents the views of only 2,160 individuals or 1.7 % of his constituents. Our own list of local supporters exceeds that number.
60% say the Shinnecock should sell their land.	Represents the views of only 1,620 residents or about 1.3 % of his constituents. <u>Not mentioned:</u> It is illegal for the Shinnecock to sell their lands as a matter of Tribal and Federal Law.
61% think “gambling” will cause criminal behavior.	Represents the views of only 1,647 residents or about 1.3 % of his constituents. If criminal behavior is excessive, why does New York State support gambling with its lottery, scratch games and VLTs (electronic slot machines) at racetracks?
The Shinnecock could develop an Inn and Spa Resort or sell tax-free gas.	Elected officials in Albany are trying to remove our right to sell tax-free tobacco products. Tax-free gas is nothing but a fantasy given state and local budget problems. <u>Not mentioned:</u> The tribe suggested an Inn and Spa resort in 1987. Fred Thiele (as Town Attorney) opposed it.

Demographic and voter numbers, Source: New York Secretary of State 3/04 and the New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment.

### EVERYONE WINS

An Indian gaming facility could reduce school, town and county taxes. Throughout the country, tribal government gaming is working for local communities. Just across the state line, Connecticut receives nearly \$200 million each year from the Pequot Tribal Nation. Millions of those tax dollars—along with thousands of dollars in charity donations—go to Foxwoods' four neighboring towns.

Source: University of Connecticut, Economic Impact of the MPTN Operations on Connecticut, 2000 and Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, August 18, 2009.

Please Join Us Today. Your local taxes have financed nearly half a million dollars of legal bills to fight your Indian neighbor of 400 years. Please visit us at [Shinnecocknation.com](http://Shinnecocknation.com) to sign a petition urging elected officials to stop the lawsuits.

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