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'North Fork casino would add jobs, help the economy'

Per the article of Feb. 10, "No casino on 99," it is mentioned that "the casino would destroy Madera's ability to get new business and development." As a member of this community I beg to differ. Since Madera and Fresno counties have some of the highest unemployment rates and one of the lowest median household incomes in the state, we must take advantage of new economic opportunities as they become available.

The proposed North Fork development will provide a chance for all types of people to apply for all types of jobs - both during the development's construction, and after it's completed. With responsible planning, the project could even create a domino effect to bring more business, entertainment and tourism - and more permanent jobs - to the area.

And the development is not just a casino - it will also provide a wonderful recreational atmosphere for people to enjoy - with great places to eat, as well as a wide range of entertainment. In an area that lacks these types of resources, we should work together to make this opportunity a reality.

*Larry Hibdon,
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'Former resident says he likes trends he sees in Madera'

It sure was nice to open the Tribune after driving in from Kingman, Ariz., and hitting California gas prices and seeing military men at the prayer meeting in uniform....

I read the Town Hall meeting and the North Fork Rancheria story and I fully support another gambling casino in Madera County. I hope some day the political hacks in Sacramento will legalize gambling in California and shut down Las Vegas and Nevada gambling. Can you say, "No more deficits?" Can you say, "Boom town?" Or should it be, "Boom California?"

I know, I know, the religious folks will claim we are all going to Hades, but, I know Nevada is and will be around after anyone reading these words are gone and buried.

*John Sanchez,
Kingman, Ariz.*