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### **Governor Richardson, San Juan Governor Garcia reach agreement on Electronic bingo machines**

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson and San Juan Pueblo Governor Joe Garcia have reached an agreement that electronic bingo machines will not be installed at the Pueblo's gaming facilities.

"I am pleased that the Pueblo of San Juan has responded to my concerns by agreeing to not install these machines," Governor Bill Richardson said. "I appreciate the leadership that Governor Garcia has taken on this important issue. I hope that other gaming operators follow the Pueblo of San Juan's lead and not expand their gaming to include this new kind of device."

"In the spirit of good faith, the Pueblo of San Juan has decided to support Governor Richardson's request to forego installation of Class II bingo devices at our facility. This issue and others will be discussed in further government-to-government discussions on gaming issues, and we look forward to working with the state of New Mexico on these matters," said Governor Joe Garcia from the Pueblo of San

Under its prior administration, the Pueblo was considering adding these machines to its casino operations. Governor Richardson expressed concern about the use of these machines and asked that the Pueblo discuss the matter with him before moving forward.

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