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## News from Livingston County, N.Y.

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### **Livingston County Responds to News of Compact Developments between Seneca Nation and New York State**

**GENESEO, N.Y., Jan. 21, 2022** — Last week, the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) announced it is settling a long-standing dispute over payments it makes to New York State (NYS) from its casino revenues at the Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino in Niagara Falls, Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino in Salamanca, and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in Buffalo.

SNI operates its three casinos under a compact originally signed with NYS in 2002. The compact gives SNI exclusive rights to run casinos in a multi-county region of NYS, which includes Livingston County. In exchange for this “exclusivity zone”, SNI pays NYS 25% of its slot revenues. The State then shares a percentage of those revenues with the local governments in the exclusivity zone, including the host communities of Niagara Falls, Salamanca, and Buffalo.

As part of the recent settlement, SNI agreed to: (i) pay NYS hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue-sharing money it has withheld since the dispute began in 2017, (ii) resume quarterly payments, and (iii) begin talks with NYS on a new compact.

Livingston County Administrator Ian M. Coyle stated, “We commend Governor Hochul and SNI for working together to resolve this lengthy dispute and for planning to open discussions on a new compact. As one of the local governments in the exclusivity zone, we look forward to replenishing the county budget with our share of the casino revenue withheld during the dispute.”

For more information on Livingston County’s reaction to the compact developments, please contact the County Administrator’s Office at 585.243.7040.

#### **About Livingston County:**

Founded in 1821, Livingston County, N.Y. is comprised of more than 61,000 residents in 17 towns located across 631 square miles of the Finger Lakes region.

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