



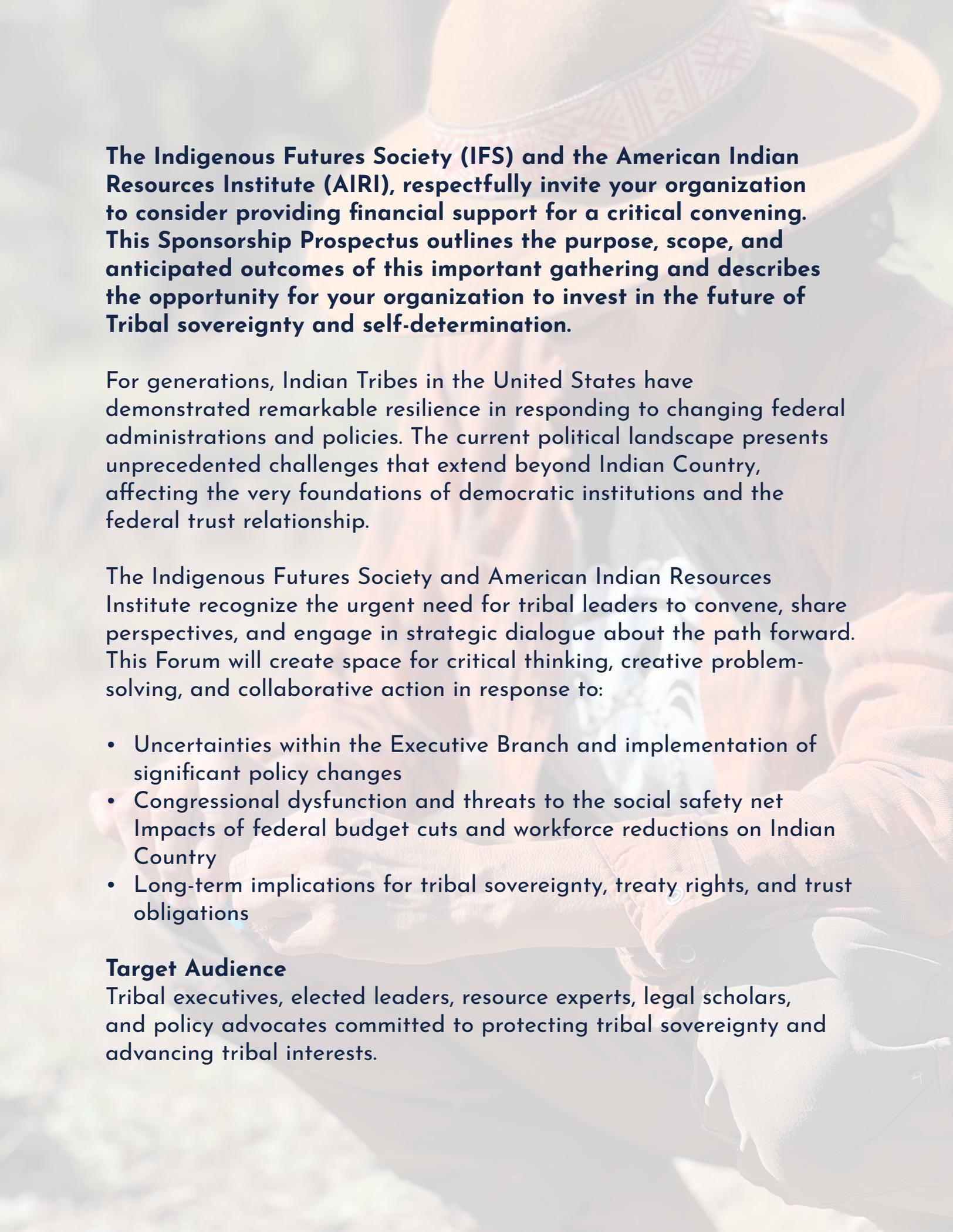
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# **SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS**

**A Tribal Executive Leadership Forum**  
*Critical Thinking about Challenges Facing Indian Tribes and the Road Ahead*



Spring 2026 | Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Cache Creek Casino Resort, Brooks, CA



**The Indigenous Futures Society (IFS) and the American Indian Resources Institute (AIRI), respectfully invite your organization to consider providing financial support for a critical convening. This Sponsorship Prospectus outlines the purpose, scope, and anticipated outcomes of this important gathering and describes the opportunity for your organization to invest in the future of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.**

For generations, Indian Tribes in the United States have demonstrated remarkable resilience in responding to changing federal administrations and policies. The current political landscape presents unprecedented challenges that extend beyond Indian Country, affecting the very foundations of democratic institutions and the federal trust relationship.

The Indigenous Futures Society and American Indian Resources Institute recognize the urgent need for tribal leaders to convene, share perspectives, and engage in strategic dialogue about the path forward. This Forum will create space for critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and collaborative action in response to:

- Uncertainties within the Executive Branch and implementation of significant policy changes
- Congressional dysfunction and threats to the social safety net  
Impacts of federal budget cuts and workforce reductions on Indian Country
- Long-term implications for tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and trust obligations

### **Target Audience**

Tribal executives, elected leaders, resource experts, legal scholars, and policy advocates committed to protecting tribal sovereignty and advancing tribal interests.

# Core Thematic Areas

## Indian Tribes as Sovereign Governments

- Protecting foundations of federal Indian law and policy
- Promoting respect for tribal sovereignty and governing authority
- Developing intergovernmental agreements

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## Quality of Life Concerns

- Cultural and social well-being
- Healthcare, education, and public safety
- Addressing addiction, violence, and housing needs

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## Tribal Homelands, Water, and Natural Resources

- Embracing traditional ecological knowledge
- Protecting tribal reserved water rights
- Addressing climate change impacts
- Ensuring environmental quality

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## Self-Reliant and Sustainable Tribal Economies

- Improving business acumen of tribal leaders
- Economic diversification and tribal enterprises

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## Artificial Intelligence

- Exploring promises, risks, and impacts of AI for Indian Country

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## Day One

1. **Morning Session: Challenges and Fulfillment of Treaty and Trust Obligations**
  - a. Panel presentations featuring tribal leaders and legal experts
  - b. Open dialogue on organizing focused responses to policy changes
2. **Afternoon Session: Tribal Homelands in a Changing Environment**
  - a. Expert panels on water rights, natural resources, climate change
  - b. Discussion of traditional ecological knowledge
3. **Evening: Reception and networking**

## Day Two

1. **Morning Session: Tribes and the Federal Trust Relationship**
  - a. Expert perspectives on the future of federal-tribal relations
  - b. Strategic dialogue about desired outcomes
2. **Closing: Next Steps and Path Forward**

### Invited Speakers

- Kevin K. Washburn, UC Berkeley Law
- John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund
- Valerie Courtois, Indigenous Leadership Initiative
- Daryl Vigil, Former Water Manager, Jicarilla Apache Tribe
- Eric D. Eberhard, School of Law, University of Washington

**Additional Experts** - The Forum planning team is actively recruiting additional panelists including tribal elders, elected leaders, legal scholars, and policy experts with deep expertise in federal Indian law, natural resources, economic development, and tribal governance.

## Forum Leadership



**A. Brian Wallace, CEO, Indigenous Futures Society**



**Richard Trudell, Director, American Indian Resources Institute**

# Why Sponsor This Forum

Support for the Tribal Executive Leadership Forum represents an investment in the future of tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and Indigenous-led solutions to our most pressing challenges. This gathering creates unprecedented opportunity for:

- Strategic dialogue among tribal leaders on critical policy challenges affecting all of Indian Country
- Building intertribal collaboration and unity to strengthen collective response to federal policy changes
- Knowledge exchange with leading experts in federal Indian law, natural resources, and tribal governance
- Advancing tribal economic self-reliance through discussion of innovative business models and collaborative approaches
- Protecting tribal homelands and resources through integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and contemporary science

Sponsorship Level	Benefits & Recognition
<b>Leadership Sponsor</b> \$25,000+	Premier recognition in all Forum materials and communications Speaking opportunity during opening session Reserved seating for organizational delegation Recognition in press releases and media coverage
<b>Supporting Sponsor</b> \$10,000- \$24,999	Prominent recognition in Forum program and materials Logo placement on event signage and website Acknowledgment during Forum sessions Access to Forum proceedings and materials
<b>Contributing Sponsor</b> \$5,000 - \$9,999	Recognition in printed program materials Logo on Forum website Acknowledgment in sponsor listings
<b>Friends of the Forum</b> \$1,000-\$4,999	Name recognition in printed materials Listing on Forum website
<b>Community Partners</b> Up to \$500	Listing on Forum website



Your sponsorship directly supports travel, accommodation, and participation of tribal leaders who might not otherwise be able to attend this critical gathering, ensuring that voices from across Indian Country are represented in these essential conversations. The Indigenous Futures Society and American Indian Resources Institute seek financial partners who share our commitment to tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and the wellbeing of Native communities.

**Your sponsorship will directly support:**

- Venue and facilities for a professional, accessible gathering space
- Travel and accommodations to ensure broad tribal representation
- Speaker honoraria to compensate experts for their time and knowledge
- Meeting materials including resource documents and background papers
- Technology infrastructure for presentations and virtual participation options
- Meals and receptions to facilitate networking and relationship-building
- Documentation of proceedings for future reference and action

**We prefer payments by check, mailed to the summit's fiscal sponsor, Indigenous Futures Society.**

**Mailing Address:**

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**You are welcome to pay online, but we will include a 3% processing fee. [Click here to pay online.](#) For ACH/EFT please inquire.**

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**Acknowledgment:** The Indigenous Futures Society and American Indian Resources Institute acknowledge that this Forum will take place on the ancestral lands of Indigenous peoples. We honor the traditional caretakers of these lands and recognize the ongoing relationship that Native peoples have with their homelands. We thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in the future of Tribal Nations and to support critical dialogue during this pivotal moment in history. Indigenous Futures Society & American Indian Resources Institute Supporting Tribal Sovereignty, Self-Determination, and Sustainable Futures.