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Catawba Indian Nation to Announce Plans for Major Economic Development Project in Kings Mountain, North Carolina

U.S. Department of Interior will take Land into Trust for Catawba Indian Nation

Thousands of Jobs Created

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C. – The Catawba Indian Nation will hold a press conference at 1:00 pm EST on Friday, March 13 at the Kings Mountain City Hall to present plans and renderings of the new destination casino planned for a site in Kings Mountain, N.C.

As a result of the recent U.S. Department of the Interior’s decision, land in Kings Mountain will be taken into trust so the Catawba Indian Nation can move forward with the proposed project.

“The Nation is very thankful for the Department’s decision to take this land into trust, enabling us to achieve the promise of self-determination through economic development,” said Chief Harris. “The Department has a very rigorous process for reviewing proposed trust land acquisitions. We are very thankful for the hard work of the Department’s solicitors and staff on our application, who carefully reviewed our history, including our historic land settlement, ensuring that it is consistent with the Supreme Court’s *Carciere* decision.”

“The land is located in close proximity to our current landholdings and is our ancestral land, in an area that the Catawba people have used and occupied since time immemorial.”

The Nation will work closely with leaders in the City of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County to bring the full project to reality which is projected to bring as many as 5,000 badly needed construction jobs and 4,000 valuable permanent jobs to the area. This will diversify and strengthen the local economy.



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In addition, the Catawba Indian Nation plans to begin working closely with Governor Cooper's office so that the state of North Carolina can also benefit from the project in Kings Mountain.

"We want to thank Senators Graham, Tillis and Burr for their continual support to correct this injustice to the Catawba Indian Nation," said Chief Bill Harris. "We look forward to sharing details on the project as we move forward."

MEDIA ADVISORY: Please join us for a Press Conference on the New Casino in Kings Mountain, N.C. to get more detailed plans on the project, and hear from local elected officials.

Press Conference Details:

Who: Catawba Indian Nation, Mayor Scott Neisler

What: Press Conference to present the latest renderings of the destination casino at Kings Mountain, North Carolina

When: 1pm EST, March 13, 2020

Where: Kings Mountain City Hall, 101 W. Gold St. Kings Mountain, NC