

Multi-Year Republic FC and Sky River Casino Partnership Adds to Premium Matchday Experiences, Showcases Wilton Rancheria's Proud History and Connection to Region

- Sky River Casino is named the club's Official Casino & Gaming Partner
- Partners will provide upgraded experiences for fans at Heart Health Park and Sky River Casino in Elk Grove
- The Indomitable Club and Sky River Casino are working collaboratively to support the people of the Wilton Rancheria, and highlight their ancestral heritage

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Today, Republic FC and Sky River Casino announced a new three-year partnership to enhance the entertainment experiences on matchday and beyond. Sky River Casino will now become Republic FC's exclusive Casino & Gaming Partner, and will be featured throughout Heart Health Park and on match broadcasts. With a shared commitment to investing in the community, the partners will also use their shared platform to honor and support the Wilton Rancheria tribe and the indigenous people who have called Sacramento home for thousands of years.



Left to Right: Michael J. Facenda, Sky River Casino President / Chris Franklin, Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer / Kevin Nagle, Republic FC Chairman & Chief Executive Officer / Jesus Tarango, Wilton Rancheria Chairman / Todd Dunivant, Republic FC President & General Manager / Dustin Vicari, Republic FC Chief Revenue Officer



"Supporting and developing our community in thoughtful ways is at the core of our club values," said Republic FC Chief Revenue Officer Dustin Vicari. "Sky River Casino and the Wilton Rancheria Tribe are incredible champions for the region and passionate about creating memorable experiences for their guests. It's an honor to join them as they create a hub of entertainment and economic activity in Elk Grove, and we're proud to have them join us as a partner."

"We are very intentional about our partnerships, and the opportunity to align with such a respected and beloved organization as Republic FC is a perfect match for us," said Jesus Tarango, Wilton Rancheria Chairman. "We are proud to continually invest in the Sacramento area in ways that uplift and support this dynamic and ever-evolving region."

The citizens of Wilton Rancheria are indigenous to territory within Sacramento County and are descendants of Miwok-speaking tribes. Wilton Rancheria is the only federally recognized tribe in Sacramento County, regaining its status in 2009, 45 years after termination by the federal government. Since it opened in August 2022, Sky River Casino has enjoyed tremendous success, with exciting expansion plans in the works.

"At Sky River, we are excited to announce this major, three-year partnership with Republic FC," said Michael J. Facenda, President of Sky River Casino. "With deep roots in the community, we are dedicated to giving back in meaningful ways through important educational efforts, worthwhile charitable causes, and engaging sports and entertainment experiences. We are thrilled to join thousands of incredibly loyal fans and cheer on another amazing local sports team."

Beginning this season, Republic FC fans and VIP guests will get a glimpse into "The Sky River Way" – a dedication to bringing guests the height of hospitality and entertainment. Club Sky Presented by Sky River Casino is home to the club's best hospitality experience on matchday. South Endline and Field-side seats provide great views, incredible access, and bring fans closer to the action than in any other seat. For more information on Premium Hospitality and Experiences at Heart Health Park, visit <u>SacRepublicFC.com/tickets</u>.

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Throughout the year, Republic FC fans will receive special offers from Sky River Casino, including exclusive experiences for season ticket members. Casino patrons will also see new Republic FC branding around the property.

As the presenting partner of Republic FC's June 29 match, Sky River Casino will work with the club to celebrate the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of the Wilton Rancheria tribe and the indigenous people of our region. Matchday integrations including artwork, cultural performances and more will be on display at Heart Health Park. The Indomitable Club will also host a special youth soccer clinic for the children of Wilton Rancheria later this year.



To celebrate the start of the partnership, Republic FC and Sky River Casino will host a watch party at 32 Brews Street Gastropub. One of the casino's unique dining destinations, 32 Brews is a premier sports bar offering wall-to-wall TVs and deluxe food and beverage offerings. The March 23 watch party is free and open to any 21 and over. Throughout the season, fans will be able to watch every Republic FC match at 32 Brews, as well as enjoy signature menu items including a Republic FC cocktail.

Republic FC's 11th campaign starts on Saturday, March 9 when the club hosts Orange County SC at Heart Health Park. The Indomitable Club is looking to build on a strong 2023 season that saw Republic FC finish on top of the Western Conference regular season table, reach new milestones, and earn several honors across the league. With a majority of the roster returning for 2024, the club is ready to pick up where it left off, focused on bringing a championship to Sacramento. Tickets for the home opener and the entire 2024 season are available now at <u>SacRepublicFC.com/tickets</u>.

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About Sky River Casino

Sky River Casino was built by the Wilton Rancheria in partnership with Boyd Gaming Corporation, which is building and managing the property for the tribe. The casino opened in August 2022 and includes 100,000 sq ft of gaming, 2,100 slot machines, 80 table games, and 18 elevated restaurants, bars, and lounge destinations. To learn more, visit <u>www.SkyRiver.com</u>.