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## **Wilton Rancheria Acquires Majority Ownership in Republic FC, Forming New Ownership Group with Kevin Nagle to Drive Sacramento's Future**

**Sacramento, CA** – Today, Republic FC and Wilton Rancheria are thrilled to announce a groundbreaking partnership that positions Wilton Rancheria as the majority owner of Republic FC, marking a historic first for a Native American Tribe in men's professional sports ownership. This new ownership group, led by Republic FC Chairman and CEO Kevin Nagle as managing partner, aims to bring an exciting new chapter for the club and the Sacramento region.

With a shared vision of deepening Sacramento's connection to its indigenous community and creating a legacy of inclusivity, Wilton Rancheria and Republic FC are committed to building a vibrant future for soccer in the region. As part of this partnership, the new ownership group will be focusing efforts on developing a new stadium that will not only serve the team but also provide a destination for fans and community members to celebrate the spirit of Sacramento.

"Wilton Rancheria is proud to be the first Tribe in the nation to hold majority ownership of a men's professional sports team, an industry where ownership has not traditionally reflected the diversity of its fans and supporting communities," said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango, Jr. "This milestone not only marks a significant step for Wilton Rancheria but also reinforces Sacramento's dedication to inclusivity and opportunity. Wilton Rancheria has long been a part of Sacramento's history, but this partnership marks a new chapter for us, an opportunity to help write its future."

The partnership builds on Wilton Rancheria's established success with Sky River Casino, which has become the premier entertainment and economic center in the region since its opening in 2022. This collaboration also expands the Tribe's role as a major contributor to the region's prosperity and cultural landscape.

"It's tough to convey into words how pleased I am to partner with Wilton Rancheria. Over the last few months, many of you have become not just my friends, but my family," said Club Managing Partner and Owner Kevin Nagle. "I cannot wait to begin this process, arm in arm, as we strive to make Sacramento an even better city than it already is."

As this historic ownership partnership unfolds, Republic FC and Wilton Rancheria invite citizens to stay tuned for updates on future developments. In the coming days and weeks, we are excited to share more information about plans to enhance the fan experience, community investment programs, and important steps toward building a new home for soccer in Sacramento.

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*Wilton Rancheria is proud to be the Capital Tribe with its home in Sacramento County. The Tribe's government is divided into four separate branches: a General Council, comprised of all voting members; the Office of the Chair and Vice-Chair, which administers all Tribal departments and programs; the Tribal Council, which enacts legislation and oversees the budget; and the Tribal Court, which hears all cases and controversies under the Tribe's jurisdiction.*