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Ed Goppelt, Webmaster

June 2, 2006

Office of the Clerk
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: Written Comment on Casinos

To Whom It May Concern:

At last count, 333 people have used my web site Hallwatch to contact the Gaming Board. With one or two exceptions they are overwhelmingly opposed having a casino in their neighborhood (see messages attached). Accordingly I urge the Board not grant a casino license to any of the applicants.

I verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,



Edmund Goppelt

Enclosed: 333 messages from Pennsylvanians and Philadelphians
PGCB Written Comment Form

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

See 333 messages from Pennsylvanians
attached as well as my letter of 6/2/2006
enclosed.

I, EDMUND GOPPELT verify that the information contained in this written
comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edmund Goppelt

6/2/06

Id: [1149275634157](#)
From: Jennifer Furlong
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 2, 2006 3:13 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Representatives,

casINO! No! No!

I think it's terrible that the citizens of Philadelphia have been left out of the planning process as concerns the proposed casinos. I'm not quite sure why the timeline for making a decision on the proposed sites has been so hurried. It seems like a decision like this, which will affect Philadelphia and its neighborhoods so dramatically, should be made carefully and deliberately. Moreover, the lack of interest in residents' concerns on the part of our elected officials is certainly suspect, and makes me think carefully about how I will vote in the future.

Philadelphia is a good city, but it's not a great city... yet. Our peers, New York and Chicago, invest heavily in their parks and recreational areas, and, above all, HAVE BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONTS. If Philadelphia sincerely wants to become a destination city, we need to have a comprehensive plan for the Delaware waterfront. I'm not sure how a traffic-jam causing, Los Vegas-style sprawling megaplex in South Philly will help to make the Delaware waterfront a better place. There are enough traffic-dependent big-box style developments there already.

Finally, as a committed city dweller, walker, and bicyclist, I have trouble supporting developments that encourage the use of cars, rather than public transportation. They will only bring more congestion and pollution to our already congested and polluted city.

Thank you for your attention.

We need your help with the casinos!

Sincerely,

Jenny Furlong
Philadelphia voter

Jennifer Furlong
[REDACTED]

Id: 1149270829663
From: Jennifer Bornstein
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Council President Verna
Date: June 2, 2006 1:53 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Casinos located within the City of Philadelphia are but a disaster waiting to happen. The city streets can barely support the cars and buses that currently use them. Further, these casinos pose absolutely NO benefit to the residents who will have to bear them. This is nothing but a decision made by people who will politically and financially benefit from the thoughtless destruction of city life.

I caution each and every complicit legislator to weigh carefully the ramifications of Casino development within the city. I will note your names and issue further statement each Election Day.

Jennifer Bornstein
1810 Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Id: 1149269536935
From: Sunny Payne
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative James, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 2, 2006 1:32 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no .

We need your help with the casinos!

I am strongly opposed to building casinos in any existing residential neighborhood but, I am especially opposed to the proposed Foxwood Casino being located at Reed and Delaware Avenues.

This neighborhood, and the surrounding neighborhoods, are already congested with traffic, AT TIMES TO THE POINT THAT THE STREETS ARE IMPASSABLE, and these streets were not built to handle automobiles in the first place.

The concept of a 6,000 car parking lot, two (2) apartment towers, a hotel, a casino and an exit ramp at Dickenson Street, would mean the destruction of the entire neighborhood as it has existed for more than the last 100 years; I find this whole concept completely unacceptable!

Conversely, I find the idea that Philadelphians are the only citizens of the State of Pennsylvania that have no right to a say in the location of casinos completely untenable. Do we not pay taxes? Is this not taxation without representation? Was there not already a revolution based in Philadelphia?

If you MUST locate a casino on the water then, use the ship The USS United States, which is sitting in dry dock and which is not located in/near a residential neighborhood.

Sunny Payne

Id: 1149267002210
From: Christopher George Manos
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 2, 2006 12:50 pm
Subject: Casi-NO!
Private: no

Dear Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Legislators,
I am writing on behalf of myself, my wife, and my local South Philadelphia neighbors on Medina Street to let you know that we are adamantly opposed to any form of legalized gambling in the city of Philadelphia and in the state of Pennsylvania.

We firmly believe that the process used to develop and enact the

legislation of casino gambling throughout the state of Pennsylvania is extremely flawed.

First, we have had an unbelievable short, inappropriate amount of time to learn of, and review the ACT 71 legislation for public comment and feedback. As average citizens whose lives are affected in many ways by proposed casinos, our opposition to the proposed casinos faces an overwhelmingly unfair adversary in the form of corporate leviathans and wealthy developers. We hope that the legislators will heed our call and protect us from the casinos - as one of the reasons we have elected you is to represent ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS!

Second, we believe that it is reprehensible and completely inappropriate for Pennsylvania state legislators to have ANY financial interest in ANY casino in Pennsylvania.

Third, we believe that the finances required to establish the gaming commission and monitor the casinos places an unfair financial burden on the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Fourth, New Jersey has had casino gambling for decades - and the state of NJ is now facing an OVER 2 BILLION dollar shortage - even though the state has legalized gambling. Why would the same situation not happen in Pennsylvania?

Fifth, the state of Pennsylvania has an OVER 730 MILLION DOLLAR SURPLUS - why do we even need casinos - if our state coffers ARE IN SURPLUS?

Sixth, the appropriate method for proposing development of any activity that will have AS DRAMATIC AN IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES AS PROPOSED GAMBLING in our state and city IS AT THE BALLOT BOX - AND BY PUBLIC VOTE - so all citizens can have input into the decision making process.

Seventh, gambling affects all citizens - and like it or not - this type of activity will have an immediate NEGATIVE impact on all of our communities that surround the proposed casinos in the form of the following:

01. Decreased property values,
02. Increased drug trafficking,
03. Increased criminal activity,
04. Increased prostitution,
05. Increased levels of trash,
06. Increased and overwhelming vehicular traffic,
07. Dramatically increased air pollution,
08. And a dramatic increase in congestion of our communities -
09. All of this without ANY BUFFER ZONE TO PROTECT US AND OUR

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COMMUNITIES!

We respectfully and seriously ask that you do the following:

01. Reconsider ACT 72
02. Immediately introduce legislation to REPEAL ACT 71
03. Immediately issue a moratorium on casino development
04. Put the entire issue to PUBLIC VOTE - and let the PEOPLE DECIDE THEIR FUTURE - AS WE DO NOT WANT OUR AND OUR COMMUNITIES FUTURE DECIDED BY GREEDY DEVELOPERS, CORRUPT AND FORMER CRIMINAL CASINO LICENSEES, AND BY A DICTATED LEGISLATIVE FIAT - WITHOUT OUR INPUT AND VOTE!

Thank you for considering our input, our voices and our perspective.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Christopher Manos
Block Captain

Christopher George Manos

Id: 1149259671217
From: **W. Russell Johnson**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **June 2, 2006 10:47 am**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

Casinos do NOT belong in residential neighborhoods, or adjacent to them. This is political cowardice--rather than honestly addressing the community in regard to taxes and service--raise public money through the back door without accountability.

NO to casinos in South Philly!
Russ Johnson

W. Russell Johnson

We need your help with the casinos!

Id: 1149258023228
From: k dilonardo
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 2, 2006 10:20 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

we are very unhappy with how the casio issue has been and is being handled by our elected officials. We urge you to

- 1) postpone the deadline for public comment to December '06
- 2) postpone the licensing util June '07
- 3) release all non-confidentil portions of the applications for would-be casino operators which were filed in Dec.

We do not want a casino at Columbus (Delaware) and Reed. These operations are far too large for the infrastructure of the community (roads, etc.). Accomodations for them would make major changes to the communities nearby that would be almost entirely negative.

This activity is not one that Philadelphia is known for. Instead we have been building a national reputation as an historic city with many good restaurants, professional sports venues and cultural/art museums and monuments to visit.

Get these casinos out of residential areas. We don't want them in our neighborhoods.

Kathy Dilonardo

Id: 1149252805973
From: Matt Kozusko

We need your help with the casinos!

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: June 2, 2006 8:53 am

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

I am not necessarily opposed to casinos, but I am deeply troubled by the lack of publicity given to the entire process. I implore you at the very least to extend the deadline for public debate and comment on this matter. Far too many of us are uninformed, unaware, or variously otherwise undecided regarding casinos, and it is absolutely crucial that the process STOP immediately and be reorganized to involve more information, more transparency, and more voices. Thank you,

Matt Kozusko

Matt Kozusko

Id: 1149216032570

From: Roberta Camp

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: June 1, 2006 10:40 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

I am strongly opposed to having casinos located in the City of Philadelphia, for several reasons. 1) The proposed casinos, in particular the Foxwoods casino, are out of scale with other structures, both commercial and residential, in the area. 2) The casino locations are too close to existing residential neighborhoods and will have an adverse effect on both quality of life and residential property values, both of which have been rising steadily in recent years. 3) Casinos in other cities have brought increases in crime, drugs, and prostitution. 4) All of these developments will bring additional COSTS to the community, rather than revenue. 5) The projected clientele for the casinos will mean huge increases in traffic on both major highways and residential streets, creating congestion problems that will not be solved by any of the proposed traffic plans. 6) The sums projected for building of the casinos are insufficient for any but the cheapest methods of construction, and are almost certain to guarantee that the buildings and grounds will be

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huge eyesores and will soon become dilapidated. 7) Casinos are inconsistent with the character and history of Philadelphia, which has in recent years been increasingly recognized as a destination city for tourists because of its architecture, cultural life, restaurants, and hospitality to pedestrians.

None of the information provided so far has alleviated any of these concerns, either for me or for my friends and neighbors. In fact, the casino proposals, despite the claims that input has been solicited from Philadelphia residents, have been insufficiently described for us to respond fully. Experience elsewhere in the country suggests that casinos are not happily situated within cities, except where those cities are dedicated entirely to casino life and entertainment, as in Las Vegas. The casinos projected for Philadelphia are much larger even than many situated in such dedicated gaming locations, and would have a devastating effect on city life.

Roberta Camp

Id: 1149190533724
From: Char Vandermeer
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 3:35 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Dear Elected Officials:

My husband and I moved to Philadelphia 10 years ago and are very happy to call this wonderful city our home. We bought a well-loved 150 year old row home in Pennsport, at Front and Reed, just three years ago and have enjoyed working to make it more beautiful and contributing to our neighborhood and our city. We take pride in our work.

Please don't allow a casino into our thriving, vibrant community. Undoubtedly the increased traffic, pollution, noise, and crime will destroy what is already a successful and growing Philadelphia neighborhood.

Philly is truly a city of neighborhoods. It's what makes the city so wonderful. Please do not ruin ours.

We need your help with the casinos!

Sincerely,
Char Vandermeer

Char Vandermeer
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Id: 1149184408146
From: Kathryn Cates
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 1:53 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

I am adding my voice to the list of those asking for more time to let the public debate the merits and drawbacks of the proposed casino-building.

I am a new resident of South Philadelphia, and love my neighborhood. It would serve all of us well to have an extended window in which to talk openly about this critical issue. Please extend the deadline for public comment past tomorrow; it simply isn't enough time to allow all of us to make a rational decision about this.

Very truly yours,
Kathryn Cates

Kathryn Cates
[REDACTED]

Id: 1149173605749
From: Laurie Norton
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 10:53 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

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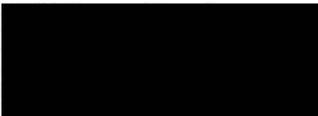
I love my neighborhood in South Philly and am very concerned about the current plans to build casinos in such close proximity to residential areas. South Philadelphia is a vibrant and diverse community and it deserves to be respected as it continues to develop. It is insulting that behind closed doors decision-making has occurred without involving the residents who will be most affected.

Please, the residents in the affected areas need more time to respond. The June 2 deadline set by the state for public comment is unacceptable. The city must call on the Gaming Board to permit public comment until at least December 31. In the best interest of our community, the city must also urge the Gaming Board to postpone casino licensing for one year. Also, the City must promptly activate the Philadelphia Gaming Commission to assist residents in their day-to-day dealings with casino applicants and the Gaming Board. In addition, the city should use its clout in Harrisburg to get the State Gaming Board to release more information about the casinos' plans. The City should immediately provide each community group within a mile of the casinos with \$20,000 to pay for expert assistance and advice.

And finally, I also must say, I find it embarrassing and very unimaginative that a great city like Philadelphia, the cradle of U.S. democracy, can think of nothing better to bring more growth to the city than by building casinos.

Please listen.

Laurie Norton



Id: 1149172722103
From: Louise Cupelli
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 10:38 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

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Please do not put Casinos and slot parlors into any of the neighborhoods, like Reed and Delaware/ Columbus Avenue or on Center City streets. It will destroy the neighborhoods' qualities and intimacy; create awful traffic; increase crime and lower safety. This is a big city area. There must be some places to put Casionos as a destination, where they are away from the neighborhoods. I am not entirely in favor of gambling in the city at all. It feeds addiction and targets elderly. But, if we must have it, do not allow it to ruin the fabric of our city neighborhoods. Please. If people want to gamble badly enough, have them make the effort to get to the Casions, rather than make your good, tax-paying citizens have to make the effort to exist and deal in heavier traffic, more crime, congestion; lower property values and a lesser quality of life in our neighborhoods. Thank you.

Louise Cupelli

Id: 1149168712401
From: Melissa
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 9:31 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

I am a 30-year old graduate student and South Philly homeowner. I am old enough to have lived through the "bad old" Philadelphia as well as experience, and I hope contribute to, the still-revitalizing Philadelphia. I am dedicated to Philadelphia and sticking with it. My fiancee and I have been able to put ourselves through school and afford a home because, although it has its problems, Philadelphia is a heart an immensely livable city. Construction of casinos will arrest the development of Philadelphia and crush its soul to the core. Please don't focree this city further into a divided wasteland of haves and have-nots, with absolutely zero in between. Have you ever been to Atlantic City, beyond the boardwalk and the marina? Why would we want to destroy our problematic but promising waterfront, and devalue our homes, ourselves, our hard-won communities for minimal tax revenue that we'll likely never see and a handful of \$7/hr jobs with no benefits for the employess or anyone else? Yes, job creation is needed, and i don't have the solution, but

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it seems to me that educational opportunities, not casinos that will make the super-rich even super-richer, are the key.

Melissa


Id: 1149165078717
From: Elisabeth Garson
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: June 1, 2006 8:31 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing about the proposed casinos proposed for Delaware Avenue. The reason that my husband and I moved to South Philly with our 2 year old son is because it's safe, and everything in me, as a protective mother, is against this proposition.

Philadelphia is growing is because of a new generation of people moving in. For YEARS, Philadelphia was (by and large) considered an unsafe place to live. Only in the past 8 years have the neighborhoods begun dramatically improving and has the city experienced growth. And it's because of my generation. The generation that's moving in. The generation that's buying the old South Philly houses and fixing them up. And it's the same generation that's flooding your fax machine with emails, protesting on the streets, signing petitions and begging you to stop this. We don't want a casino district here. We see what it's going to do to a city we're desperately trying to improve.

You think the health of this city comes strictly from your offices, but it doesn't. We are the ones buying houses. We are the ones buying cable. We are the ones paying taxes. We are the ones opening stores. But I start to wonder why it makes sense to stay in a city that's not listening. You can have your casino, but you risk losing the people that live here and deterring other young families, looking for safety. We are a gigantic force.

We need your help with the casinos!

Last thoughts, and in some ways, I doubt anyone is even reading this. I did a project recently that involved studying the buying markets of individuals that are still being born today to individuals in their mid 40's. Unlike previous generations, these generations are morally concious, progressive and protective (very protective) of our children. You are messing with a group of people that will take action...and people that can move. New York, Chicago, Portland, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco. We can go anywhere we want to. And so can the people that want casinos. They can drive an hour away and get to Atlantic City.

You need us here. Listen to us.

Elisabeth Garson

Elisabeth Garson

Id: 1149134493633
From: matthew white
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative James, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Council President Verna
Date: June 1, 2006 12:01 am
Subject: repeal the casinos bill!
Private: no

Dear Mayor and Elected Officials:

the casino bill was passed much like the repealed pay-raise bill, in the middle of break and no one was looking or consulted.

i want 71 repealed, i dont want casinos.

matt white.

matthew white

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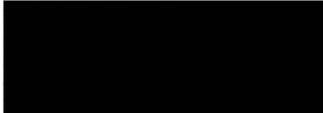
Id: 1149129834192
From: Kin Lam
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 10:43 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am writing on behalf of the Chinese immigrant community in South Philadelphia in STRONG OPPOSITION against the Casino proposal on Columbus Blvd & Reed Street. [In general, I am against any Casino proposals in the City of Philadelphia and in the state of PA.]

I am the pastor of New City Church, serving the working class Chinese immigrants in South Philadelphia. And through the years, we met many immigrants who have squandered their hard-earned money in casinos. We have eye-witnessed the tremendous and immeasurable damages gambling has brought to families and individuals. We are deeply concerned about the negative impact of casinos on the lives of all Asian immigrants.

We are applauded at the way in which the state of PA has "betrayed" her people. It is as if the people have no right to voice their opinions nor do they have the choice to reject such an unjust proposition. What you are doing to the people of Philadelphia/PA really has us question your vow and commitment to serve the people... This again feels like a dirty political game.

Please listen to the voice of the people, wake up from your moral slumber, and take a courageous step in removing casinos from Philadelphia and PA.

Kin Lam


Id: 1149126272349
From: Jennifer Sheppard
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 9:44 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

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Private: no

I am not necessarily opposed to casinos being built in this city, but I am absolutely opposed to the process by which it is currently moving. I strongly urge you to proceed with prudence and transparency, and with your constituents and the future of our city as your top priorities.

Specifically, you must act to ensure that the State Gaming Board extends the deadline for public comment until December 31, 2006 and postpones casino licensing for one year. You must promptly activate the Philadelphia Gaming Commission to assist residents in their day-to-day dealings with casino applicants and the State Gaming Board, demanding that they release more information about the casinos' plans. You must immediately provide each community group within a mile of the proposed casinos with \$20,000 to pay for expert assistance and advice.

The consequences of the current process are detrimental to the social and economic future of this city. It doesn't have to be this way, so it shouldn't.

Jennifer Sheppard

Id: 1149120782232
From: Linda Ramos
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 8:13 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I have been a resident of Pennsport for over 20 years and a life long resident of South Philadelphia. I am an active member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School (Moyamensing Avenue and Reed Street). Home and School Association.

We the residents of Pennsport do not want a CASINO in our community. We are already over run with people from outside of our neighborhood because of the strip malls and movie theatre. Our children are not safe on our neighborhood streets, in our parks/playgrounds, or movie theatre alone. We do not want a CASINO two blocks from our school. I do not want a CASINO two

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blocks from my home.

Stand up for the people who elected you into office. Stand up for our children to be safe in their community. CASIONS will only bring crime, prostitutes, and drunk drivers to our neighborhood.

Linda Ramos


Id: 1149112138049
From: **Joyce Cocco**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 5:48 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

I am very concerned about the liklihood of a casino on Columbus BLVD; with all the new businesses that have opened and the Penn's Landing events there is such gridlock in that area. I currently went to the Target store during the week and the volume of cars was unbelievable, I can't fathom casino traffic on top on this. Philly has been bombarded with stadiums and new construction, shopping areas and now casinos- I know this will be very positive for the City but fear that the enviornment and the neighborhoods will suffer and force people to live and work elsewhere. A casino on Columbus BLVD is NOT good for the residents of Philadelphia.

Joyce Cocco


Id: 1149111699266
From: **Alexander Stoddard**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 5:41 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

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I am writing to state my strong opposition to the casino developments in Philadelphia. I live in the Passyunk square section of the city so I am most familiar with the region around the proposed Foxwoods development but all the proposed areas have significant problems. Immediately obvious are the increased traffic and the extremely close proximity of casino development to long established residential areas. Areas which are not blighted but currently improving.

As our elected officials you will enjoy our support by acting as our public advocates in these matters not by acting on behalf of the casinos as you have until now. Shame on you.

You must allow a greater period of time for public consultation and foster such discussion about the casino development.

Alexander Stoddard


Id: 1149108536688
From: Jenna Musket
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 31, 2006 4:48 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

To any and all who have the power to influence the decision on the casino "Development" deal:

I have lived in East Falls for about 13 years. I originally bought my house in this neighborhood because of its affordability, proximity to places I worked or travelled to in the city, for matters of safety, and because this area while still in the city was/is a "green" conscious neighborhood. Much of this could change drastically if the city moves forward with supporting the "Trump Street" proposal.

The drawings that I have seen at neighborhood meetings and in the Philadelphia Inquirer project a "circus-like" image in a residential neighborhood. While the proposed casino would literally go neon, the proposed built space is not a good "fit" for this area. Although I do not personally like the idea of having a slots-only casino in my backyard, I originally started

going to neighborhood and multi-community alliance meetings to "hear" how others in this and surrounding neighborhoods were thinking and feeling about the project. I was open to hearing about the creation of jobs, and how that aspect might appeal to some neighbors. I went to several meetings where the line snaked around the room with people vehemently opposed to THIS development project, and offering alternative ideas on what could bring "liveable wage" jobs, healthcare services, food services and other needed goods and services to an area gutted by the de-industrialized Budd site. One or two of the latest meetings have pitted people who "want jobs to come to the city" against others "who want job development in the city" instead of uniting against the inadequacies of a THIS particular Development project.

I teach at a local university, and I posed the pros and cons of casino development to my students. Again, I thought I would get a perspective from young people who often claiming that there is little to do in the way of recreation and leisure in this area would support the proposed casino plan as it would offer some things to do. In the Spring semester, 100% of students in my classes were overwhelmingly anti-Casino for how such plan would alter the immediate environment, and many who looked stupified when pondering why people would choose to build such a project in proximity to several area schools. This Fall, one or two students seemed interested in the jobs aspect, but most students still seemed very much against the idea. And one student who after researching the pros and cons of the proposed casino project wrote an intelligently-written final paper about how such a project would destroy the quality of life in the residential neighborhoods in this section of the city, and create further stresses that would increase social problems in the area.

Additionally, there are recent surveys and assessments that have been conducted that demonstrate that the proposed Trump Street casino while bringing some jobs would not bring good and liveable wage jobs; additionally, there are other proposals on the table that offer more in the way of bringing jobs to the city. There is also a recent "Trump Street Traffic Study" put together by engineer Brian Ketchum that addresses how the Trump Development team "grossly" underestimated the traffic impact on the area on and around the proposed site.

In summary, support for the Trump Street casino will change the neighborhood drastically for the worse. Residents will see the rise of circus-like architecture, see a change of demographics in relation to this, feel frustrated by the increases in traffic patterns where there is already congestion in

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particular areas of getting off exits from Route 1 without an increase in "24/7" traffic, breathe shallower with the increase of pollutants in the air from increased traffic patterns, have our children of nearby schools exposed to people with lifestyles shaped by a gambling industry including those who will live and work on the margins of such an industry, and lastly the robbing of an area that would benefit greatly from a GOOD development plan that addresses hopes of the city as well as needs of local residents.

Putting aside all factors that I just mentioned, the proposal will not fulfill even the "bottom line" motivations for the city, and "bottom line" economics is an out-dated development model. There are newer development models that look to increase the overall economic and human potential of the area over time by investing heavily in jobs, affordable housing, literacy, education, training, jobs, health and wellness, recreation and tourism, infrastructure and transportation. And in terms of any of these, people living within the "targeted" communities for development are part of the solution...not obstacles to development.

Sincerely,
Jenna Musket
Resident, East Falls

Jenna Musket

Id: [1149107791938](#)
From: **Maureen Brundage**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 4:36 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **yes**

To whom it may concern,

I do not want a casino in Philadelphia. I don't want the traffic, the gamblers, the atmosphere or the blight associated with places like Atlantic City. I vote and I will vote against any politician who brings a casino to Philadelphia.

Maureen Brundage

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Id: 1149107017132
From: Dr. Paul Sbarra
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 4:23 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

South Philadelphia is going through a period of revitalization and it would be a shame to see a regression in that process. I believe the proposed site of the foxwood casinos would do just that. Cause a regression. Casinos were suppose to revitalize Atlantic Cit but we know the outcome of that. While many residents are moving over the bridge to enjoy suburban life i live and own my own business in south philadelphia. Should the casinos cause a negative affect to the city, which studies suggest will happen, i will have to rethink my position. More time is need for proper analysis of the risk/ benifit ratio of casinos to the proposed site.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Dr. Paul Sbarra

Id: 1149106171931
From: Erin O'Brien
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Scnator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 4:09 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

To my elected officials,

As a native Philadelphian who is proud of our city's rich history as the birthplace of democracy and hard working citizens, I am appalled by the process that approved Act 71 to allow for the licensing for two casinos in Philadelphia. The

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lack of input by those who will be most affected, the citizens of Philadelphia, is unacceptable to me, and this incident has made me even more aware of the need to keep an eye on what is going on in City Hall. Rest assured that I will continue to work hard to make sure that you, our elected officials, listen to the voice of the People of Philadelphia rather than the ringing of slot machines and empty shouts of Big Business.

I would prefer that no casino is placed in Philadelphia. We don't need it here, the declining chasm that was Atlantic City is close enough for those who want to or need to due to addiction visit casinos, and your energy would be better spent cultivating other economic interests in order to develop employment opportunities and increase housing and community development. The amount of money necessary to make the neighborhood where I recently purchased my home and now pay taxes, South Philadelphia, would be better spent in other areas, such as affordable housing development and a stronger, more organized waste management system, among many other things.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Erin O'Brien
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Id: 1149103725824
From: Michael Parkinson
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 3:28 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials,

Please note my strong opposition to the planned casino location in my neighborhood of South Philadelphia. Flat out, the neighbors in the area don't want it. Since we live in a Democracy, and you are our elected officials, we ask you to follow what we, your constituents request.

The South Philly area is enjoying a re-birth. New shops are

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opening on Passyunk and Washington Avenues, new homes are being built, and property values are rising to an amount that this Philly native never thought possible. With a casino comes a number of negatives that far outweigh any advantages for the area: traffic and human congestion, lower property values, increased crime, trash, loitering, etc.

There are a number of available locations to place the casinos that will have no affect on local neighborhoods. Please chose one of those locations and let beautiful South Philly stay that way. Thank you.

Michael Parkinson
[REDACTED]

Id: 1149102861857
From: Melanie
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 3:14 pm
Subject: Not at Columbus Blvd and Reed St.!
Private: yes

To whom it may concern:

If you want to put a casino somewhere, be smart about it.

I understand that you need to make business decisions and think about the profitability of each location, but please also think of the cost in larger terms. A casino at Columbus and Reed isn't smart and will have some costly long term effects! Of the sites you are considering, this location is the worst for so many reasons! I do not want it there and I am not alone.

Sincerely,
Melanie Fortino

Melanie
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Id: 1149101054696
From: Tracey

We need your help with the casinos!

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 31, 2006 2:44 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

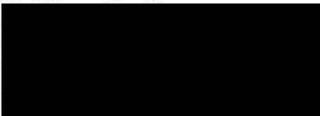
Dear Elected Officials,

As a lifelong resident of Philadelphia and the Pennsport neighborhood, I urge you to support your constituents, the people who put you in office, the people for whom you WORK by adding your voice to the fight against the Foxwoods casino at Delaware and Reed Streets.

The placement of a casino within a residential area is absurd, not to mention the proximity to neighborhood schools, playgrounds and churches. Our community has been burdened with the fall-out from the overdevelopment of Delaware Avenue for the past several years. Enough is enough.

As a taxpayer and active voter, I encourage you to listen to the voices of the people you are meant to serve, do not place a casino at Delaware Avenue and Reed Street.

Tracey



Id: 1149100477509

From: David Fortino

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

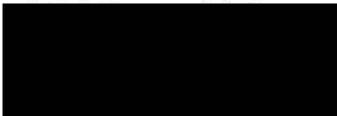
Date: May 31, 2006 2:34 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

I firmly believe that the Foxwoods site at Columbus Blvd. and Reed Street is by far the worst of the five proposed sites, and I am very much opposed to this idea.

David Fortino



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Id: 1149100320347
From: **Camilla MacKay**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 2:32 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **yes**

I am deeply disturbed by the promise of casinos in Philadelphia and the lack of adequate information for residents of the city to address the issues these casinos raise. I moved to South Philadelphia in January. I work in the suburbs yet choose to live in Philadelphia because of the community; after years living in Europe, Philadelphia, despite problems like crime, garbage, and traffic, is the only American city I've lived in that comes close to the livability of a European city, and that is because of neighborhoods like South Philadelphia.

Philadelphia still has enormous potential. Like so many American cities in the mid-20th century, Philadelphia unfortunately installed a highway close to its waterfront, but there still remains the possibility for creative, sustainable, and ecological development of the Delaware waterfront, development that will benefit the local and larger Philadelphia community (green spaces and parks, for instance). Windowless casinos and parking garages are none of these things. The proposed Foxwoods casino is untenable—where will the cars and people go? How much will the introduction of a casino drive down property values in the area? I would not choose to live near a casino; who would? While I am in particular disturbed by the proposal for the Foxwoods casino because of its proximity to my new home, I believe that casinos should have no place in Philadelphia, and I am dismayed by (and, frankly, incredulous at) not only the decision to allow slot machine gambling in the state, but that the state is forcing casinos on the city of Philadelphia. The time allowed the residents of Philadelphia--less than two years since the legalization of slot machine gambling--is completely inadequate for understanding and responding to the proposals.

Camilla MacKay

Id: 1149096132514
From: **Kellie Lind Cieplinski**

We need your help with the casinos!

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 31, 2006 1:22 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

Dear Elected Officials,

As a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, the Pennsport and now the Whitman neighborhood, I urge you to support your constituents, the people who put you in office, the people for whom you WORK by adding your voice to the fight against the Foxwoods casino at Delaware and Reed Streets.

The placement of a casino within a residential area is absurd, not to mention the proximity to neighborhood schools, playgrounds and churches. Our community has been burdened with the fall-out from the overdevelopment of Delaware Avenue for the past several years. Enough is enough.

As a taxpayer and active voter, I encourage you to listen to the voices of the people you are meant to serve, do not place a casino at Delaware Avenue and Reed Street.

Sincerely,
Kellie Lind Cieplinski

Kellie Lind Cieplinski

Id: 1149096043541

From: DO

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 31, 2006 1:20 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

WE just bought our house this past fall, we are a young couple who work in center city and dreamed of owning our own home for years. Now the neighborhood we moved to is in jeopardy of turning back into the bad section that it was just five years

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ago. We do not have the money to move again inside the city limits which means if the state goes thru with the foxwoods site we will be forced to sell our house and move to the burbs.

many of my neighbors who have lived in the area all their lives feel the same way. They want to move before all the crime and traffic come pouring into our neighborhood. These casinos are going to turn back the clock 10 years in terms of revival and neighborhood appreciation. You will be turning away and kicking out the "good" people who care about this city in return for less desirables that do not care about the city. If you think crime and murders are up now, just wait until the casinos bring more criminals out of the woodwork.

And lets not forget that philly has a less then adequate transportaion system to begin with. The one Project that should have been inside the city was the the new stadium, and it was cut to no mans land almost outside of the city. So why would you put something so dangerous and detracting to the city right inside?

DO

Id: 1149095963188
From: Nick Giovannucci
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative James, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 1:19 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Everything I've been reading and hearing points to Casinos in Philadelphia creating many more problems than they will solve, and I oppose casinos in our neighborhood.

If you do not agree, I at least urge you to work toward extending the public hearing phase until at least the end of the year.

This is a most important issue that will affect my vote in November.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Nick Giovannucci
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Id: [1149095857462](#)
From: Carol Noel Russo
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 1:17 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Please remember us constituents who live and work in the areas of Philadelphia which will be affected first hand by the casino developments. We deserve our perspective to be highlighted and our input part of the dialogue. Irregardless if I live among new \$500,000+ homes or am in an established neighborhood block, the integrity of my community is my greatest concern. The placement of the Foxwoods Casino will be at the expense of my community's quality of life (safety of the residents, particularly the children of the area--being of utmost concern)

Carol Noel Russo
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Id: [1149094027722](#)
From: Elizabeth Williams
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 12:47 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

To my elected officials,
I understand your desire for increased revenue flow. Massive casino resorts are not the way to do it, for so many reasons. Regardless of the fact that the city will likely only ever see a very small percentage of their profits, I believe that the casinos will do further damage to: divorcing the city from its waterfront; traffic congestion; displacing long-time residents thanks to proposed 95 offramps; addicting lower-income

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residents.

Give our communities time for a well-formed response to these propositions. I am not personally opposed to gambling or to casinos. Nor do I have a strict "not-in-my-backyard" philosophy. I just want to be informed by the city, state, and gaming corporations, all.

I believe a preferable solution to bringing gaming to Philadelphia is to set up slots parlors along Market or Chestnut, perhaps in conjunction with some of the hotels in Center City. The infrastructure is already in place to support an influx of visitors and tremendous building costs could be saved if it's adapted into a pre-existing structure. Many towns I have visited in England have one or two along their High Street where you can bet on Greyhounds or pull some machines. There is no need for a palace of vice in this city!

Philadelphia should consider some of its Quaker roots and remember that excess can be sinful.

Elizabeth Williams

Id: 1149092753105
From: **Katie Brady**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 12:25 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Philadelphia for the past 8 years, and more recently of South Philadelphia for the past two months, I must express my concern and opposition of the proposed casino site at Columbus Boulevard and Reed Streets, known as the proposed "Foxwoods" casino.

You must, with all due respect, reject the proposal of Foxwoods and their backers. As you are no doubt hearing, I and my neighbors do not want a Casino on the waterfront. This casino is proposed for construction approximately 12 blocks--less than half

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a mile--from my new home in an area of South Philly that has recently started to enjoy a healthy influx of new homeowners and revitalization of community involvement. Homes in my neighborhood are selling in the \$300-\$400,000 range, and more specifically, new construction's asking price, only one half (1/2) block from my home, is \$599,999 and over. Thus, as some of my fellow citizens have written to you "Foxwoods' credo that my neighborhood and area are a blighted one is distorted an frankly erroneous and/or misleading. This categorization is a strategy to get approval for their casino by making the claim that they will enhance our neighborhood:...our neighborhood does not need enhancing at least that prescribed by Foxwoods."

My neighbors and I do not want a Casino built in South Philadelphia. Gridlock is already a problem on Columbus Boulevard, and in the small streets of South Philadelphia. This is an area predominated by small one-way neighborhood streets. The population and housing density, and the infrastructure simply cannot support this development, logistically, or in spirit.

Building casino in my neighborhood will severely reduce my quality of life and those of my neighbors. Crime will increase, traffic will increase, and the strides Philadelphia has been making to curb suburban flight will grind to a halt.

As a public servant sworn to heed and uphold the desires and mandate of your constituents, please stop this action of building a casino in South Philadelphia on Columbus Boulevard.

Sincerely,

Katie Brady

Katie Brady


Id: [1149091966747](#)
From: **Hannah Miller**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 12:12 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: no

We need your help with the casinos!

Hello! I am a resident of South Philly, only a few blocks away from the proposed Foxwoods site. I think building slot machines in Philadelphia is one of the worst ideas I have ever heard. They would create far more problems than we have the capacity to pay for as a city: social problems, crime, health problems, urban planning, traffic. I don't want to see Philadelphia make money off the backs of its impoverished seniors. And the whole way this has been passed has been done in a manner that totally disrespects the right of the public to comment on laws. This is not how the city should make decisions. I ask that you repeal Act 71 as soon as possible.

respectfully yours,
Hannah Miller

Hannah Miller


Id: [1149091133937](#)
From: Jay Schwartz
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Councilman Mariano, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Senator Stack, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 11:58 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I oppose all casinos in my neighborhood, my city, and my state.

I believe that they destroy many more good things than any good they could possibly create.

Despite being a lifelong Democrat, I have already made it my policy to vote against Ed Rendell for his pro-casino stance, and will continue to do so for the rest of his political career.

I will be noting the names of all others who support casinos against the will of the people. I will similarly vote against them, forever.

Jay Schwartz


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Id: 1149090976356
From: Brandy Hartley
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 31, 2006 11:56 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

To my elected officials and the Gaming Control Board,

As a resident of the Fishtown section of Philadelphia, I believe that we need more time to adequately assess the impacts of potential slots parlors on my neighborhood and the city of Philadelphia. While this is particularly true for my neighborhood, which has 3 potential sites within 1/3 of a mile stretch of Delaware Avenue, I believe it is true for every neighborhood in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia is currently undergoing a sustainable transformation into the city that it should be. Part of this transformation needs to come from strong leadership by our elected officials. It's not as simple as generating tax revenue from slots. Should you be enriching the city and the state at the expense of an improved quality of life? Throwing money at problems that exist because of a lack of clear vision doesn't solve them. Intelligent city planning, including increased green spaces and a well-maintained city park system that encourages families to stay and live in the city is essential, and consistent funding encourages growth. You may scoff, but the city of Chicago has made a miraculous transformation and has become more livable due to the policies and plans of its mayor and strong leadership by its City government. This benefits the entire state of Illinois in the same way that a flourishing and vibrant Philadelphia will benefit the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Increased urban density equals increased tax revenues for the city. A more attractive and beautiful place to visit equals increased tax revenues. Does anyone go to Atlantic City or Las Vegas for anything besides the casinos?

As a city resident, I am very concerned that my state officials are willing to choke off the potential for Philadelphia to be a jewel in Pennsylvania's crown. Philadelphia already has a strong tourist industry due to our status in American history. I am concerned about the potential rise in crime, and the effects of increased traffic on our small streets and historic neighborhoods. I believe that slot parlors will take people from their cars into the casinos and back into their cars. Instead of enjoying the truly impressive sights, shopping, and restaurants that Philadelphia has to offer, we'll become a way station on the way to gambling. I worry that this will erode the city in the way that Atlantic City has been eroded by its casinos.

I believe the June 2nd deadline for public comment is unreasonable since the negative impacts may be so great. Offers of wage tax relief from the taxes taken from slots parlors seem like a ploy to sell the idea to the residents of the city, especially when we will bear the social costs such as increased crime. I believe that if you do this you will see the effects of urban flight once again, in a time when

many urban populations are growing sustainably. If my city is damaged by the rush to put in the slot parlors, I can promise that you will not have my vote and I will do everything possible to see that there is a clean sweep out of office of every politician that has tried to sell off the soul of Philadelphia.

Protecting the future of Philadelphia protects the future of Pennsylvania. Don't be so quick to gamble away our future!

Respectfully,
Brandy Hartley

Brandy Hartley


Id: 1149086464504
From: **Barbara A. Braciale**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCiccio, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 31, 2006 10:41 am**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of South Philadelphia my whole life, and more particularly, a resident of the waterfront area of Philadelphia for over eighteen (18) years, you are advised that I am in opposition of the propose3d casino site at Columbus Boulevard and Reed Streets, known as the propoosed "Foxwoods" casino.

You must, with all due respect, reject the proposal of Foxwoods and their backers. I and my neighbors do not want a Casino in our backyard. This casino is proosed to be constructed approximately four (4) blocks from my beautiful home in my upscale neighborhood. Homes in my neighborhood are selling for approximately \$400,000, and more specifically, new construction's asking price, only one half (1/2) block from my home, is \$699,999 and over. Thus, it must be concluded that Foxwoods' credo that my neighborhood and area are a blighted one is distorted an frankly erroneous and/or misleading. This categorization is a strategy to get approval for their casino by making the claim that they will enhance our neighborhood. You are advised that our neighborhood does not need enhancing at least that prescribed by Foxwoods. A viable comparison

would be to ask the question: "What type of enhancing has bene done for the residents of Atlantic City - none"?

I hope your realize that my letter constitutes thousands of letters for those individuals who cannot voice their opinions and requests in wriring, but have had their desires expressed in person and during some of our recent protests.

My neighbors and I do not want a Casino built in South Philadelphia, and more specifically, in our neighborhood, where "everything is dumped" - movie theatres - sporting statiums, etc. Enough is enough. Gridlock is starting to be a real problem with the construction of the Ikea and Lowes facilities in the newly-created malls, on Columbus Boulevard, coupled with the previous constructions of the home improvement centers.

Quality of life, particularly in today's environment is so crucial to all of us in this country. We strive to achieve a better life - a life free of drugs, altercations, murders and just a better well-rounded life style - just like the life-style that my sisters and brother enjoy in the Charlottesville, Virginia area and in the suburds of Indiana and Long Island, New York. I want the same life-style that they enjoy; to build a casino in my neighborhood will destroy my quality of life and those of my children and my neighbors. Prostitution and drugs will be rampant; altercations and armed robberies will prevail.

For once, government must honor the desires of those they govern, particularly when it is a viable, meaningful and life-enhancing request.

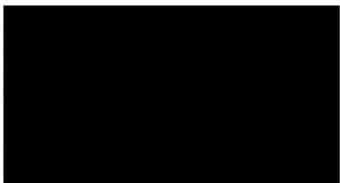
Therefore, with all due respect, what do we need to have you honor our wishes? Are our letters and petitions enough? Please advise what is needed to stop this action of building a casino in South Philadelphia on Columbus Boulevard, and I will garner our neighbors to take the necessary action required.

With all due respect, I am,

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Braciale

We need your help with the casinos!



Id: 1149044076333
From: Marianne Connell
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 10:54 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

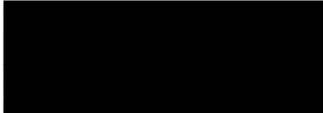
I ask you today, "How can you change our neighborhood without consideration of the people who live here!" YOU do not live here. If it is that important to you, build the casino in your backyard.

As an active member of the Home and School Association of Scared Heart of Jesus Catholic School (Moyamensing Avenue and Reed Street), I urge you to not allow for this casino to be built near our school. Do you realize that it is only TWO blocks away from our school? Do you care? Or is it because it is not a public school and we really do not matter?

We are the ones who vote for you. We get the voters out rain or shine!

PLEASE HEAR US!!!! WE DO NOT WANT THE CASINO AT DELAWARE AND REED STREETS!

Marianne Connell



Id: 1149036050116
From: Lorraine Hagendorf
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 8:40 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

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Life in South Philly:

- High cancer rate (refinery)
- Plan our travel according to Sports Complex scheduling
- Basements flood when more stadiums are added and overburden antiquated sewer system (where were the usage studies?)
- Now we are TOLD to house a casino where we are raising our children.
- Now we are TOLD by our state and city government to believe that this will be an improvement??

Lorraine Hagendorf

Id: 1149019194443
From: Paulette Kelly
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 3:59 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials,

As a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, the Pennsport neighborhood and the Vice President of Sacred Heart of Jesus Home and School Board. I urge you to support your constituents, the people who put you in office, the people for whom you WORK by adding your voice to the fight against the Foxwoods casino at Delaware and Reed Streets.

The placement of a casino within a residential area is absurd, not to mention the proximity to neighborhood schools, playgrounds and churches. Our community has been burdened with the fall-out from the overdevelopment of Delaware Avenue for the past several years. Enough is enough.

As a taxpayer and active voter, I encourage you to listen to the voices of the people you are meant to serve, do not place a casino at Delaware Avenue and Reed Street.

Paulette Kelly
Pennsport Resident and
Vice President of Sacred Heart of Jesus
Home and School Board

We need your help with the casinos!

Paulette Kelly


Id: 1149015839767
From: **Patty Griffin**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 30, 2006 3:03 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: no

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Patty Griffin
Pennsport

Patty Griffin

Id: 1149015715792
From: **Carrie**

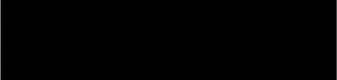
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To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 3:01 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Please take time to do research about the effects of casinos so close to residential areas. Is this really the type of "tourism" we want to draw to Philadelphia? It's not like the tourists who travel to the casinos are going to support locally owned shops, business, restaurants (except Pats and Geno's - which will destroy the neighborhoods around those tourist hot spots). Face it. People go to Casinos for free alcohol. We're going to have an increase of drunk drivers, as if we need more. Don't get me started on the traffic.

This whole plan is beyond ridiculous. Slow down and please listen to us - the people this actually impacts. Don't cave to big business.

I will be watching this issue and you must know that our neighbors are not happy. Remember what happened with the pay raise scandal? Officials were voted out. That's what will happen here if you don't listen to your constituents.

Carrie


Id: 1149015668341
From: Patty Griffin
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
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Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

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Patty Griffin

Id: 1149007863134
From: Regina Griffin-Kelly
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 12:51 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials and Members of the PA Gaming Control Board,

As a lifelong resident of Pennsport, I implore you to listen to what the citizens of our neighborhood are saying about the proposed Foxwoods site. The idea of a casino at Delaware and Reed Sts in an area that is already overburdened by strip malls, large retail stores, fast food restaurants, gas stations, strip clubs and a multi- screen movie theater is ludicrous. You can't possibly have our best interests at heart.

The increased traffic congestion, parking issues, and crime will make it impossible for our children to play safely on our streets. Our senior citizens will no longer be able to walk the streets alone and enjoy their independence.

We are a community of families with history in this neighborhood as well as families who have moved here and are starting their own traditions. We are speaking out because we truly care about our neighborhood and the City of Philadelphia. If you care about this city of neighborhoods, then you will support us.

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Regina Griffin-Kelly
Pennsport

Regina Griffin-Kelly

Id: [1148996342552](#)
From: Margaret Barnes-DelColle <321tandm@voicenet.com>
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 9:39 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Philadelphia Officials, Slow down. Give neighborhoods a chance. There must be a buffer zone between residential and casinos!

Margaret Barnes-DelColle

Id: [1148989834240](#)
From: Margaret Stuski
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 30, 2006 7:50 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Our neighborhood is TOO CONGESTED AS IT IS...WE DO NOT WANT ANYMORE UNNEEDED TRAFFIC AND OR HUDLUMS GOING THRU OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CASINOS SHOULD STAY AT RESORT COMMUNITIES!

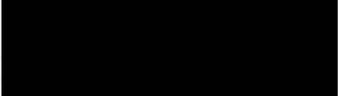
Margaret Stuski

Id: [1148937576342](#)

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From: James Moylan
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 29, 2006 5:19 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

The location of the proposed Foxwoods casino is one that would be a terrible addition to the area. It has no chance of being a benefit to this neighborhood. It would provide terrible traffic and deterioration of a fine section of the city. With the progress that has been made in recent years to this area, it would immediately transform a vibrant, family neighborhood into one in which people would leave in droves and drop property values significantly. Of the proposed locations, this is by far the worst one. The casinos should help, not destroy, the areas around them!

James Moylan


Id: [1148870024833](#)
From: Kenneth Rosso
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilwoman Blackwell, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Representative Roebuck, Mayor Street, Senator Williams
Date: May 28, 2006 10:33 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am writing to let you know that I will do everything in my power as a citizen to stop the rushed approval of casinos in Philadelphia. This is a clear case of corruption and I will not stand for it.

There was not enough time and not enough information given to citizens to make an informed decision. The legislation was passed in the middle of the night over a holiday without citizen input. If that weren't bad enough, the PA Gaming Board has yet to oversee any casino activity, and its members are already being linked illegal activity! How many Federal probes does it take for us to learn our lesson???

I'll be watching your activities closely over the next few

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months to see if you are working to stop the current plans and start over with a good timeline and significant opportunities for public input. Thank you for your public service.

Kenneth Rosso


Id: 1148826665361
From: marc ferm
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 28, 2006 10:31 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Your Honor:

I understand how busy you are, however this is a matter of extreme importance to the members of this community. The proposed site of Foxwoods Casino at Columbus Blvd & Reed Streets is the least practical site for a casino of all the proposed sites. The neighbors of the impacted communities already deal with an unhealthy amount of traffic, noise and litter from the large shopping centers and professional sports complex site. The impact on our already strained quality of life will be devastating. Please consider the following:
The residents living closest to the proposed site are the most strongly opposed group in the city.
The affected communities have nothing to gain by having a casino in our backyard and risk lowered property values.
Official studies have produced reports confirming that Columbus Blvd & Reed is the least practical site for a casino.
The reports presented by Foxwood in regard to traffic patterns generated by a casino in these area are not accurate and are modified to favor Foxwoods.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Marc Ferm

marc ferm


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Id: 1148675140950
From: Sean Benjamin
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Taylor
Date: May 26, 2006 4:25 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

What residents need:

Time. The June 2 deadline set by the state for public comment is unacceptable. The city must call on the Gaming Board to permit public comment until at least December 31. In the best interest of our community, the city must also urge the Gaming Board to postpone casino licensing for one year.

Information. The City must promptly activate the Philadelphia Gaming Commission to assist residents in their day-to-day dealings with casino applicants and the Gaming Board. In addition, the city should use its clout in Harrisburg to get the State Gaming Board to release more information about the casinos' plans.

Money. The City should immediately provide each community group within a mile of the casinos with \$20,000 to pay for expert assistance and advice.

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**** Traffic Plans ****. According to the proposed casinos' reports, one casino in the Fishtown area will expect to bring in an additional average of 2,000 cars per hour, 24 hours a day, into Girard and Arimingo streets via exit 23 off I95. Never mind that those exits are barely sufficient as they are now, but neither one of those exits allows one the option of traveling either south or north;

If you're going north on 95 and take exit 23, you have no choice but to keep going north on Arimingo.

If you're travelling south on 95 and take exit 23, you have no choice but to continue travelling south on Girard.

The city has plans to correct this situation... in the year

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2011. That means 2,000 cars per hour will be gridlocked in the single-lane residential streets all over the area.

**** The Public's Say **** City Council, State Representatives, and the Gaming Board have all acted without consulting the public before approving the construction of 14 casinos in Pennsylvania at once.

Sean Benjamin

Id: 1148675017778
From: Sean Benjamin
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione, Representative Taylor
Date: May 26, 2006 4:23 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

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Id: 1148671032990
From: FMC
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 26, 2006 3:17 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Nearly every morning I drive down Washington ave to Delaware Ave and have taken in the beauty of the Ben Franklin Bridge against the sky, it was a picture perfect scene.

The concrete mountain at the foot of Spruce St. and the Ship that never leaves the port at the foot of Washington Ave. exit have eliminate the "picture perfect scene". And now the city and state will further destroy the waterfront with Casino's and parking garages!

The City needs a plan and it should not include Casino's!

FMC

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Id: 1148655952417
From: Caryn
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 26, 2006 11:05 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

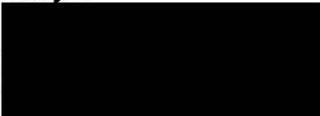
It makes no sense whatsoever to build gigantic windowless buildings on land with the best views in Philadelphia. It's criminal to do so without adequately providing for the input of Philadelphia residents. Citizens have been asking their local government for decades to come up with a comprehensive riverfront development policy. These requests have been consistently ignored. Philadelphians are still being ignored today. Questions about traffic, design integration, safety, and the allocation of public resources abound.

Neighborhood organizations are on their own- your best answers are 'there's nothing to be done' or 'our hands are tied'. You are betraying the people who live here by not getting out in front of this issue. Philadelphia development must be decided upon by Philadelphians, not by Harrisburg. The good cop, bad cop act has got to stop!!!

You keep talking about appointing another nonprofit entity to oversee waterfront development issues. Philadelphians do not need another layer of bureaucracy separating them from the proper function of their government. Nor do they want it.

Stand up- be loud!- for Philadelphia.

Caryn



Id: 1148607093514
From: S. Russow and L. Russow
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr.

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Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams

Date: May 25, 2006 9:31 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

No casino in East Falls. My husband and I are a professional couple who have devoted many volunteer hours to the East Falls community. The community is better than ever and improving daily. That will come to a halt with the casino. The traffic projections alone are enough to create huge problems. I do not intend to list all of the negatives of a casino in East Falls you have heard them.

We also vote, at our next opportunity we have decided to vote against all state and local officials who support the casino. I am sure you are aware of recent events involving dissatisfied voters ousting standing representatives. We have also decided that we will, if the casino is located in East Falls, put our lovely home on the market and move out of Philadelphia to the suburbs.

It is absolutely amazing that our representatives actually believe the majority of the community want the casino when in reality the neighborhood does not! Are you only listening to the casino representatives? I guess you'll hear us in the voting booth. It is sad that our representatives no longer watch out for the communities that voted them into office.

S. Russow and L. Russow

Id: 1148606439561
From: Sandra and Lloyd Russow
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 25, 2006 9:20 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos! NO CASINO in EAST FALLS
Private: yes

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Sandra and Lloyd Russow

Id: [1148592569666](#)
From: Thomas M. Muldoon
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 25, 2006 5:29 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am an Evangelical Christian and am opposed to the gaming habit for religious reasons. Winning "easy money" in the lottery or at a casino disrespects those who must earn their bread through hard work and slights the Providence of God.

State and local governments should not encourage gambling, let alone work hand in glove with casino tycoons to build slots parlors in troubled urban neighborhoods.

Say "no" to Trump's proposed slots parlor in East Falls.

Rebuild Women's Medical Hospital instead.

Thomas M. Muldoon

We need your help with the casinos!

Id: 1148513984398
From: Fritz Dietel
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 24, 2006 7:39 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials:

I am a twenty year resident of Pennsport. I write to express my opposition to the Foxwoods Casino proposed at the South Philadelphia site of Columbus Blvd. at Reed. A casino will bring blight to our neighborhood and cause an exodus of good, taxpaying citizens. I live three blocks from the proposed site. I drive on Columbus Blvd. on nearly a daily basis. The new shopping centers, box stores and condominium have caused enough traffic problems for Columbus Blvd. Pennsport will not be able to handle the congestion caused by a casino or a new ramp off of I-95.

A casino will make living in Pennsport unbearable. A casino will lead to increased traffic

Fritz Dietel

Id: 1148511955796
From: Kathleen O'Neill
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 24, 2006 7:05 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected officials:

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Kathleen O'Neill

Id: 1148503084073
From: Concetta A. Bencivenga
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 24, 2006 4:38 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Please PLEASE re-consider the effort to put the Trump Casino near East Falls. East Falls is becoming a hugely popular place and I can really see it becoming Philadelphia's version of "Buck Head" in Atlanta. Nothing would kill our momentum faster than a casino within a stone's throw. If Philadelphia must have gaming, please keep it on the river.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Concetta Bencivenga

Concetta A. Bencivenga

Id: 1148500995454
From: Alice
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 24, 2006 4:03 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials:

As a taxpayer and active voter, I strongly oppose casinos in Philadelphia or any urban area. Any tax benefit would be completely overshadowed by a marked increase in problems that our city already suffers from. The annoying issues of endless traffic, limited parking, and incessant litter would worsen.

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More troubling would be the rise in petty, violent, and organized crime that casinos are often directly (or indirectly) connected to. Why opt for increasing any of these same problems that you, as elected officials, already cannot control?

In South Philly where I own my home, there are many young people like myself buying homes and rejuvenating neighborhoods. Property values are rising and this renaissance is luring people back into the city from the suburbs. I guarantee this resurgence of young urban homebuyers in South Philly (and other areas of the city) will grind to a halt if the casinos go through.

It would have completely altered my decision to buy in my neighborhood, less than a mile from the proposed Delaware Avenue casino site.

Please also consider the longevity of casinos (or rather the lack of it). Casinos do not age gracefully. What seems up to the minute now will seem hopelessly outdated and passé in just a few years and no longer will draw the revenue you seem so sure of.

This is my city, and I plan to live here long after you aren't in office anymore.

You represent the people and those of us who live here are saying NO!

Casinos are NOT a safe bet, so don't gamble away the future of my neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Alice Gonglewski

Alice

Id: [1148493736694](#)
From: **Margaret J. Anderson**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 24, 2006 2:02 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

As a longtime resident of Center City with friends in East Falls,

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I am appalled to think that my elected officials are considering ANY Philadelphia neighborhood as a logical prospect for a gambling casino. But of the sites being considered, East Falls seems by far the most ludicrous, not least for the proximity of the site to local schools.

The last thing Philadelphia needs is to rush into a decision about casinos that will change the character of one of the world's great cities--and that citizens will have to live with--for many years to come. I join with the other community residents in strongly supporting an extended period for public comment; city advocacy of citizen interests, beginning with more and better access to information about the proposed developments; and grants to community groups to be used for expert assistance and advice. Such funds won't BEGIN to give these groups the advantages enjoyed by the gambling experts in this negotiation, but leaving the community groups at their current disadvantage would be inexcusable.

Margaret J. Anderson

Id: [1148477504502](#)
From: Antoinette Sellitto
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Representative O'Brien, Councilman O'Neill, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Senator Stack, Mayor Street
Date: May 24, 2006 9:31 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Like many other residents of Philadelphia, I have chosen to remain a resident of this city because of my affection for it and for the convenience and culture this city offers. I have travelled and lived in other parts of the country and chose to return here.

South Philly, where I grew up, is one of the most peaceful and growing parts of our city. Putting a casino on the riverfront in that section of the city would cause more traffic and congestion the area already suffers because of the sports stadiums located there. I urge you to leave Philly as it is and to abandon any plans to build a casino within the city limits.

Antoinette Sellitto

We need your help with the casinos!

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Id: 1148429381841
From: Kathleen McGrann
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 23, 2006 8:09 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am proud to be a resident of Philadelphia. The city is old and steeped in tradition. I'm not sure casinos are part of the thread and fiber of this grand city. I'm not opposed to change and modern technology and advances, but casinos do not represent this. In the year celebrating the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin, why don't we ask "Would Ben do it?" or "What would Ben think?" I live in Pennsport an area already compromised due to the traffic congestion from I95 and Columbus Blvd and condo and building explosion. Some of our city and civic leaders are currently negotiating to have the Olympics here in the near future. I question that casinos add any enhancement to the consideration of our city. I don't think casinos should be in a major metropolitan city. There is land a plenty out in the surrounding counties, away from neighborhoods where access and parking are not problematic. Please do not plan for a casino at Columbus Blvd and Reed Street.

Kathleen McGrann
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Id: 1148400472855
From: Mary Mitchell
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 23, 2006 12:07 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

My husband and I are graduates of the University of Pennsylvania and proud residents of Pennsport who have chosen to live and work in Philadelphia. We are committed home-owners who want to see our neighborhood continue to thrive. It is a sad statement

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that our elected officials cannot or will not do more to advocate for their constituencies. I beseech you to stop the development and placement of slot-parlors in Philadelphia's residential neighborhoods. You are allowing the fabric of our neighborhoods to be torn apart.

Mary Mitchell
[REDACTED]

Id: 1148391315885
From: AB
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 23, 2006 9:35 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Please keep Foxwoods out of my Neighborhood! The placement of the Foxwoods casino in South Philadelphia does not make sense. The crime, congestion, overflow of garbage, noise pollution, light pollution, the list goes on! Why so close to schools, churches, houses, playgrounds? Out of any place in Philadelphia, why here? It does not make sense. If Philadelphia needs a Casino, it should be placed in an area that is more fitting. Away from schools, churches, and neighborhoods. Keep your eyes, hearts and minds on what is most important, the PEOPLE of PHILADELPHIA! Do not forget who you are really working for! That is not what the founders of this country had in mind. It's the PEOPLE that matter most.

If you have read this, Thank you for your consideration.

AB
[REDACTED]

Id: 1148322067686
From: Lynn Adair
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Taylor
Date: May 22, 2006 2:21 pm

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Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

I have been a resident of the Port Richmond Community for some 49 years and have seen many changes in our neighborhood. We are life long residents of Port Richmond who chose to stay in the City because of its beauty and convenience. We, like many of our neighbors, chose to stay in Port Richmond when many homeowners moved out and into the suburbs. We are the homeowners that kept our community going. Our City is rich in history and historical landmarks, which we need to preserve. The Casinos is not a way of preserving our history.

The proposed casinos will bring nothing but disaster to our thriving neighborhood. Our community is already coping with the increase in traffic due to the malls and new housing developments/town houses/senior housing & department stores and restaurants. Thousands of vehicles use Delaware Avenue each day and if the Casinos are allowed into our neighborhood, many more thousands of cars will travel through our already congested neighborhood. Let's also mention the pollution, trash, and crime that these casino's will bring into our great community.

Our politicians need to listen to their constituents and not allow these casino's in the back yards of our homes.

Lynn Adair



Id: [1148309280403](#)
From: Natalie Dillon
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 22, 2006 10:48 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials and Pennsylvania Gaming Board Members:

We have been residents of the Pennsport Community for some 30 years and have seen many changes in our neighborhood. We are life long residents of South Philly who chose to stay in the City because of its beauty and convenience. We, like many of our neighbors, chose to stay in South Philly when many

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homeowners moved out and into the suburbs. We are the homeowners that kept our community going. Our City is rich in history and historical landmarks, which we need to preserve. The Casinos is not a way of preserving our history.

The proposed casinos will bring nothing but disaster to our thriving neighborhood. Our community is already coping with the increase in traffic due to the malls and PA. Photo Licensing Center that opened South of Delaware Avenue. Thousands of vehicles use Delaware Avenue each day and if the Casinos are allowed into our neighborhood, many more thousands of cars will travel through our already congested neighborhood. Let's also mention the pollution and trash and crime that these casino's will bring into our great community.

Our politicians need to listen to their constituents and not allow these casino's in the back yards of our homes.

Natalie Dillon
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Id: [1148230701342](#)
From: **Grace Hershman**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 21, 2006 12:58 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: no

Please stop the casino initiative in South Philadelphia. Our city is the most historical city in the Nation, the seat of liberty, why would our elected officials want to desecrate this significance.

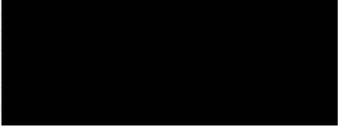
Philadelphia is finally becoming a more attractive city to live and work in than in the past. Our cultural, historical and neighborhood values are what set us apart and make living here so very attractive. We have seen a renaissance in the riverfront neighborhoods that has increased property values and civic pride.

When looking to emulate a city why not look to Boston, probably the only other city in the country with the historic significance comparable to Philadelphia. They emphasize their role on our country's history, not gaming rooms! Please look to them and heed their example and abandon this shortsighted

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plan that will destroy our quality of life and our neighborhoods.

Please stop the casino initiative in Philadelphia.
Grace Hershman
Pennsport

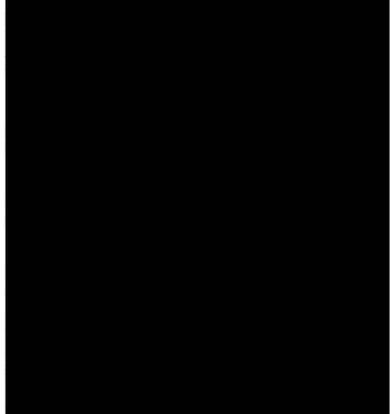
Grace Hershman


Id: 1148222556800
From: **Robert W. Hershman**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 21, 2006 10:42 am**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: no

We are a city of neighborhood, please do not destroy it by allowing casinos in my back yard.

As a lifelong city resident I have seen some serious blunders by my elected officials, but nothing comes close to this disaster.

STOP THE CASINOS!!!!

Robert W. Hershman


Id: 1148173170974
From: **David A. Jewell**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman**

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Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 20, 2006 8:59 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am opposed to the proposed Foxwood Casino on the grounds of traffic congestion. I live in the neighborhood. Their proposal to provide parking for only 6,000 cars is totally inadequate. Using the figures generated in their own traffic study, this would result in approximately 8,000 cars per day seeking parking in our neighborhood. Two results: A) parking for us becomes literally impossible and B) gridlock would make make our quality of life a living hell. To allow this kind of planning is criminal.

David A. Jewell

David A. Jewell

Id: 1148079441807
From: Steven Carlyle
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 19, 2006 6:57 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Block the greedy developers of the proposed casinos from further corrupting our neighborhoods with crime, traffic, and unwelcome intrusions into our homes and families. Local residents will pay the costs of development while reaping none of the benefits! Let Philadelphia make its mark as a center of cultural and artistic distinction, not as another mecca of soulless self-gratification.

Steven Carlyle

N/A

Id: 1148073682626
From: Patricia Quinn
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney,

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Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 19, 2006 5:21 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

Our family purchased a home on the 200 block of Dickinson Street five years ago. We moved from downtown because of congestion. My mother and grandmother have lived on the 100 block of Wilder Street for 33 years, we can walk, within 5 minutes, to the proposed casino site on Delaware and Reed (excuse me, Columbus Blvd., something else I was opposed of, changing Delaware Avenues name). We seen many changes in our neighborhood over the years, some good, some not so good for the residents who live here. We've watched property value sky rocket in the area making Pennsport one of the most desired areas in South Philadelphia to live in. Homes five years ago sold for \$100,000.00 and now can be sold for \$400,000.00. Newly developed homes are being sold for \$500,000.00 - \$650,000.000. And now they want to make a casino on prime waterfront property which is worth a fortune. We can do better than a casino on such prime waterfront property. If they build this casino South Philly will turn into another Atlantic City. It will become a SLUM. Families from this area will sell their homes, they will take the money and run. For the worth of our houses now, some of us WILL cross the bridge and reside in South Jersey, everyone knows you get more for you money when it comes to property. The reason we live in South Philly is because we love our nieghborhood. Generations of families have lived here. You will destroy a neighborhood, a good neighborhood, one of the last of it's kind in Philadelphia. If it's a tourist attraction the city needs consider one that will benefit the locals and the city's residents, send the city planners to the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Baltimore made use of their waterfront property having something for everyone. Also, will the proposed casino impact the waterfront in anyway? Will the longshoremen be affected by this? Many fathers, grandfathers, uncles, sons and grandsons earn their living on the waterfront. This is their livelihood, this is how they have supported their families for many years. This casino will bring congestion, violence, prostitution, and pollution into our neighborhood. WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR BACK YARD! To our City and State representatives, PLEASE represent us! Allow us more time and financial resources to study the impact of the casino proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Patricia Quinn

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Id: 1148070891171
From: Misty Kauffman
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 19, 2006 4:34 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Elected Officials and Pennsylvania Gaming Board Members:

I am writing to you to ask for your help to preserve the wonderful nature of our community which is being threatened by the prospect of casinos on the Delaware River. Initially, I would like to state that I am completely opposed to any casinos within a mile of residential neighborhoods. The casinos will potentially increase crime, trash, drunk driving and the demands of our public services. However, I understand that a casino may come to my neighborhood despite my opposition, and therefore it is imperative that we receive more time to research the impacts of the casinos. Furthermore, there are several conditions that must be addressed prior to any casinos opening in our neighborhood. These include improvements to the I-95 entrance and exit ramps at Girard Avenue and the establishment of a Service District for the casinos. The impacts of the development on our public services should also be addressed and the city should promise to fund the additional requirements generated by the casino developments.

In conclusion, I am opposed to casino development on the waterfront, but if casino are inevitable, we at least need more time to address the impacts. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Misty Kauffman


Id: 1148057757608
From: Amy
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

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Date: May 19, 2006 12:55 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I have recently purchased a home a few blocks away from the site of the proposed casino at Columbus and Reed. I selected my home because of the available greenspace, notably Dickinson Square and Jefferson Square Parks. There are gardens and trees all around my neighborhood, a rarity in South Philadelphia. I am very concerned that the proposed casinos will increase traffic, crime, litter, and noise pollution in my neighborhood, thereby radically changing the atmosphere. Further, I would love to see more space on the riverfront dedicated to use & enjoyment by the residents of Philadelphia, not enormous indoor complexes for the use of tourists. I am not interested in living an atmosphere like Las Vegas or Atlantic City, both of which have a reputation as extremely profitable for the owners but seedy for the citizens. My understanding is that there has not been much research into what effect such a large complex would have on an urban neighborhood. Please allow my community more time and financial resources to research the true impact of this new development on our homes.

Thank You,
Amy Pickard

Amy



Id: [1148057399672](#)
From: Caryn Hunt
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 19, 2006 12:49 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

My family has lived in South Philadelphia for ten years and we have worked hard, along with other residents, to make this the potentially great city it can be. To disregard the community while planning to erect huge buildings with 24 hour gambling businesses on our riverfront is gross neglect of your mandate. We need more time to fully understand the impact of the proposed casinos on our neighborhoods. The citizens of Philadelphia need to be fully informed and given time to respond to proposed building on the Delaware. Government represents the people.

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Please listen to us!

Thanks.

Caryn Hunt

Id: 1148054091728
From: Ashley Gleason
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 19, 2006 11:54 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

To the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I direct this letter to you, rather than my elected officials, because I am so utterly disgusted by the legislative process which enacted the casino legislation, as well as the reluctance of my city and state representatives to even read and address the issues raised by the casino impact reports.

My husband and I recently moved to the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. We have made an enormous economic investment in this burgeoning community. I realize you don't know anything about our neighborhood, so I'd like to tell you of its recent resurgence. Fishtown, for long a working class neighborhood plagued on the surface by drug abuse, poverty, and crime, has blossomed in the last few years as artists and young professionals have discovered the wonderful family-oriented community this really is. There is so much pride of place in this community that it is overwhelming. My husband and I will soon be having a child, and we hope Fishtown will not change for the worse as we bring up our daughter here.

However, after reading the Pinnacle and Sugarland impact reports, I am very concerned about the misrepresentations throughout. Both downplay the issue of traffic. As of now, we have at Girard Avenue a poorly designed exit from I-95 that unfortunately does not allow traffic to move to natural destinations such as Delaware Avenue. The state will be redesigning this exit, but not until 2012, and only then if there is a budget to do so.

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The casino impact reports lie to the Board on the issue of traffic patterns. It is laughable really, since the report says traffic will move down certain streets that don't even connect to Delaware or Aramingo Avenues. Shame on the casinos for misrepresenting this information to the Board. And shame on our city and state officials for ignoring these misrepresentations.

If these casinos are approved for north Delaware Avenue, the tiny one-way residential streets in my neighborhood will be reduced to parking lots. A lot of people are not doing their homework, and I can only hope that the Board will not be fooled by it. Please take a hard look at these traffic studies, and if possible, see for yourself how inaccurate they are by visiting our wonderful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ashley Gleason

cc: My elected representatives who I will be sure not to vote for when up for re-election.

Ashley Gleason

Id: [1148052785162](#)
From: J. Collin Gleason, Esq.
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 19, 2006 11:33 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Dear Governor Rendell,

I write to you and my other elected representatives to voice my concern over the casino approval process.

Last night I attended a presentation at the Fishtown Neighborhood Association meeting, during which a committee presented the possible impacts a casino would have on our community.

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I was shocked to learn that 25,000 cars per week will be exiting at the Girard exit from I-95. And this is only if there is one casino on Delaware Avenue. If there are more, who knows how much traffic there will be on Girard Avenue and our side streets.

But more than anything, I was appalled that the traffic studies submitted by the casinos to the Gaming Control Board provide inaccurate information regarding the Girard exit. Both studies that I read said that traffic would not be an issue, and both anticipated that traffic would turn in a certain direction which is physically impossible.

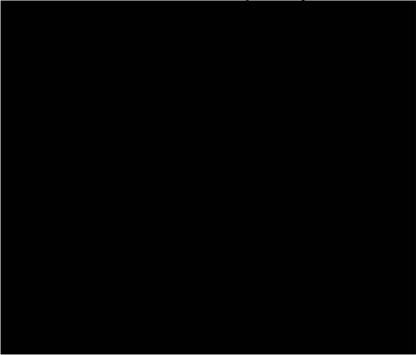
I don't expect that the members of the Gaming Control Board will know the traffic patterns of Fishtown. But as of now the process only allows them to know what the casinos tell them. Both studies have traffic making illegal u-turns on Girard, turning down side streets that don't go through to Delaware Avenue, or clogging small residential streets like Shackamaxon. Who did they hire to make these studies? Certainly no one who visited Fishtown!

Please, Governor Rendell, give us more time to evaluate the impact these casinos will have on our community. Our representatives, from the city to state level, are failing us. Help us extend the comment period past June!

If all else fails, please urge PennDot to prioritize the construction on the Girard Avenue interchange off I-95. I understand that this project will begin in 2012, years after the casinos are built. And how will cars reach the casino in 2012 if the Girard Avenue exit is closed due to construction? These are the things no one is thinking about.

Many thanks,

J. Collin Gleason, Esq.



Id: 1148004614195
From: **Simona Josan**

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To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 18, 2006 10:10 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

I have very recently purchased a home blocks away from the site of the proposed casino. It was a huge investment, financial (175,000!) and emotional alike. My dream home was never planned in a gambling environment, which will drastically change the social and economical network of my neighborhood, and not for the better. Please allow my community more time and financial resources to research the true impact of this new development on our homes.

Thank You

Simona Josan

Id: 1147920578695

From: Jocelyn G. T. Anthony

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Washington

Date: May 17, 2006 10:49 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

Proceeding with the build-out of casinos immediately will not give time to properly and thoroughly inform citizens and city officials of the full consequences of such a major change. Once started, the effects will be almost impossible to reverse whether or not the projects are completed. The total physical and cultural change that will come with casinos must be thoughtfully considered. The impact of traffic, local residential neighborhoods and other visitors to the beautiful city will be severe. It might be possible to minimize the negative effects by providing real buffer zones between the casinos and residential areas, but please, not at the expense of these very neighborhoods. How many gamblers will really care that they are on lovely waterfront property? Why not consider locating them in other than prime real estate? Don't rush this project or let it be pushed ahead solely because there is so much money to be gained. The total losses and costs in societal damage and,

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traffic congestion, and other street and pedestrian traffic hazards that may result will likely be great. Take the time needed for a comprehensive, balanced and thoughtful examination of all the factors and effects of this, please before irrevocable harm is done. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Jocelyn G. T. Anthony
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Id: 1147899726228
From: Elizabeth Anthony Nestor
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 17, 2006 5:02 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a resident and stakeholder in the Fishtown renaissance, I will be greatly affected by the proposed casino development along the Delaware River less than one mile from my home. To date, none of the published information leads me to believe that these proposed changes will have any positive effect on the local community. I have willingly invested my future in this neighborhood, and ask you to act responsibly toward the community you represent.

I urge you to use your office to postpone any possible decisions allowing the proposed development to move forward until June 1, 2007 at the very earliest. Allow residents and other local stakeholders meaningful access to information regarding the impacts on our community, and allow our voices to be heard above those of the business interests that would reduce our nascent revival to nothing but a neighborhood enslaved to Atlantic City West.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your continued advocacy on behalf of the people who have already invested in this area and who want to make a life here, not just a living.

Elizabeth Anthony Nestor
Fishtown

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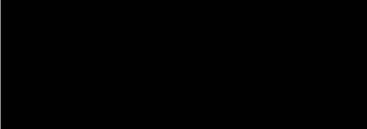
Id: [1147897813679](#)
From: Kelly Trimble
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione
Date: May 17, 2006 4:30 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no .

Dear Representatives,
My neighborhood needs better roads, more after school programs, more school funding, parks for kids and parks for dogs.

We do not need Casino's , please don't ruin my great neighborhood with the crime, traffic, trash, and pollution.

Don't turn my neighborhood into another seedy Atlantic City. I move here to live in a neighborhood, not the Vegas Strip. Our small neighborhood could never survive the influx of traffic and everything else negative that comes iwth a casino.
Kelly Trimble

Kelly Trimble



Id: [1147831829656](#)
From: ani maitin
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 16, 2006 10:10 pm
Subject: URGENT... repeal act 71!!
Private: no

to the gaming commission...

we simply don't want casinos in our area. you DO have the power to recommend that there are NO communities in which a casino should be located. there is no community that wants to

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be subjected to the crime, traffic, trash, pollution and seediness that come with casinos. you have the power to destroy, or NOT destroy, neighborhoods where people have been living for generations, where we are raising our children, working incredibly hard to build our communities.

to the legislators...

please support and vote for HB 2298 to repeal Act 71. Gaming should simply not be legal in Pennsylvania. Even before any casinos are in, we're seeing issues of conflict of interest, backroom deals, misrepresentation and community strife. a casino in any given neighborhood will decimate the immediate area and create a culture of desperation and seediness.

i live near the proposed Foxwoods site which is surrounded by strong communities and irreplaceable historical markers. a casino at delaware and reed will destroy the area.

Please do not undercut our community-building and beautification efforts by placing a casino in our midst. Everyone I know in the area feels similarly.

Thank you for attention to this critically important issue.

Ani Maitin

ani maitin

Id: [1147784906812](#)
From: Donna Pancari
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 16, 2006 9:08 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Philadelphia is a more attractive place to live and work than it has ever been. In terms of affordable housing, pedestrian friendliness, historical significance, and cultural life,

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Philadelphia has as much or more to offer than any city on the East Coast. Where do casinos fit into this picture? What would a casino bring to our city that it does not already have? I am appalled that Atlantic City does not serve as a sad indication of what a casino really brings to a community. Please heed their example and abandon this shortsighted plan.

Donna Pancari
[REDACTED]

Id: 1147753883510
From: K.M. DeAngelis
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 16, 2006 12:31 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

This is a bedroom community. If you drive around the streets late at night, it is very quiet. Hardly any cars are on the road. Very few people are on streets, most are in their homes, getting ready to retire for the evening. Casinos breed a non-stop mentality. Always open, always on the go. They are a 24/7 operation that would not fit in with the surrounding community.

K.M. DeAngelis
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Id: 1147745593309
From: Scott
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Councilwoman Krajewski, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione
Date: May 15, 2006 10:13 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I know that Philadelphia has been trying to develop the riverfront for years, & casinos may be a good way to do it. But haste makes waste! We have a great opportunity to showcase

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Philly on a National stage. Will we do it right & become the best city that we can be , or rush & turn Philly into a crime ridden wasteland?

We need more time to factor in pollution, overcrowding, crime, traffic, etc. Why rush to make money RIGHT NOW, when we'll only have to give it back sevenfold to rectify all of the problems we create by hastily pushing this through?

Scott

Id: 1147727429160
From: bruce gross
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 15, 2006 5:10 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

In no way shape or form!!! do I, or my neighbors want a casino at delaware and reed!! We don't want more ramps...or more traffic..pollution.. or CRIME!!! and reduced property values, for an area that is over populated with tourists now!!! There is not enough parking for the residents as is, and the damage to what is now the most historical area that exists in phila. will be beyond repair! It's time for politicians to start doing what the voters want...and stop lining your pockets at our expense..It's election time now! DO you hear us?? You call for our vote once a year, then ignore us the rest of the year...well...not this time! There are other sites..less populated..and other sites that might need development. WE DON'T!!! and WE DON'T WANT IT!!! I've taken the time to write. others may not..but believe you me..they feel the same way...
Bruce & Arleen Gross 105 kenilworth St.
Queens Village

bruce gross

Id: 1147723856515
From: David Sinkovits

We need your help with the casinos!

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

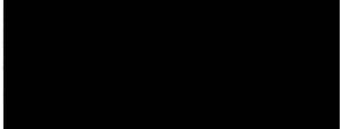
Date: May 15, 2006 4:10 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

Philadelphia needs to grow the community not ruin it with casino gambling. This type of venture will surely bring more crime and city decay. Just take a look at the slum that is Atlantic City and you will know what Philadelphia will look like in 20-30 years. Not only does Philadelphia not have the proper infrastructure to support these casinos - as in a 2 line subway is completely inadequate on a normal day for the 5th largest city in the world, let alone with hundres of thousands of visitors. The neighborhoods around these casinos will die and you will be responsible for this terrible event. Listen to the residents, we are in charge, not you.

David Sinkovits



Id: 1147723283917

From: Stephen Barone

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 15, 2006 4:01 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

I am strongly opposed to the Foxwoods casino! The thought of a new I-95 ramp along with 70,000 cars on Columbus Boulevard is appalling. I don't want an increase in cars in my neighborhood or an infiltration of buses. The volume of traffic is already unbearable and the residents of this community will not tolerate this drastic change in quality of life. My wife and I recently moved to South Philly due to the fact that the city had advantages and opportunities that we both love and want our children to see. If Foxwoods is allowed to build and run a major casino in our backyard, we will be forced to leave the city.

Thank you for listening.

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Stephen Barone
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Id: 1147723037819
From: Stephen Barone
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 15, 2006 3:57 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

We should help try and keep the casino's out of Philadelphia.

Stephen Barone
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Id: 1147721866668
From: Michelle Last
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 15, 2006 3:37 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

My husband and I are strongly opposed to the Foxwoods casino! We just purchased our home in South Philadelphia and feel this area is a beautiful, historic, residential community that will not benefit from a casino. If you want to people to stay in Philadelphia then you can't trash their neighborhood.

I understand that there will be a casino in Philadelphia, but it should not be in such a strong residential area and definitely not in South Philly. Center City would benefit much more from a casino. Tourists are not going to want to drive or take public transit from the Center City hotel they are staying at to Reed and Delaware Ave.

I think the idea of any casinos in our city is a very big mistake, but if we must have them, please put them where they will not destroy our wonderful community.

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Please oppose this application.

Thank you.

Michelle Last
[REDACTED]

Id: 1147715716461
From: Alex Cohen
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 15, 2006 1:55 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Dear Representatives,

I oppose the potential location of the FoxWoods casino on Columbus Boulevard. The vitality of Center City is dependent upon a delicate combination of commerce, residence and culture. We've grown as a city and we're finally being recognized for the high quality of life that Philadelphia offers. The proposed FoxWoods casino location threatens that quality of life with an enormous increase in traffic, the attraction of a more adult and less family friendly crowd and the devaluing of nearby properties.

As my elected representatives, I urge you to oppose the FoxWoods casino. This is our only chance to keep Philadelphia alive with culture and vitality, instead of destitute with gambling and ill-conceived revitalization.

Sincerely,
-Alex Cohen

Alex Cohen
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Id: 1147715694547
From: Jennifer Snyder

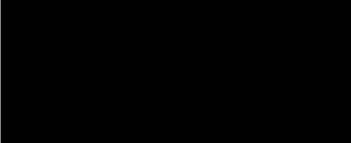
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To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 15, 2006 1:54 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

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Please oppose this application.

Thank you.

Jennifer Snyder


Id: 1147713452795
From: Judith T. Beck
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 15, 2006 1:17 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Gov. Rendell, Mayor Street, Senator Hughes, Rep. Williams and City Council Members,

I write as a resident of East Falls and a very concerned resident of the state and the city of Philadelphia. Given the lack of information to and candor with the residents of the city, particularly those who will be adversely affected by the presence of slots parlors in their neighborhoods and the fact that residents of Phila. will receive no so called benefits from the income from gambling in the state in the way of property tax relief or funding to our public schools, I write to ask that the proposed licensing of two slots parlors in the city of Philadelphia, be rescinded. The idea of legalized gambling to generate government income was a bad idea from the start and is only getting worse.

I beg you to stand up and be counted for doing the right thing

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by removing casino gambling from the state of Pennsylvania or at the very least the city of Philadelphia.

Judith T. Beck

Id: 1147710691430
From: Adam Carangi
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Nutter, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Williams
Date: May 15, 2006 12:31 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Dear Honorable Sir or Madame:

I live in East Falls and am greatly concerned about the placement of a casino in a residential community. I realize that the former manufacturing site is zoned adequately for such an establishment, but am not comfortable with this type of use. As a principal of an architecture and design firm, it seems improper and irresponsible to consider such a proposal that increases traffic so greatly and certainly and will assuredly lower property values. Additionally, with such volatile risks, it will make any up-coming residential neighborhoods more difficult to improve and will likely lower the standards of existing neighborhoods.

I am concerned about crime and traffic. My home is on a street that is a direct connector from Ridge Avenue to Henry and believe that a casino with 30,000+ visitors daily will greatly increase the traffic on a strictly residential street with a great many children and families.

With regard to crime, it concerns me that loose change now has the possibility to become a windfall if slipped into a slot machine. This suddenly means that our cars and homes are more susceptible to someone looking for easily attainable loose change with a simple window smash or back door entry. Violent crimes and vehicular crimes are always a major concern when money and alcohol mix, but it is the nuisance crime that is even greater a threat and problem. A residential neighborhood virtually beside a casino complex just doesn't make sense.

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Finally, I realize as an elected official, your biggest decision in the selection process is the potential windfall for the PA taxpayer and determining where is the most profitable place for a casino? Thus, one must ask, is someone more likely to visit East Falls & Nicetown or visit the Delaware riverfront?

While East Falls may be convenient to get to off the highway, its accessibility and potential for additional development is limited in comparison to the riverfront. Public transportation is limited after 10pm and hotels for anyone drinking too much are non-existent or a \$25-30 cab ride away to center city, King of Prussia or the Far Northeast. Thus, when considering where people are more likely to visit, would someone want to make an evening of visiting a casino with only on-site amenities and little potential for a place to spend the night? Or would someone more likely visit a popular downtown casino location with 100's of restaurants, dozens of hotels, and almost 1000 entertainment venues all within a \$10cab ride or \$3bus ride away from the slots tables?

To me, the best decision is for a location closer to the center or the entertainment districts within the city. It will produce the greatest revenue and be the smartest decision. It will not impose on a community based and family oriented neighborhood. And will offer the greatest rewards for the state, the city and your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Adam Carangi

Adam Carangi

Id: 1147710110612
From:
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 15, 2006 12:21 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

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I recently moved to Philadelphia from San Francisco. I came here because I saw opportunity. The opportunity to own a home in a city with a rich history, outstanding support for the arts, cultural diversity and unforgettable neighborhoods. I chose South Philadelphia as my place to reside. I now enjoy a life with generous neighbors, enjoyable employment and strong sense of pride and identity that I never had growing up in California. What I cannot understand is why Philadelphia would even consider building casinos in our neighborhoods. Atlantic City is extremely close. I work out there on occasion as an entertainer and don't mind the commute. I would rather keep the commute than have the casinos in my backyard. If casinos were built I would most likely move from the city and likely out of state hopefully before losing my shirt when I sell the house. There are so many reasons casinos are a bad idea. Many of these have been shared with you. I can't think of any other cities that have prospered from bringing casinos to their area. In Las Vegas everyone lives in the suburbs, Reno leaves much to be desired, Atlantic City's downtown has deteriorated and in Lake Tahoe no one lives near the casinos. Every other casino I have been to has been on Indian Reservations so they aren't near any cities. This whole idea doesn't make any sense and I fear that it will send Philadelphia backwards into rougher economic and social times that I don't want to have as a part of my experience here. I feel that Philadelphia is already building too quickly as a result of the subsiding real estate boom. This would only immensely magnify this reality. Please do not allow this to happen.

Id: 1147659599143
From: John Zhao
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 14, 2006 10:19 pm
Subject: No casinos in Philadelphia
Private: no

Dear Government Representative,

Having casinos in Philadelphia will bring down Philadelphia's friendliness, safety, reputation. It will discourage visitors from coming and encourage residents to move away from the

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city. Please do not allow casinos in our city.

Sincerely,
John Zhao

John Zhao


Id: [1147644148269](#)
From: Karen Winner
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 14, 2006 6:02 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

To those who love Philadelphia - and make our laws and policies,

Philadelphia seems to have a development policy that is based on the idea that we can improve the city by bringing in outside money - from tourists, developers, etc. I don't understand why city planners don't understand that making the city a good and friendly place to live in would bring more benefit to the city, economically included, than trying to find ways to separate out-of-towners from their money. The worst of the worst ideas to bring money to our lovely city is by bringing in casinos. It will destroy the cohesiveness of neighborhoods and what makes Philadelphia BETTER than New York - it's friendliness and manageability. The developers of the casinos do not care about this at all. They just care about the money that they will make. And, the worst of the worst places to build a casino is a Reed and Delaware. That is a thriving buisness area - a casino will ruin all of that.

To those of you who love this city and have its fate in your hands, PLEASE DON'T BE SHORTSIGHTED. Take the time to plan for this city, that is "catching on." Suddenly all the developers are eyeing Philadelphia and think it's an easy mark for their personal money-making schemes. I think the idea of any casinos in our city is a very big mistake that we will soon (and bitterly) regret. But, if we must have them (rammed down our throats), please put them where they will not destroy what we have that is good.

Karen Winner
South Philly

Karen Winner


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Id: 1147584155007
From: Andy Kim
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Senator Kitchen, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Representative Rieger, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 14, 2006 1:22 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Surely, you have reached your decisions after much work, long deliberations and perhaps some sleepless nights. Thank you for the work you do. Please note my objection to the casinos.

With casinos in our city, outside revenue may come in, but at the much greater expense of our citizens and our city's historic character. Casinos will create even more economic disparity between the rich and the poor, offering Philadelphians another false fix. Do you believe casinos will benefit a city devastated by crack cocaine?

Thank you for your efforts, but casinos do not provide the kind of financial cure Philadelphia needs. Would you be willing to work with your citizens on finding an alternative, better solution?

Andy Kim - Philadelphian

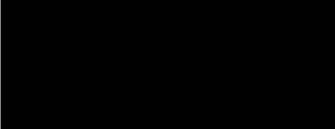
Andy Kim


Id: 1147575250944
From: Catherine Leung
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 13, 2006 10:54 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

We need your help with the casinos!

To whom may concern,
I felt really upset when I heard that the city government was going to allow the casinos be built at Reed and Columbus Blvd. Since I am a teacher from South Philadelphia High School, I feel very concerned about my students' safety. Casinos will affect the lives of my students and their families negatively. There were already enough fights and violence in the school. Please do not add one more thing for us to deal with-- "gambling". Thank you very much.

Catherine leung

Catherine Leung


Id: 1147546450274
From: Irene Anthony
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Representative Oliver, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 13, 2006 2:54 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

As a resident of Philadelphia I do NOT want a casino anywhere in Philadelphia. If it is the goal of the city to attract young people and retain them here, casinos are not the answer. We need more parks and rec, better schools, more culturally minded initiatives. Casinos are only going to attract the dregs of society and I for one would be more apt to leave the city if I found the casinos adding a negative influenct to the overall quality of life.

Irene Anthony


Id: 1147545911235
From: Elizabeth Dich
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative James, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Council President Verna
Date: May 13, 2006 2:45 pm

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Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

please considered this letter as a plead AGAINST the casino project being build in S. Philly. My family and I lived here for 25 years and i really think it'll do much damage for the people here in matter like character issue, family life, and education. Please do away with the casino, it'll make money but destroy many things.

the Dich family, Elizabeth, Joyce, Grace, Joanna, Joelle, Hung, Phillip, Amy, Esther, Yong, Irene, and Emily, altogher with one voice.

Elizabeth Dich
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Id: 1147545478219

From: **Carmen Luk**

To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**

Date: **May 13, 2006 2:37 pm**

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

I have lived in S. Philly for 20 years, and I totally AGANIST the casino being built in Columbus and Reed St. Despite the profit that the casino may bring, it'll do greater damage on people's character and lives. The casino will create more problems and money can fix. Please consider our plead and do away with the casino all together.

the Luk family.

Carmen Luk
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Id: 1147545111701

From: **Rachel Tu**

To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman**

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Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 13, 2006 2:31 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

As a resident of South Philadelphia for 15 year, i deeply care about the prospect of this nieghborhood. I totally object to the casino project being build in S. Philly. My family and I are very much against it, and we'd like to make our voice heard and may you really considered for the people living here.

Rachel Tu

Id: 1147537084839
From: Aaron Searson
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 13, 2006 12:18 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Why do we need casinos? We need SAFE STREETS, better schools, less gun violence, and more trash cans. A safer Philadelphia will generate organic revenue without unsustainable casinos. Philadelphia does not need casinos. Casinos are not worth the congestion and poor jobs. Employ people to build more community gardens and to make Philadelphia more eco-friendly instead.

Aaron Searson

Id: 1147469360688
From: Joan Sage
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 12, 2006 5:29 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

We need your help with the casinos!

Philadelphians don't want our city to be like Atlantic City and yet the big money rollers persist (Philadelphia rejected casinos when then Mayor Rendell tried to force it on us). The city will not make money on the casinos--only the poor people who bet will end up paying the price in being the recipients of counseling and other social costs. It will bring down the neighborhood which no one can deny. There are more fruitful ways of bringing money into the city, such as with real tax reform, especially land value tax reform, bringing real productive small businesses and jobs and residents to want to work and live in Philadelphia. Casinos don't help in any way and we don't need to experiment with people's lives to know this.
Thank you for listening.

Joan Sage
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Id: 1147459567709
From: aaron weiss
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Representative Cruz, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Councilman Mariano, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione
Date: May 12, 2006 2:46 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

as a resident of Philadelphia and a weak hearted Christian, I would like very much to see no casinos ever being built in Philadelphia. is there not enough poverty and vice? is there not enough darkness? must I have another temptation glowing at me every time I go into town? look in your hearts, brothers & sisters, and tell me, truly...what good will come of this? may G-d guide and protect us.
peace&Love,aaron weiss

aaron weiss
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Id: 1147437923271
From: Lauren McCutcheon
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman

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Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 12, 2006 8:45 am

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: yes

To the kind folks I have before and might again vote for:

For once, can we show the world that Philadelphia can do development right? Please, let's allow the citizens, the residents, the neighbors that will be effected by the casinos decide if they want these big businesses to move to their blocks.

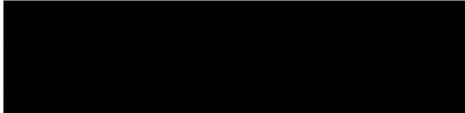
Let's take our time. Let's hire a civic-minded city planner to figure out where these buildings—be them slots-only casinos, high-rise condos, or more big-box stores—should go. Let's not jeopardize our increasingly tenuous residential real estate market.

Let's be aware that the reason people move into cities is that they want the convenience of walking to shops and restaurants and cultural events and parks. Let's join the world in realizing that smart, productive citizens like atmosphere with their development. If Philadelphia is really America's next big city, let's act like it. Let's be forward thinkers and careful planners.

Please take measures to stop waterfront development until we've decided how to do it RIGHT.

Thank you.

Lauren McCutcheon



Id: [1147398010300](#)

From: Martin Bernstein

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCiccio, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 11, 2006 9:40 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

To Whom It May Concern;

I believe having a casino at Reed and Columbus Blvd. is a mistake. The traffic is to much now without the added traffic a casino would bring. Bringing traffic from the highway onto Front St. is an error, too. This is a residential area and the desires of the community should be important after all these are the people who elect government officials and can vote them

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out.

Plus no one has thought about the sewage system overload and the narrow sidewalks.

Planning has not been good for the waterfront and there needs to be a better plan. Other than, "if they build it they will come."

Martin Bernstein


Id: [1147376184447](#)
From: Marissa McInturff
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 11, 2006 3:36 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Hello,

I bought my house on Montgomery Ave in October of 2005. I grew up in Washington DC and lived in central Virginia before moving to Philadelphia several years ago. When I committed to living in this city indefinitely, it was largely because I was encouraged by the direction in which the city was heading in terms of development and revitalization. I found - and still find - Philadelphia to be one of the greatest cities in the country in terms of history, value and promise. I love my house, and, even more, I love my neighborhood and the city I've adopted as my own.

If the casinos arrive, I will likely sell my house and move to another city. This isn't meant as a threat, I know my tiny house and tinier voice are not enough to sway anyone. But I know my voice joins with the thousands of others I hear around me as we plead with you to explore more responsible and beneficial development for Philadelphia's riverfront. I am young, this is my first house, and I never want to sell it. But I'd rather do that than watch the neighborhood that made me choose this house disintegrate.

Philadelphia is on the right course. Please don't send it careening in the wrong direction; the result would be irreparably disheartening for those of us who have chosen this city: for its past, its present, and its future.

Thank you

Marissa McInturff


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Id: 1147368125497
From: Cathy Layland
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCiccio, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 11, 2006 1:22 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am writing to express my opposition to the location of a casino on the river at or near Reed Street. The river, this wonderful resource, is gradually being stolen from us by developers, while no elected official has come through with any viable planning process which might make the river a lively and accessible part of our community. A casino would be the worst addition - with the associated crime, traffic (noise, pollution, congestion), and general decline of quality of life for the neighbors of surrounding areas. Not to mention the decline of our property values.
I say NO to a casino on the river at Reed.

Cathy Layland
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Id: 1147367105242
From:
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Ledcrer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 11, 2006 1:05 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

I am opposed to the casinos being built so close to my home. I believe we have not had enough time to see what the negative impact might be.

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Id: 1147365332755
From: James Mundie

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 11, 2006 12:35 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

As a resident of the City of Philadelphia - a homeowner and taxpayer living directly in the path of this potential catastrophe - I am greatly troubled by the speed and hubris with which plans for building casinos in Philadelphia are proceeding. There has been inadequate time to consider all the potential problems - let alone propose solutions - and very little attempt to engage the residents who will be directly impacted.

While the initial rush of cash and development must be very attractive from a fiscal viewpoint, there can be little doubt that casinos will NOT improve the character of our city and will negatively impact the quality of life of those living near the proposed sites. Gambling is above all a predatory business - playing upon the naive hopes of those with too much to lose that they can somehow beat the odds and strike it rich. Sadly, it seems that Harrisburg and City Hall are also betting that Lady Luck will grant them her favor - but the results will not be pretty.

To think that casinos will magically turn around this city's economy is the height of folly. Have you been to Atlantic City (not the Boardwalk - the actual streets of AC)? Is Atlantic City a prosperous wonderland; or a seedy and depressed district riddled with crime, drugs, prostitution, and despair where the only legitimate non-casino businesses that thrive are either pawn shops or instant check cashers? At least in Atlantic City there is a buffer between the casinos and the poor saps who live there, but the current plans for Philadelphia would put the casinos in the middle of residential neighborhoods - with 24-hour-a-day/7-days-a-week gaming and drinking.

The results will be increased crime (including muggings, public drunkenness, drunk driving, and violent death), increased noise and traffic (and accidents), climbing bankruptcy rates among those poor idiots hoping for a windfall, and a sharp decline in residential property values. That's the hard truth. Lady Luck is not only NOT on our side, she doesn't even exist. No one will profit from this other than the casino owners, and those sad parasitic 'industries' one can see today on the streets of Atlantic City.

If you wish to impoverish our City, then by all means go ahead as

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you have been. But if you give half a damn for the quality of life in Philadelphia, I beg you to reconsider allowing these casino proposals to go through.

James Mundie

Id: 1147365216089
From:
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 11, 2006 12:33 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **no**

I am a Mother of 2 beautiful children living in the city for over 20 years. And I am disgusted by this get rich quick scheme the goverment has come up with now. This city is already a dirty city and practically lawless. It has only recently become more up and coming to the rest of the country. To place the casinos in this city would be to it's detriment. Step up to the plate Philadelphia and join the rest of the cities with class. New York, San Fransisco, Boston. Even Baltimore has reaped the benifits the riverfront has to gain for the city. And 24 hour flashing lights and sounds is not the answer, not to mention the increase of traffic flow that is already unmanagable with just a few stores. Nobody had any fore thought for that either. Where is the planning??? This city has so much to offer. The history for one. We should be proud to be living in a city where so many great things happened. Not ashamed because we have casinos popping up right on our riverfront, within the range of so many residences, churches, schools. This is a shameful thing the Government is trying to do to the city. Why is it the politicians are so blind to the cities potential.

Id: 1147363983981
From: **Weaver Lilley**

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To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Council President Verna
Date: May 11, 2006 12:13 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Philadelphia residents do not want or need the encroachment of the gambling industry along with it's associated ills and social costs. In the short term, the additional tax revenues are attractive, but in the long term it has been shown that they will not offset the huge social costs that gambling brings.

Our city's historical and cultural assets are the best attraction for visitors.

Weaver Lilley

Id: [1147361005712](#)
From:
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 11, 2006 11:23 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I have lived in South Philadelphia my entire life (48 years) and had no intention of moving until the proposal for a casino just 8 blocks from my home was announced. I love South Philly and have raised 3 children here, all of which insist that they will never move away. We can walk wherever we have to go or drive. I personally would walk home everyday from Center City just to enjoy the different neighborhoods. However, on Delaware Avenue, there is already so much congestion at all hours of the day. If a casino is built on Delaware & Reed Streets, it would virtually make it impossible to get off I95 Southbound at Exit 20 to either go home, shop at Old City/South Street/Fabric Row, or come into the City to enjoy a night out at one of the many restaurants we have. The new casino on Delaware Avenue would have such an adverse impact on the entire City. The spending would decline drastically in the City, because no one would want to deal with such traffic to shop.

The crime rate would definitely increase, prostitution would become rampant, and the City streets would become unsafe for

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anyone wanting to just go and see a movie, which is located right across the street. My children are young and I value their lives. I chose to bring my children up in a city that I admire and love. I want my children to be safe in their own neighborhood. In my opinion, instead of Philly becoming safer and a more proud City, the casino would do the opposite.

Please help us to keep the casino away from our residences and do a more thorough search for a site more suitable. Extending the deadlines would help in this search. There are plenty of large commercial properties in the City far enough away from any homes. Help keep the people, who live here, here, and encourage new people to settle in Philly.

Id: 1147316992287
From: Robyn
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative James, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Council President Verna
Date: May 10, 2006 11:09 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

To Whom it May Concern:

Please think of the impact casinos in our city will have on all of us citizens who have to travel or drive these streets every day, who try to keep the city clean, who try to make this city better. Casinos will mean more traffic congestion, more mess, and possibly more crime. Casinos did not improve Atlantic City; casinos do not benefit the poor. For the majority of us in this city who will never have the chance to be wooed by major investors like Donald Trump, casinos are a bad idea. Let them be built elsewhere. Heck, suggest they build them in Camden. The bottom line is, we don't need or want casinos here.

Robyn

Id: 1147312745940
From: Jason Bernstein

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To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 10, 2006 9:59 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

The Casinos are Just a way to line the pockets of wealthy people who are based out of the state and do not have the cities best interests in mind. I was disgusted to find that some politicians have vested interests in this project and we will not be voting for you if these casinos go in our area. There is no concern or consideration for the people who will be impacted. All the studies that were done by the casinos are half-truths and fluff. This is a clear conflict of interest even in our pay to play bribe friendly city. Casinos will turn the area to a crime infested traffic congested nightmare, which bring nothing but blight to our area.

Jason Bernstein

Id: 1147285134334

From: NF

To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione

Date: May 10, 2006 2:18 pm

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

Mr Mayor, Governor, and elected Representatives

We the residents and voters of this state, and specifically Philadelphia, plead with you to postpone the gaming licence process. The people of Philadelphia do not want casinos in the city that we've chosen to call home. They are a short-sighted plan which will cause enormous harm to the residents and the city itself. This entire plan needs much more time and research and input from the communities that will be directly affected. Please reconsider.

NF

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215-423-3878

Id: 1147284724648
From: **Maureen Duffy**
To: **Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street**
Date: **May 10, 2006 2:12 pm**
Subject: **We need your help with the casinos!**
Private: **yes**

I am a registered voter who has lived in South Philadelphia all of my life, and have recently (~3 yr) become a homeowner in Pennsport. I am writing to express my concern about casinos in Philadelphia.

The development that has already taken place in my neighborhood (IKEA, Lowe's, etc.) has caused traffic congestion and pollution. I've had days where a 5-minute drive has taken over 30 minutes! Adding a casino to the mix (ANYWHERE on Delaware Avenue, even in Fishtown) is only going to exacerbate the problem. AND a ramp from I-95? Pure chaos. In addition, trash from people driving and walking through my neighborhood to those stores has been piling up. How is a casino going to improve those matters? It won't--it will only make them worse.

I would like to mention that the house I bought was my grandmother's. I grew up loving her house because of the beautiful neighborhood it was in, and still is. (Don't let Foxwoods get away with saying this is a blighted area! The value of my house has gone up dramatically since I bought it 3 years ago.) When my grandmother passed away, I wanted the opportunity to raise a family where she had successfully done so; in the house and neighborhood I love. I do not want to see my neighborhood become a haven for crime, drugs, and prostitutes. Let's all face reality...look at Atlantic city!

I'd like to stress that I am opposed to ALL casinos in Philadelphia, not just the Foxwoods Casino, and not just those on the waterfront. Casinos are not the way to "put Philadelphia on the map." PLEASE recognize that Philadelphia has the chance to become a world-class city. It also has the chance to develop a beautiful waterfront. PLEASE do not let this wonderful opportunity pass us by! Casinos are NOT the best way to develop the waterfront!

I am a young person committed to my neighborhood---I am EXACTLY

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the kind of person you want living in Philadelphia.
If you want to drive young people like me away, who are the future of Philadelphia, then go ahead, let them build the casinos!

WE are the people who would have to live with the repercussions of a casino in our neighborhood; WE are the ones who should decide about casinos in our own neighborhoods; and WE are the people who are going to use our votes to be heard, one way or another!!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Maureen Duffy



Id: 1147280632414
From: Lisa McHenry
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilman Clarke, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 10, 2006 1:03 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider your plans for the waterfront. I recently moved to Philadelphia, and I have been very pleased with Fishtown, the neighborhood in which I chose to live. It has a wonderful neighborhood feel, and it is the sort of place a person can envision settling down.

However, the proposed development of casinos on the riverfront seems a step in the wrong direction - a giant leap in the wrong direction, even. It's clear that many people have worked really hard to build a nice community in this area, and a casino will absolutely destroy that neighborhood feeling. I am extremely concerned about traffic and crime. Look what casinos have done for Atlantic City. It is NOT FAIR to the people who have lived here all of their lives, as well as to the newer people who have come here. Everyone has worked hard and it seems extremely unfair for developers to simply destroy everyone's efforts and investments in one fell swoop.

Not to mention, a riverfront is a great asset that could be used to far greater gain, aesthetically, even monetarily. Shouldn't

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cities think about a long-range plan to create a place where people WANT to live and work? The development of big, ugly, and tacky casinos on the waterfront is not going to help propel Philadelphia toward any great future.

Sincerely,
Lisa McHenry

Id: 1147229367018
From: Siobhan
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 9, 2006 10:49 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

I am a young, small, caucasian girl living in a dangerous neighborhood. Your proposed casinos will do nothing but make it worse. My friend owns our home, we fixed up this house to be able to sell it for more and improve our neighborhood. Our property value will go down if the casino's come in.

I'm from Connecticut. I saw what Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun did to our area. I read the newspaper articles when houses were being busted weekly for too many people living in the same house and getting evicted. These people came to work in our casinos. People from other countries (hey, remember how we don't want illegal immigrants here anymore?) Come to work in casinos to get money to move their families here. Casino's provide jobs for people outside our country more than our neighbors.

Columbus avenue is a mess already, we don't need more traffic. Have you people been to Atlantic City? it's a mess. There is nothing there worth seeing except for the casinos. This could happen to us. More crime, more drugs, more violence, more poverty. Philadelphia doesn't want your casinos. You'll regret it if we get them.

Siobhan

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Id: 1147217670393
From: david van balen
To: Mr. Angeli, Councilwoman Blackwell, Representative Blackwell, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Senator Hughes, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 9, 2006 7:34 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

Please be open with neighbors about the casinos being built in their neighborhoods. These are huge project with huge potential to change neighborhoods quite dramatically for the worse. They could also be oportunities to change neighborhoods for the better, if implemented in such a way that they embrace and interface with the neighborhood rather than alienating it, as casinos tend to do.

Casinos have done nothing positive for Atlantic City as far as making it a desirable place to live. If anything, they may have made things worse. Please learn from AC and don't make the same mistakes in Philadelphia.

david van balen


Id: 1147212756702
From: Panagiota Kokkalis
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 9, 2006 6:12 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

NO! NO! NO! All the progress the city has made in the last 8 years will be undone with the addition of slot machine gambling. The best way to drive out educated, working, tax-paying, good people is to develop the city in this direction. Slots will do nothing more than generate more trash (that the city will ignore), crime (that the city can't fight), and addiction (that the city will invite to live on its streets begging for change). I want to walk out of my house, get on a bus to work, have a drink at a local cafe without feeling the horrible effects of what gambling will do to this city. It is

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YOUR responsibility to REPRESENT your constituents. WE DON'T WANT CASINOS IN PHILADELPHIA. NOT NOW NOW. NOT EVER. Don't make PHilly politics even worse by ignoring our wishes and driving us out.

Frank Diccico- fight for us!
Mayor Street do the right thing...for once!
Rendell take this to another city. It's bad for Philly and we DON'T WANT IT.

Panagiota Kokkalis

Id: 1147203556214
From: Barbara McGinnis
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 9, 2006 3:39 pm
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not wish to have my property devalued by having all the traffic, crime, noise and pollution at my doorstep. I believe that by having the casino's built at Riverview Plaza area our community will be faced with the above problems including prostitution and drugs.

We don't want this in our family oriented community. This will bring pedafiles and other degenerates looking for "their lucky break". Our children are being stalked as it is without inviting more to our doors.

Barbara McGinnis

Id: 1147183385201
From: Gianmarco Cilli
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Keller, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street
Date: May 9, 2006 10:03 am

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Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

It breaks my heart to think that my beloved Philadelphia could become a casino town. There is not one city in America that has casinos that I would ever consider living in. I am a homeowner in South Philadelphia, I vote, and I firmly oppose the introduction of casinos in Philadelphia. As our representatives, it is your duty to defend our interests. Philadelphia has come such a long way in recent years. I moved here for a job in 2001, expecting a depressed and ugly city. I have found Philadelphia to be a resurgent and beautiful city, and I decided to buy a home here last year. The prospect of casinos makes me think I may have made a mistake. I am not the only one. Home values will drop. The image of Philadelphia will be tarnished. Please don't let this happen! We are counting on you. Philadelphia is on the verge of re-joining the list of great American cities. Casinos will prevent this from happening. Would New York have casinos? Chicago? San Francisco?

If you are intent on making Philadelphia a low-class gambling city, please help our residents with the following:

*** Time**

The June 2 deadline set by the state for public comment is unacceptable. The city must call on the Gaming Board to permit public comment until at least December 31. In the best interest of our community, the city must also urge the Gaming Board to postpone casino licensing for one year.

*** Information.**

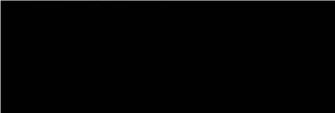
The City must promptly activate the Philadelphia Gaming Commission to assist residents in their day-to-day dealings with casino applicants and the Gaming Board. In addition, the city should use its clout in Harrisburg to get the State Gaming Board to release more information about the casinos' plans.

*** Money.**

The City should immediately provide each community group within a mile of the casinos with \$20,000 to pay for expert assistance and advice.

Sincerely,
Gianmarco Cilli

Gianmarco Cilli



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Id: 1147182174883
From: Leah Lample
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Representative Lederer, Councilman Mariano, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Senator Tartaglione
Date: May 9, 2006 9:42 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: yes

Dear Governor, Mr. Mayor, Council people and members of the Gaming Board,

Thank you for reading this letter. I write to you as an educated taxpayer, voter, and community member. Please take my counterparts and mine pleas with serious consideration. I will settle on my first home in Fishtown at the end of the month. I'm very excited, but as I look at the possibility of casinos coming to the waterfront, I hope I will not regret my decision to invest in this area one day. I would love to see the waterfront developed, don't get me wrong, but I envision open spaces, retail, walking areas, eclectic eateries, musical venues, and a community feel – NOT casinos that bring crime, pollution and traffic to ruin our neighborhoods.

Philadelphia has a beautiful rich history, an amazing cultural presence, and the neighborhoods along the riverfront are finally, after many years of depreciation, on the upswing. Many strides have been taken to improve the neighborhoods north and south of Center City. We would love to see new development, but can we please be more creative than simply adding casinos?

Have you driven in the vicinity of the Atlantic City strip lately? Is that really what you want our neighborhoods to look like one day? Not me... Although the casino developers make weak promises to invest in the surrounding communities, we're not buying it. Please, it's not too late – NO CASINOS!

Leah Lample

Id: 1147180560190
From: Anne Falasco
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney,

We need your help with the casinos!

Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 9, 2006 9:16 am
Subject: We need your help with the casinos!
Private: no

No casinos in South Philly! The residents of South Philly have worked hard to keep our neighborhood clean and safe. By inviting 900,000 visitors to our area, you will be inviting crime, trash and traffic. South Philly is a family community - keep the casinos out of our neighborhood! Make South Philly a place where families can raise their children; not where people can drink and gamble 24/7.

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From: lois Keenan
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman Goode, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Senator Kitchen, Councilman Mariano, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street, Representative Thomas
Date: May 9, 2006 8:06 am
Subject: casiNO!!!
Private: no

NO CASINO PLEASE!!!! I live close to where they are proposed to be built and cringe at the idea. My husband also takes 95 every day to get to work in the southampton, with all the traffic it could take him so much longer to get home. I love the idea of redeveloping the water front. Why do casinos need to go up to do that?

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From: TCT
To: Mr. Angeli, Ms. Colins, Mr. Coy, Mr. Decker, Councilman DiCicco, Senator Fumo, Councilman Goode, Representative Josephs, Councilman Kelly, Councilman Kenney, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McCabe, Councilman Ramos, Governor Rendell, Councilwoman

We need your help with the casinos!

Reynolds Brown, Mr. Rivers, Councilman Rizzo, Mayor Street

Date: May 9, 2006 12:50 am

Subject: We need your help with the casinos!

Private: no

Dear Governor, Mr. Mayor, Councilpeople and members of the Gaming Board -

I am a voting, taxpaying resident of Bella Vista. I work in the city. My husband and I are raising our 4 year old son, and almost daily we confront new challenges to our commitment to remain in the city, raise our family and be active parts of this community.

I am writing to urge you to reconsider any decision to place a casino on Delaware Avenue near Dickinson. This is not the type of development our waterfront needs. From everything I've read, inadequate consideration has been given to the long-term affects of building a slots casino in an already heavily-trafficked area so closely adjacent to a residential area. I am concerned about the traffic, about the increased need for police support in a city where police are already stretched too thin, and about general quality of life issues.

This area of Philadelphia has been developing at such a rapid pace, and it does not appear that anyone is looking at the proposed developments from a long-term urban planning perspective. Let's open a discussion about what our community needs and how we envision our waterfront and our neighborhoods in five, ten, twenty years from now, rather than jumping at the false promises of casino money.

Many of the letterwriters have referenced Atlantic City. My husband's family's home in Atlantic City was demolished to make way for a casino. They relocated to another home in the Chelsea neighborhood, just blocks south of the casinos. This neighborhood has not rebounded and the promises of gambling have not extended beyond the glitz of the boardwalk to affect the quality of life of Atlantic City's residents.

I expect more from Philadelphia.

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