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Full Name: Nedra Miller

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Name:

Derek Adams

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

COMMITTEE TO RELOCATE THE PENS ANY PLACE, BUT PITTSBURG

Employer:

"SELF"

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

Please, enough of this happy horse shit. The city and the Mayor's Office never supported ice hockey in the berg. Print and media coverage, when the team was winning, was basically zero!

Other cities are offering a fresh start, new facilities and eager fan bases. Play with your dirt pile and ghetto around the Arlo and enjoy, but let the Penguins

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Name: MICHELE J. ALEXANDER

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any: WIN A CROWN by Lily ENTERTAINMENT

Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

As the owner and producer of local and national scholarship pageants and competitions, I am opposed to the Isle of Capri Slots License since this license will place gambling casinos in the heart of a neighborhood that is desperately trying to revitalize and become the uplifting support for its young people. I believe that if you offer a gaming license to the Isle of Capri, you will do so at the expense of helping to destroy an area that is simply trying to re-adjust by upgrading their standard of living and by giving their youth the opportunity that has eluded this area for so many years.

The Isle of Capri will not add substance to any lifestyle since it is only meant to entertain. Casinos are better suited in commercial areas and for that reason, if Pittsburgh is to have a casino, it should be placed in an area suitable such as the South Side/North Shore of Pittsburgh since those areas are already equipped as entertainment areas.

I am the owner of WinACrown, producer of the Miss Pittsburgh Pageant and the National Miss Black Teen and Miss Latina Pageants. Our goal and mission is to always celebrate young women and help them to achieve their goals and objectives using many arenas, all of which provide growth opportunities for them. Some of our contenders come from many of the Hill District neighborhoods. They struggle with many issues and a casino in the heart of these neighborhoods will have no redeeming qualities for those neighborhoods and in fact, may serve to deplete many of the personal dreams our young people strive to achieve simply because of the nature of gambling activities.

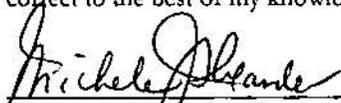
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As a parent, I feel that it is important that our youth are always supported and held in the highest regard. The manner in which we serve that purpose should never be compromised by economic gain especially if it is a gain at their expense. Putting a slot casino anywhere in the Hill District will absolutely perpetuate a different type of cast system of residents and transients which we can ill afford to house if we are to continue to develop and maintain high standards of living for our youth. Our children need wholesome places for living that perpetuate nurturing and provide stability and growth. A casino in the Hill District will not provide any of those and will in fact serve to deplete the kind of nurturing we want and need for our youth.

Think about this – would you buy a house and raise your children in that house if that house was a block away from or next door to a gambling casino? I am certain you would not – please do not place our children in harm's way by placing this casino in their backyard.

I am totally against the Isle of Capri Gambling Casino being housed in the Hill District of Pittsburgh.

I, Michele J. Alexander verify that the information contained in this written comments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Michele J. Alexander, Owner

WinACrown by Lily Entertainment

MARCH 8, 2006

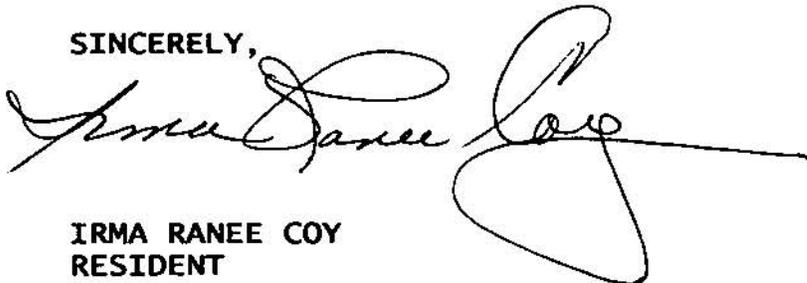
TO: PA GAMING COMISSION

MY NAME IS IRMA RANEE COY I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE HILL DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 62 YEARS, I LIVE AT 837 SHAWNEE STREET. I HAVE LIVED AND I HAVE WORKED (FOR THE LAST 20 OR SO YEARS) HERE IN THE HILL. I AM FEED UP WITH PEOPLE WHO DO NOT LIVE ON THE HILL MAKING DECISIONS FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS. OUR OPINIONS MEAN NOTHING TO OUR ELECTED OFFICALS.

I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH PLACING ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS WHICH WOULD GENERATE MORE TRAFFIC CONJESTION IN THE AREA WHERE THE MELLON ARENA IS. WHEN EVENTS ARE HELD AT THE ARENA NOW AND IN THE PASS IT HAS BEEN MASS CONFUSION. ALSO A GAMBLING CASINO BUILT SO CLOSE TO AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED NEIGHBORHOOD (HILL DISTRICT) WOULD BE A DISASTER. I WONDER WHAT THE NEW NEIGHBORS (CRAWFORD SQUARE) THINK OF A CASINO RIGHT IN THEIR BACKYARDS. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS MORE THAN GAMBLING CASINO'S AND DOLLAR STORES, WIG STORES. WHAT WE NEED ARE A LARGE SUPER MARKET, A DRUGSTORE, MAYBE A SMALL MOTEL, A RESTURANT OR SOME STORES LIKE THEY HAVE IN OTHER NICE AREAS. YOU HAD THE PERFECT THING ALREADY IN PLACE, A BEAUTIFUL HOSPITAL WHICH WAS SORELY NEEDED (WHO WANTED TO GO TO CONJESTED OAKLAND). TO ME IT'S LIKE MOVING A CHILD MOLESTER NEXT DOOR TO A DAYCARE CENTER, OR PUTTING A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC NEXT DOOR TO A BAR, OR GIVING AN OVER WEIGHT PERSON A JOB IN A CANDY FACTORY, I GUESS YOU GET WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY. A GAMBLING CASINO JUST SAYS POTENTIAL CHANCE I MAY WIN SOME BIG BUCKS OR MAYBE I CAN KNOCK SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE WON SOME MONEY OVER THE HEAD AND TAKE WHAT THEY WON. I THINK YOU SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE AREA, IF YOU DO BUILD THE CASINO TROUBLE WILL COME, THE KIND OF TROUBLE THE RESIDENTS OF THE HILL DISTRICT DO NOT NEED. THE CITY PLANNERS SHOULD SOLVE PROBLEMS NOT CREATE THEM.

WHY NOT PUT IT IN A AREA WHERE THERE ARE OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES NOT NEXT DOOR TO A RECOVERING COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Irma Ranee Coy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

IRMA RANEE COY
RESIDENT

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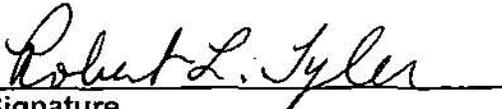
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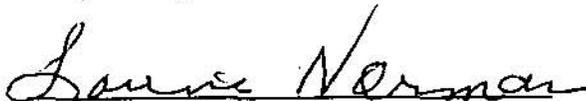
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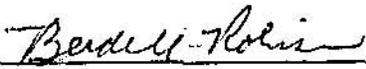
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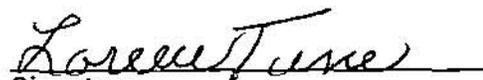
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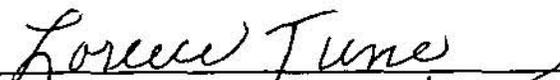
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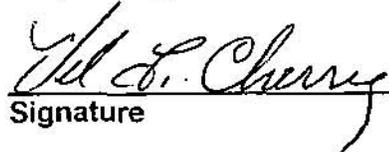
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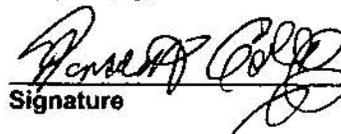
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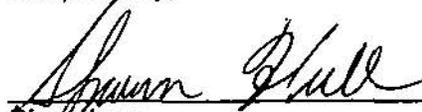
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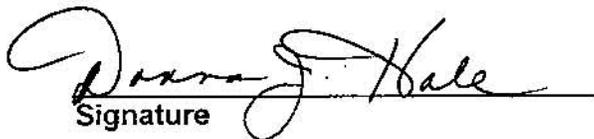
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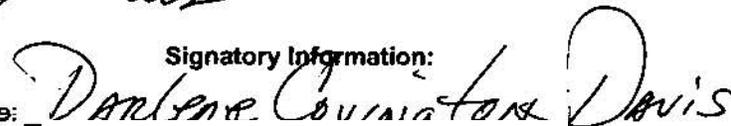
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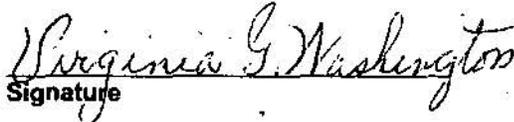
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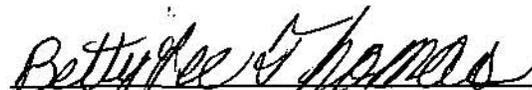
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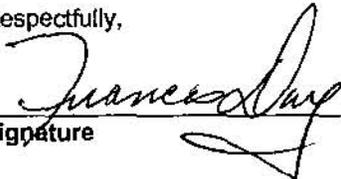
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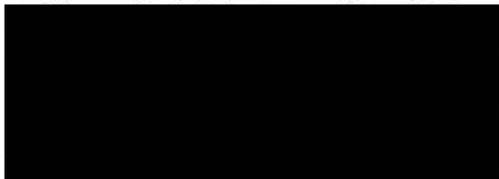
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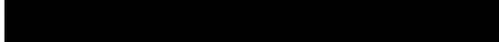
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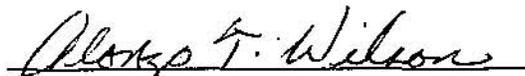
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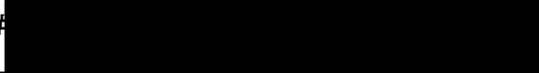
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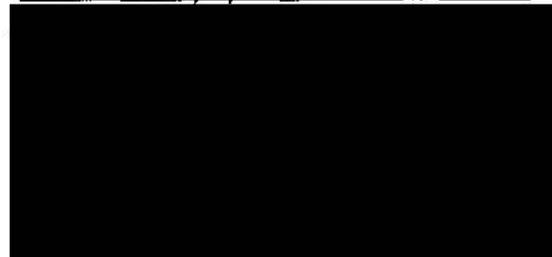
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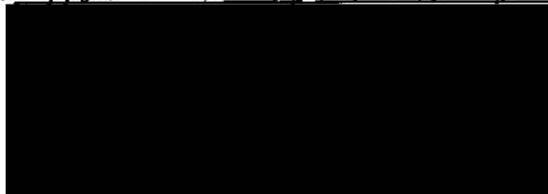

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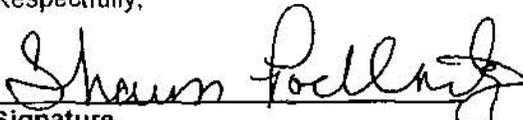
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If you've never been, I hope that you visit the Hill soon. In our heyday we had world class jazz spilling onto the streets; a future Pulitzer Prize winner scribbling urban poetry on napkins; and, the now world famous photographer Teenie Harris capturing images of a vibrant, sweet time in our history. We have been home to the Irish, Italian, Jewish, Syrians, Greeks and Poles and now African American.

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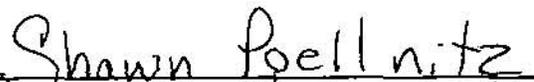
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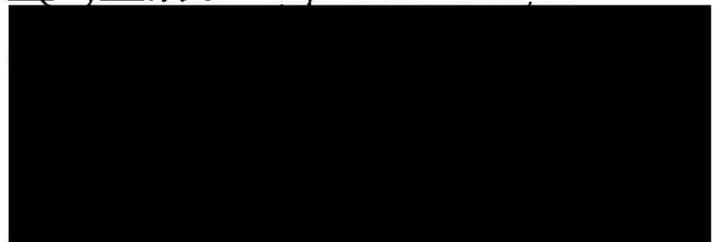
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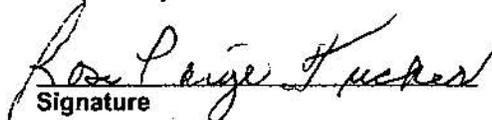
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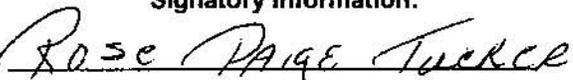
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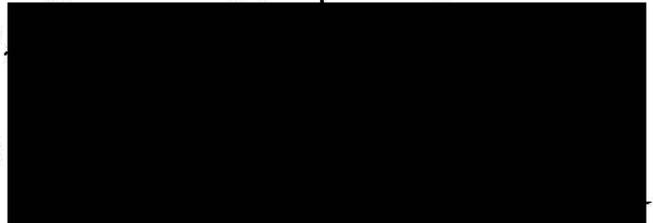

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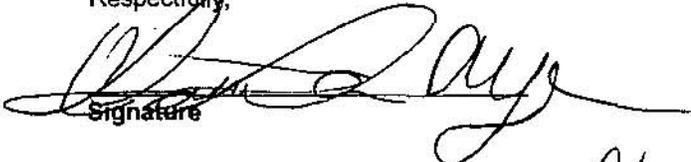
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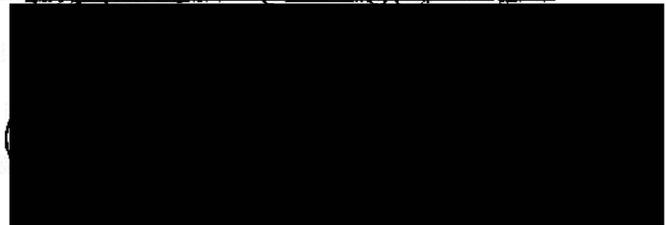
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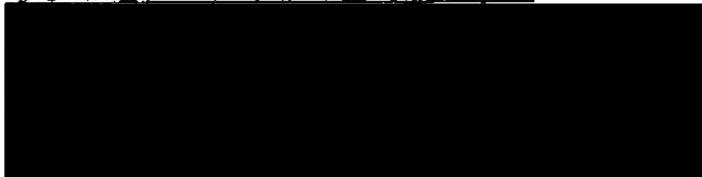

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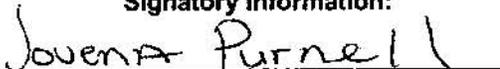
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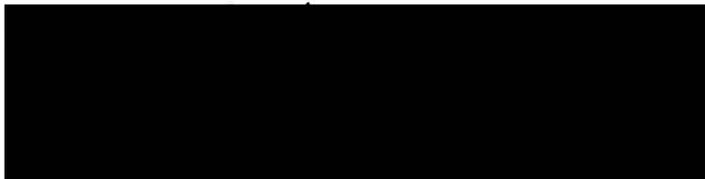
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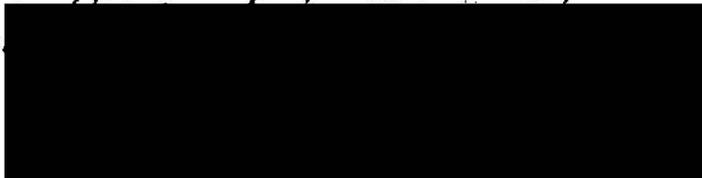
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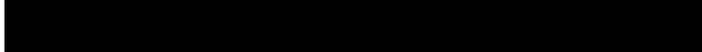
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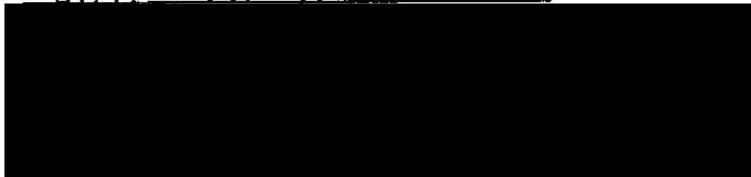
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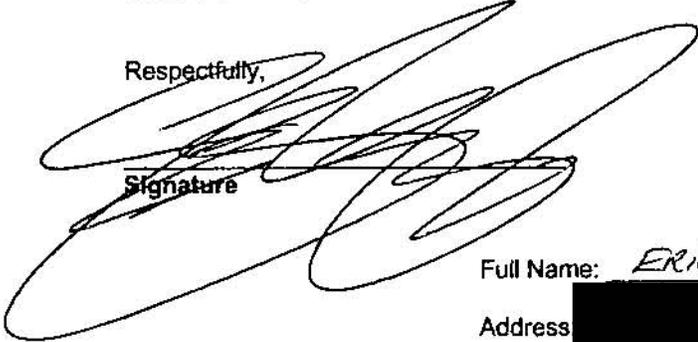
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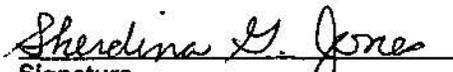
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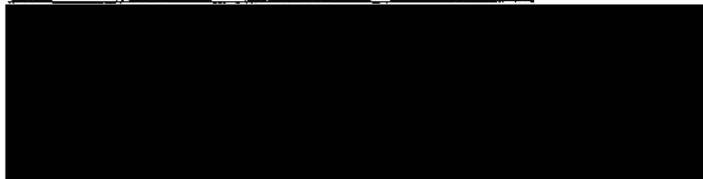
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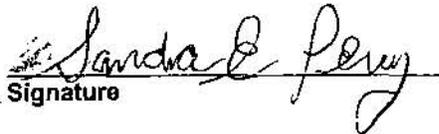
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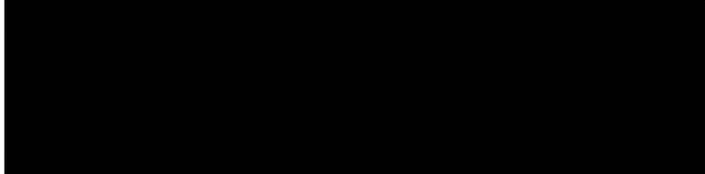
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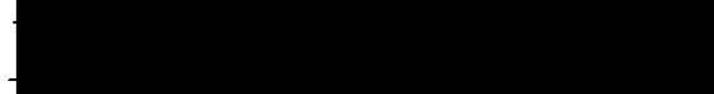
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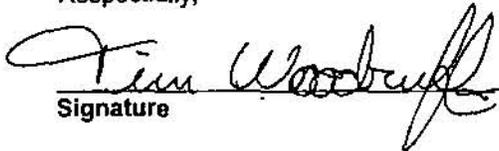
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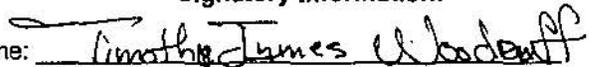
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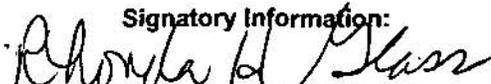
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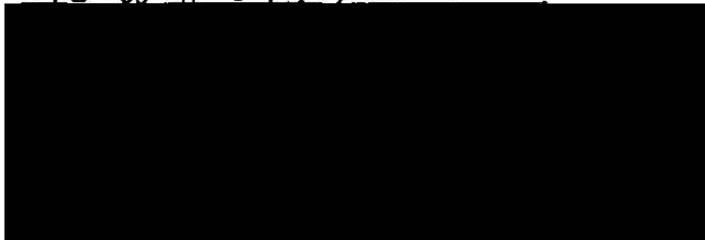
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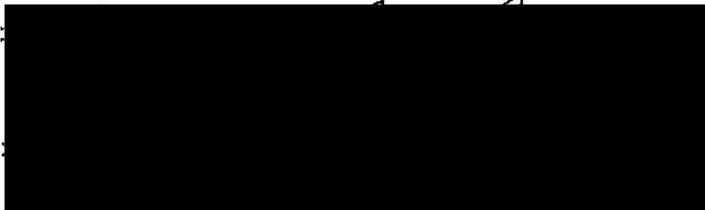
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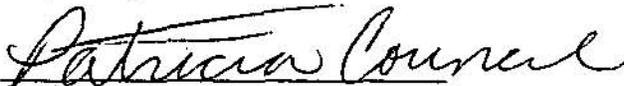
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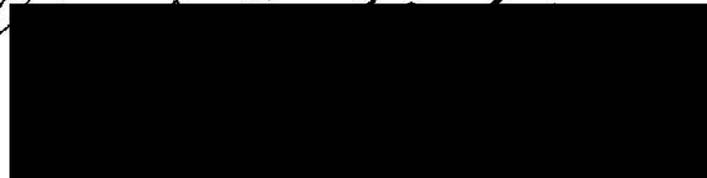
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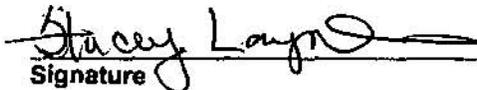
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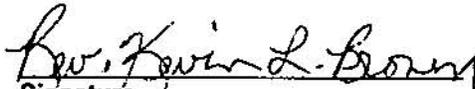
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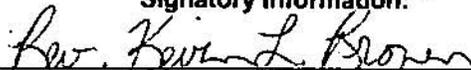
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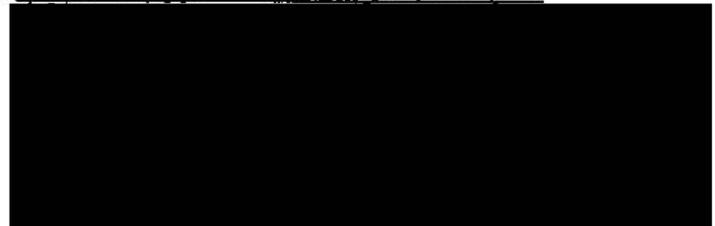

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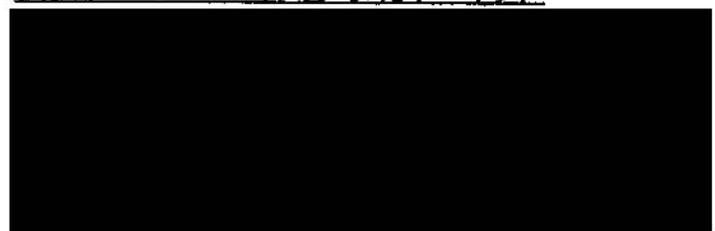
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May 26, 2006

Mr. Thomas Decker, Chairman
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
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Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

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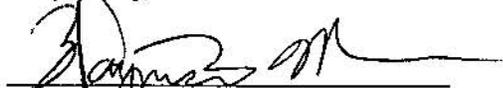
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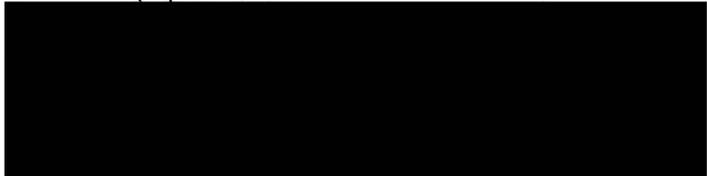
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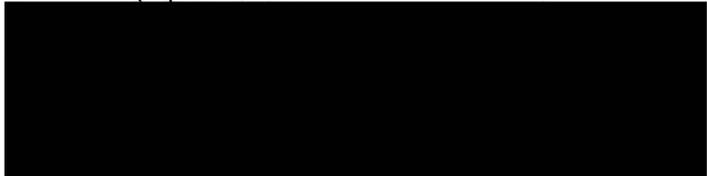
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May 25, 2006

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Dear Chairman Decker:

Thousands of Hill District residents are counting on you to make the right decision about Pittsburgh's gaming license. Thousands hope that you will...

- Award the license to the **best plan, not the most influential plan**. The best plan is the one that will have the **least impact on residential communities** and the most impact on economic development.
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- Ask for a **commitment**. Find a way to insure that promises made by applicants to communities are promises kept.
- **Use your power** to impact lives. The granting of a gaming license is, of course, on many levels a business decision. But it is also a people decision. The Hill District is a rebounding community that will face significant challenges with a gaming complex located at its doorstep. Please use your power to assure that the negative impacts of gambling are minimized for our community.

If you've never been, I hope that you visit the Hill soon. In our heyday we had world class jazz spilling onto the streets; a future Pulitzer Prize winner scribbling urban poetry on napkins; and, the now world famous photographer Teenie Harris capturing images of a vibrant, sweet time in our history. We have been home to the Irish, Italian, Jewish, Syrians, Greeks and Poles and now African American.

And, if not Pittsburgh's most historic neighborhood, we are certainly its most resilient. The Hill District survived one of the nation's most destructive urban renewal projects in the late 1950s which displaced 8,000 residents and severed the neighborhood economically from Downtown Pittsburgh.

Please help insure that history is not repeated for the Hill District. Thank you for making community reinvestment an important part of your decision to grant a gaming license in Pittsburgh.

Respectfully,



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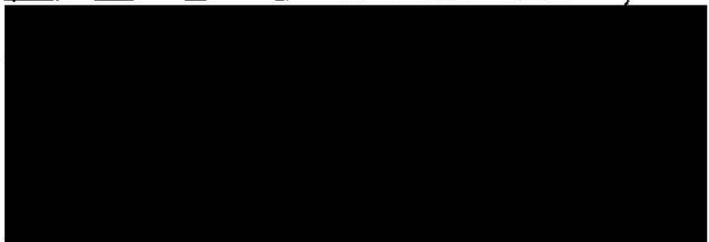
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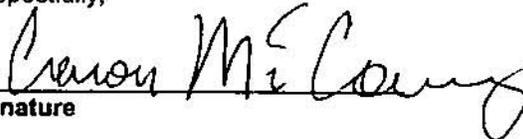
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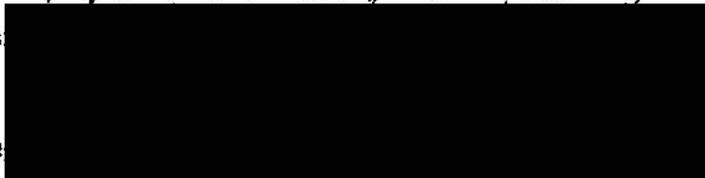
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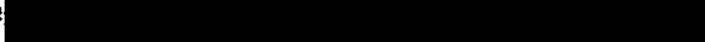
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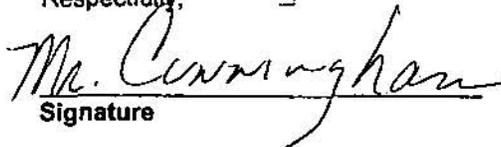
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