I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

**YES**
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

I SAY YES, YES!
CASINOS ARE EVERYWHERE!
more cars + people! Good for business in Chinatown!
Robert Moy
Go for it!
YES!
I say "CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"

Please send in jobs & new business!

Chin
Name

OK, FOR A
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

I am OK with a casino, as long
as it is using an existing building.

Mr. Mark H Rosenfeld
Name
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场!"

I SAY YES HAVE A CASINO
AT MARKET & 8th!

Lester Palmer
Name
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Ninh Thai

Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

我绝对不同意建赌场。

Kevin Huang

Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Nancy Valencia

Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Cassandra Chiang

Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

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Lai S. LEE

Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

The Area is already too congested, no place to park, this is something we don't want

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Mark D. Mill

Name
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Too much TRAFFIC

Imperiled local businesses

And too much money

Robert SHIRE

Name

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

NO CASINO AT MARKET SHUT!!!

It will only increase and target more

Crime, more traffic, less parking, inconvenience

for neighborhoods near by.

Joe, Robert & family (from bottom wards)

Name

姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，"不要在市场街和8街建赌场！"

Name
姓名

Monica Canvey - 114th Ave
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

Name

Queen M. Young
11/5/13

Name

Sabra Minkes
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Name
姓名

Tze Ai Chang

1100 Vine St AP 306
Phiia PA 19107
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

This would be a disaster waiting to happen!!!

NO CASINO PLEASE!

Hi\Hi

Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No! No! No! No casino!!
不要在那建赌场！

Michael Berg

Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

We do NOT want a casino on market & 8th.
It will ruin our historic city!

Robert & flora
Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Foxwoods 2009 comes back yet again!
Put slot machines in your own backyard.
No casino next to our nation’s symbol—
The Independence Hall & Liberty Bell

Name
Michael Nutter
姓名
I say "CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"

I think a casino at Market & 8th would be great for our local economy. It'll bring tons of money to our area and create jobs. I'm all for it.

Geoff Sauder
Name

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"

No CASINO - too many children and families are been hurt and destroy!

Ya Yung Hu
Name
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No Casino at Market & 8th.
It is a wrong decision!!

Lisa He
Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Because the Blaberion Project on Broad is a much better choice

Mike Smith
Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Pennsylvania already has
too many casino

Charles Muntean
Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Stella 
Name
姓名

Diego Hagner
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Victoria & Larry Green

Name: Victoria

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Don't target ethnic communities!

Name: Anthony So
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

A casino will hurt the most underserved in Philly and
create even more congestion than there already is in the downtown/
Chinatown area.

DIANA HUANG
Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No Casino

Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场!”

I lived in Chile Bounded 79 years ago. They don’t
Want there kids coming out everyday to go to school and
Look at Casino - NO- Hell No. Leave Chinatown alone.
Build it next door to the Mayor.

Clyde Derlin
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场!”

Kwok CHEUNG, LAM
姓名

Ruth Cheng Lam
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No Casino in Center City!

Name
姓名

Ling B. Chu

Name
姓名

Wang Ching Hsing
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8”!
让我们高喊：“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Building a casino at Market and 8th would negatively affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. Please do NOT build a casino near our home.

Danielle Scugola & Matthew McKeon
Name
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Casinos have a negative effect
on neighborhoods and on the
individuals who become addicted
to gambling. They are crime magnets.

Margaret Darby/ Charles Holdeman
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Chinatown is a cultural gemstone! Don’t taint this historical community with a casino.

Name
姓名

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Chinatown Resident

John W. Harrison II

Name
姓名
I say, "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊, “不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Please don't put a casino near Chinatown. We love our neighborhood the way it is now – quiet and friendly.

Name
姓名

Sharon Foley
陈 莲

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊, “不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Name
姓名

Mary Chen Lem
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

No Casino at Market 8th! 8th!

Pang Chor 11/10/13
Name

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

NO: CASINO!

MA CHEK KAU
Name

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

THIS WILL BE VERY DISRUPTIVE TO
THE NEIGHBORHOOD - UNDIRECABLE
ELEMENTS & TRAFFIC & NOISE

SUSAN
CHARLES MADDOX

Name
姓名
JING Y. WONG
姓名
201 N. 8TH ST. UNIT 810
PHILA. PA 1910
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊， "不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！"

Name
姓名

A casino will bring traffic, crime, and addiction to our wonderful neighborhood. We don't want or need a casino!

Name
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Please do not allow a casino at
that location — I live nearby and it would
be a disaster for the Chinatown neighborhood!

Jeanne King
Name
姓名

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

As a resident of Chinatown, we are not
interested in the Casino in Chinatown.

Feng Zhao Lu
Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

We don't like the Casino at Market St. & 8th St.
NO Casino at Market & 8th!!!

Name: Wen & Yi-Fay Gong

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Yes, I also say "no Casino at Market & 8th!"

Name: Wen & Yi-Fay Gong
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

IT DESTROYS FAMILY VALUES.

MARISSA REYNES

Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊,“不要再市场街和8街建赌场!”

I do not support construction of a casino
on 8th + 8th Street.

Name
姓名

Adolf Mancini

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊,“不要再市场街和8街建赌场!”

NO 1, NO 1

Name
姓名

Panetra Voelck
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

We have too Many Casinos
already, Stop building More Casinos in PA

Name
姓名

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No Casino at 8th + Market

Susan M Robbins
Name
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场!”

We need to build better schools, not

casinos! Absolutely NO to building

casinos in Chinatown!!

Tseng / Chan Family

This neighborhood is already making
a come-back without a Disney-like

casino to cause traffic problems &
quality of life problems for those of us
that live & thrive here. A casino
will destroy the unique & historic

Name

Leslie Linneber, resident
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

No! No! No! casinos create poverty, divorces, addics
Please bring open factories, usa made
Stop support the rich!! Products

Kasia Bokas
Name
姓名

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

A downtown casino is not the best use of commercial space or resources Philadelphia
neighborhoods turn on diversity & a casino isn't the right fit.

Kara Angotti
Name
姓名
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Name
姓名

Melissa Atiba Kapadia - Bodi

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

NO casino at Market & 8th!

Name
姓名

Mei Zhen Zhao Pan
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Name
姓名

Michael Black

A casino is too big a structure in a neighborhood of small ones, especially because it benefits only a small segment.

Name
姓名

Jeanette Bartell

19144
I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!"
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

This is wrong for our city and community.

Patrick

Name
姓名

It will ruin one of the city's tourist's destinations and cultural heritage.

Yoko Arayama

Name
姓名
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

NO TO Casino @ Market & 8th! 

Lowered quality of life for me is 
tax payer & Home owner. Let’s fight Homeless New Crime 
& prostitution, Drug crimes, & Shootings will increase.

Martha L. Ching Tang 
姓名

There is not enough 
Parking to 

I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th! 

Too many families got separated!

Madison Liu and Toi Yee Lo 
姓名
To whom this may concern,

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!!"  No - No - No - No

Our Chinatown is old and has many hard-working and wonderful generations.
Please keep our Chinatown intact and let our new generations live on and enjoy,

VERA NAVROSKY

I have been in this area all my life and love it here.
Thank you for listening and hope you understand my interest.

I say "NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!!"
让我高喊，“不要再市场街和 8 街建赌场！”

Liu Luyu

Name

Commissioner Woods:

I would like to ask the Gaming Board one question, why aren't you buying the beach front property in AC? I know why, the CASINO's. Think about it, in every community along the shore the beaches are lined with multimillion dollar homes, EXCEPT AC. In fact, they are building homes on top of each other because shore communities are so desirable, EXCEPT IN AC. Society Hill, Bella Vista, and surrounding communities were gentrified in the 70's and have only truly taken growth in the last two decades. These communities are filled with strollers now. SO why would you want to implode the most historic square mile in the US? If there is any question as to what a casino will do to a residential community, just look to Atlantic City. Oh, of course, the same promises were made in the 70's when they were convincing everyone of how great the casino's would be for the community....but the reality proved differently. No-one I know wants to go to the Boardwalk nor the Pier in AC. The only people I know share stories of being victims of crime in AC. So why would we consider putting a casino at 8th and Market Streets?

Maureen Coyle
Membership Director
Pyramid Club
A Member of the ClubCorp Family
The World Leader in Private Clubs
December 17, 2013

PA Gaming Control Board
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

As President and CEO of The Urban League of Philadelphia, I am writing to you to express my organization's support for the MARKET8 casino project.

MARKET8 partnered with The Urban League and the Urban Affairs Coalition to create an unprecedented inclusion strategy that provides opportunities for all Philadelphians.

MARKET8's plan will not only create jobs and provide economic support and direction to those interested in doing business with the casino, the project will also promote businesses in the vicinity of East Market Street through its Loyalty Rewards Program. This Rewards Program is designed to be inclusive of outside businesses instead of competing against them.

There are not that many big projects on the horizon, and the few that do exist only offer limited long-term employment possibilities and support. That's why this project – with a team that is so committed to not only providing jobs, but also the necessary support for businesses – is so important to Philadelphia.

The Urban League looks forward to continuing to support MARKET8's goals of becoming a national model for transformative economic development, and helping to bring another world-class employer here in the City of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Coulter
President and CEO
The Urban League of Philadelphia

Designate the Urban League of Philadelphia, #122, as your United Way Donor Option Choice!
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Maureen Garrity

KEY AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP GROUPS ENDORSE MARKET8

PHILADELPHIA, PA, November 19, 2013 – MARKET8 today announced the endorsements of four key African-American leadership groups for its focus on, prioritization of, and commitment to economic inclusion as a primary goal of its proposed urban entertainment project right from the beginning of its conception and planning process.

Leaders of the Philadelphia NAACP, the Urban League of Philadelphia, the Urban Affairs Coalition and the African-American Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware joined MARKET8 officials at a press conference, touting the project's commitment to ensuring local businesses and workers are fully included in all aspects of the economic growth and transformation anticipated by this $600 million development. They applauded the project's plans to meet or exceed traditional inclusion goals – and to make MARKET8 a national model for transformative, inclusionary economic development.

MARKET8 investor and lead developer Ken Goldenberg says this project offers a tremendous opportunity not just to transform this property, and thereby transform the Market Street East Corridor, but to transform lives, and hopes and dreams for so many through employment, skill development, wealth development, and education.

"As a former civil rights attorney, who got into this development business originally, 25 years ago, in order to create a financial platform my public interest activities, ensuring meaningful and substantial employment and wealth generation opportunities for all has been one of my core business objectives," Goldenberg said. "And this casino license, married with this property, provides a unique opportunity for extraordinary economic growth and transformation for all. And we will work very hard with the City, the Commonwealth and the communities surrounding us to make sure that that growth and opportunity is fully realized."

To underscore its commitment to establish an ideal program to maximize the thousands of jobs and opportunities that will be created directly and indirectly, through development, construction, and operation, MARKET8 engaged the Urban League of Philadelphia (ULP) and the Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC) to devise an inclusion strategy that will provide the greatest economic benefit to the local

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community, particularly those who are not always fully included in the community’s opportunities and benefits. ULP and UAC have a combined 150 years’ experience producing economic impact in Philadelphia and in the mid-Atlantic region.

Highlights of the inclusion strategy include:

- A diverse ownership structure consisting of members of both Philadelphia’s majority and minority communities – as well as casino gaming operations and a hotel that will be minority-owned and operated;
- The creation of an Advisory Committee to plan and review economic opportunity goals, strategies, and outcomes for the development/construction and operations of MARKET8;
- Providing opportunity for local businesses and those owned by minorities and women in the construction and operations phases of the project by specific policy and operating procedures;
- Ensuring aspirational, but attainable workforce utilization goals in both the construction and operations phases;
- Construction Participation Goals include:
  - 40-45% minority, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprise contracts (MWDBE) note: this goal exceeds the recommendation of the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Construction Industry Diversity for minorities and women of a combined 39%
  - 40-45% minority/women/disadvantaged workforce (a subset of these would be veterans and/or may be formerly incarcerated people)
  - 50% by Philadelphia residents and 75% by Commonwealth residents
- Operations Participation Goals include:
  - 24% MWDBE contracts
  - 45% minority/women/disadvantaged/disabled (a subset of these would be veterans and/or may be formerly incarcerated people)
  - 50% by Philadelphia residents and 75% by Pennsylvania residents
- Using technical assistance providers to allow the project to meet the specific needs of growth businesses, small businesses and start-ups for business opportunities with MARKET8 and/or the surrounding commercial corridors;
- Identifying and coordinating resources to meet the financial requirements of MARKET8, such as access to capital, bonding, etc., as well as to support businesses’ participation in the project’s construction and operations phases;
- Facilitating licensing information sessions for businesses interested in working with MARKET8; and

{- more -}
Extending the business transaction target area beyond the MARKET8 facility through the casino’s Loyalty Rewards Program, designed to be inclusive of outside businesses rather than competing against them.

The NAACP’s Jerry Mondesire credited MARKET8, Mohegan Sun and the Urban League and the Urban Affairs Coalition for joining forces to devise a comprehensive program that addresses many of the issues that prevent minority groups from achieving economic success.

“This program not only provides opportunities, but includes extensive outreach to the community and a commitment of significant resources for technical assistance, business services, training and licensing,” Mondesire said. “I don’t know of any other organization doing a major project that has put this much thought into its inclusion plan.”

MARKET8 earned the endorsement of the African-American Chamber because of the strength of its minority investment group, as well as The Goldenberg Group’s track record of making minority participation a major priority in their development projects, according to Chamber Board Chairman Steven Scott Bradley.

“These are people who understand the dynamics of the African-American community, who have created opportunities for minorities and who have run businesses and built wealth,” Bradley said. “Their priorities are reflected in this project’s inclusion approach and we are confident in MARKET8’s ability to deliver for our community.”

William R. Miller, IV, one of six minority investors in MARKET8’s 12-member ownership group, characterized the project’s inclusion plan as “unprecedented” and said that its principles “are ingrained in the culture of the project.”

“MARKET8 didn’t have to be as committed as it was and will be or dedicate the resources it did and will to ensure inclusion,” Miller said. “But, we are determined that the community will not be an afterthought here - and we have made every effort to ensure that what we establish here will not just be a minority affirmative action program but will be a robust holistic development program that will benefit everybody.”

ABOUT MARKET8
Located at 8th and Market Streets, MARKET8 will be an urban entertainment center with an unrivaled combination of amenities that will dramatically transform East Market Street into

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possibly the most vibrant commercial and tourism corridor in the city. Operated by Mohegan Sun, and located midway between the Convention Center, Lowes and Marriott hotels to the west, and the historic district, visitor's center, and Constitution Center to the east, and caddy-corner to the Gallery, MARKET8 has the distinction of being the only proposed casino project that can create dramatic economic transformation in an area that is anchored by many of the city's most important commercial, tourism, and cultural assets, an incomparable combination of restaurants, and the city's busiest transportation hub, but has not come close to realizing its full potential.

The MARKET8 investor group is comprised of a cross-cultural group of Philadelphians with a demonstrated track record of success in casino/hotel ownership and management, real estate development, local and national investment, business and philanthropy. The partnership includes Ken Goldenberg, Founder, President and CEO, The Goldenberg Group and People Helping People; Ira Lubert, Chairman and Co-Founder of Lubert-Adler Real Estate; David Adelman, President and CEO of Campus Apartments; Michael Heller, President and Executive Partner of Cozen O'Connor; William A. Landman, CEO of CMS Companies; Willie Johnson, Founder and Chairman of PRWT Services; Bernard Smalley, Senior Counsel, The Tucker Law Group; Dennis Cook, Founder, WES Health Centers; Cheryl McKissack, President & CEO of McKissack & McKissack; Thomas A. Leonard, Partner, Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, LLP; William R. Miller, IV, CEO of Ross Associates; and Mary V. Lawton, CEO, M. Lawton Associates.

For more information about MARKET8, visit us at www.market8philly.com, or on Facebook and Twitter.

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November 26, 2013

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
303 Walnut Street/Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Attention: Board Secretary

RE: Market 8

Dear Board Members:

The Society Hill Civic Association ("SHCA"), with approximately 1,100 dues-paying households, represents approximately 4,000 homeowners in this historic district which encompasses the area between Front and 8th Streets, and Lombard and Walnut Streets in Philadelphia.

SHCA understands that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board will issue a second gaming license in Philadelphia to one of five applicants. SHCA has evaluated only the application of The Goldenberg Group ("TGG") which, because of the proposed location of its casino at 8th and Market Streets, has the most potential to negatively impact Society Hill and its residents.

In a sharply divided vote, the Board of SHCA has taken a position of non-opposition to the Market 8 proposal. This non-opposition, rather than opposition, is predicated on the following:

1 – TGG has had multiple meetings with SHCA;

2 – TGG has provided assurances that it will continue to communicate with SHCA;

3 – TGG has promised to take all reasonable steps to address any negative impacts of Market 8 on Society Hill;

4 – SHCA reserves the right to oppose the Market 8 project.
Based on TGG’s presentations and SHCA’s review of the Market 8 plans, SHCA identifies the following non-exhaustive list of concerns if TGG is granted the gaming license:

1 – Question of adequate security

2 – Potential for increased crime in the Society Hill neighborhood

3 – Twenty-four hour service of alcohol on the gaming floor, increasing chances that inebriated gaming patrons will create problems in this adjacent residential neighborhood.

4 – Illuminated signage

5 – Inevitable increase in traffic in this historic residential neighborhood which already suffers from traffic congestion

6 – Serious impact on already-scarce parking required by residents and customers of Society Hill merchants.

If the Market 8 proposal becomes a finalist, SHCA urges the Gaming Control Board to require TGG to address the foregoing issues, and insist that it provide specific explanations as to how it will mitigate these potential problems.

SHCA has appreciated TGG’s willingness to discuss concerns regarding Market 8. If the Gaming Control Board grants TGG Philadelphia’s second gaming license, SHCA expects that TGG will continue working with SHCA to address these and other issues as they arise.

The Board of the Society Hill Civic Association thanks the Gaming Board for its consideration of this letter of non-opposition.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steve Weixler
President
The profile of an East Coast city should include as many cultural, entertainment, cuisine and special services as possible. The inclusion of the Market 8 proposal is perfect for the location proposed and offers entertainment possibilities that will enhance the Market Street area for both residents and visitors. The plan is excellent and knowing the developer, because they developed the condominium that I live in, I am completely in favor of granting this license and look forward to using facilities.
I believe MARKETB would provide the economic development catalyst Philadelphia needs. It would also best the tourism and economic development goals outlined in ACT 71.
Melissa McNichols

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Dear PGCB,

The reason I am supporting Market8 is because I believe in economic development on Market Street. Market8 already has influential partners in the area and can provide great entertainment on one of Philadelphia's most well-known streets. A casino needs to be integrated in a city where it's convenient for customers to come and visit where hotels are right down the street. It's close to businesses, shopping and tourist sites. It will create LOTS of attraction for the Philadelphia in a positive way.

Thank You
Dear Board Secretary:

On Tuesday, October 29th, The Washington Square West Civic Association called a special meeting where The Market 8 development team presented their proposed development for the Market 8 Casino at Market and 8th streets. Immediately following the developers' presentation a board meeting was called to order and the board of directors voted to support the Market 8 casino as presented to us. Among the reasons for our support are:

- The development encompasses more than just a casino but also contains numerous restaurants and a large concert venue which transform the project into an urban entertainment center. This center will bring much needed activity to Market Street.

- The project has the potential to become a catalyst for further development on East Market Corridor and Chestnut Street.

- The casino’s proposal to include surrounding merchant’s in the casino rewards program. It is our understanding that a significant portion of the rewards points earned through spending money at the casino can be spent at surrounding merchants thus directly providing economic benefit to the community.

- The development team presented a strong history of philanthropic endeavors and stated that they will be creating gambling addiction support groups within the community.

- The project will be financed completely with private money and will not require public subsidies.

- The developers presented a well-conceived plan for parking, vehicular and pedestrian circulation which did not appear to have negative effects on traffic in the community.

Sincerely,

Clay Scherer, President
Washington Square West Civic Association

cc: Market East Associates
May 20, 2013

Ms. Mickey Kane
Board Secretary
303 Walnut St.
Strawberry Square, Verizon Tower 5th floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Kane:

Attached to this letter is a petition sent to my office by the Asian Federation of the United States. I am sending the petition at the request of the organization's founder, Mr. Mahn S. Park, along with the request that this petition be added to the official record of the application and licensing process for the current Category 2 applicants in Philadelphia.

Thank you for your consideration in this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROSITA C. YOUNGBLOOD
State Representative
198th District
May 2nd, 2013

The Honorable Rosita C. Youngblood
State Representative
234 West Chelten Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144-3802

Dear Representative Youngblood:

As the founder of the Asian Federation of the United States, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the AFUS; a representative of the organization of Asian communities, particularly the Chinese community in the Delaware Valley, I am writing to express the Chinese community's strong opposition to the establishment of a second casino at 9th and Market Street or 400 North Broad Street.

The Asian community, and especially the Chinese community, will be heavily impacted by the creation of a second casino site at the either 9th and Market Street or the 400 North Broad Street location in Philadelphia, and they have serious reservations about it. They are concerned from a business/economic perspective, as well as the social implications. Members of the Chinese and Asian communities...

CO-VICE CHAIRMEN FROM EACH COMMUNITY

MISSION OF THE FEDERATION
(ASIAN UNITED NATIONS)

The Federation was founded on May 6, 2000 by Mahn Suh Park to promote social and economic advancement of Asian-Americans in the United States through civic and political active participation and public policy advocacy, as well as to foster harmony and culture understanding among all peoples in the American Society.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, THE FEDERATION WILL:

1. Educate our members about the duties and obligations of citizenship and due process.
2. Promote acceptance and acknowledge peaceful co-existence among all people.
3. Protect our rights through active participation in the political process.
4. Contribute our culture and values to our country.

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The federation is open to whomever accepts and respects our mission, and carries out the polices that are promoted by the federation.

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We, the members of the Federation, will collectively work for and support the polices that are promoted by the Federation.

Chairperson of each committee:

Finance & Fund Raising - Shu Chuan Lin : Planning - Alex Thomas :
Policy - Jack Xiao : Government - Mahn Suh Park :
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are worried about the effect a casino will have on young children and their education, families, and community safety. We ask that the casino be located at a different location. Please see the attached petition which contains about 300 signatures from the Chinese Benevolent Association, against potential Casino aforesaid locations. These are just some of protesters and these will be more signatures added to this petition.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We would be happy to discuss this issue with you, in greater depth, at any time if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to follow up.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Mahn S. Park

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I'm in support of the project. In my county, Mohegan Sun has established a first class entertainment facility while also becoming a great community citizen. Mohegan Sun's presence in our community is an asset.
Mohegan Sun has been positively transformative for Northeast Pennsylvania. Their Pocono Downs location has positively effected our economy, attractiveness and tourist appeal, and even our culture. They have proven in their first years here to be highly responsible and responsive. They give to the community generously and take very seriously their responsibility to be exceptional citizens.
Gerard T. Odonnell

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The Mohegan Sun operations have been a welcomed organization to our area both from the standpoint of creating meaningful employment opportunities along with well needed incremental revenues that were put back into our community to make it a better place to live, work and play!! They have been an outstanding business partner within the community and been very involved in helping many of the non-profits providing additional services/programs to the less fortunate among us!!
Kevin Greenberg

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The Mohegan Sun Group is an asset to any community.
They offer a variety of exciting Over 21 Gaming & Dining
Options.

I can only speak to my relationship with Bobby Soper, (currently the
President of the CT property) and what a fine young person and professional.
Bobby’s support for many Non Profit Agencies was a tremendous help in raising
much needed funds for all the organizations.
As a resident whose family and business roots go back four generations in Northeast Pennsylvania, Mohegan Sun has been an outstanding corporate citizen since taking over the Pocono Downs facility in my home county of Luzerne in 2005. Not only are they an economic engine for our area, but their management is also progressive and have as part of their mission the improvement of our community providing monetary and other support to numerous area non-profits and community groups. Specifically, the executives at Mohegan have been a driving force in our Chamber of Commerce in both Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, United Way, Blind Association, Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, to name but a few. Philadelphia would be fortunate to have such outstanding civic boosters.
I am writing on behalf of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce in support of the Market8 Project. The Mohegan Sun facility in Plains Township has been, and continues to be, a great asset for not only the Plains Twp./Wilkes-Barre area but for many, many municipalities surrounding the facility including the Greater Hazleton area. Not only does this facility provide entertainment for those visiting the facility but it provides a great economic benefit including jobs and tourist dollars into our area. Through the gaming funds, because of this facility, much needed money is provided to cash-strapped municipalities and cities who without this financial support, could not adequately provide benefits to the citizens that they serve. Many, many non-profit organizations are also benefited by the casino with financial support. Without this support, many of these organizations simply could not survive. The Greater Hazleton fully supports the Market8 project and feels that it will be an added benefit for the entire State of PA. Should you wish to contact me, I can be reached at
Market 8 will be a nice addition to the existing convention center, and personally, being from the suburbs - feel this location is a more safe, active area during the day and night. I do not frequent the City much, but I would definitely say that market 8 will greatly enhance tourism in Philadelphia, and would bring people from the suburbs.
Wendy Schlight

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I am in favor of the Casino
As Executive Director of the Mountain Council of Governments I would like to convey my deep felt appreciation for the gaming monies that are conveyed to the various municipalities in the Greater Hazleton Area.

I am sure the organization will be just as productive, if not more so, in the Philadelphia area. They are a good neighbor always ready and willing to help needy groups.
Gretchen Sevison

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I am in support of the Market 8 project
I am writing to offer my support for Mohegan Sun as manager of the Market8 project. Mohegan Sun has had a very positive impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania since establishing their facility at Pocono Downs. They have become a true friend to our community, having sponsored numerous events in our region, including becoming presenting sponsor for Funfest, a free family street fair in Hazleton PA (25 miles south of their casino). They obviously take great pride in their host communities, and will no doubt prove to be an excellent partner.
Mohegan Sun has done a tremendous job with creating a positive atmosphere in NEPA and I'm confident their team can use their expertise to effectively manage the Market 8 Casino project. I've found my business relationship with Mohegan Sun to be enjoyable and professional. Mohegan Sun also has a great reputation with its employees and they continue creating more job opportunities in NEPA.
I think the Market street location would best serve the City of Philadelphia. This site's proximity to the Convention Center would attract the most tourists and business travelers of all of the proposals, and being located right in the heart of Center City makes it more of a destination for suburbanites like me. I urge the City of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania to accept the Market street proposal.
I am writing in support of the Markets project. It would be a wonderful opportunity to bring a casino to the Market & 8th St area. This economic development would provide much needed revenue to the City of Philadelphia, as well as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It would also create much needed jobs in our community.

I have experienced first hand the benefits that a well-run casino can bring to an area. Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area is a first-class casino. Mohegan Sun has diligently and meticulously created a first-class property.

Not only is the casino and property well run, Mohegan Sun has been a wonderful community partner, supporting many, many local charities through sponsorships, use of facilities, etc. They have maintained excellent relationships and are well thought of as a partner in the community.

I support the Markets project and Mohegan Sun to manage the casino. You could not find a better partner.

Patricia Vergnetti
I believe that this will bring positive revenue to the City
I am currently a resident in Temecula, CA. We have had nearly a 10 year relationship with Pechanga Casino here in Temecula and it has made a drastic improvement with regards to our roads, educational system, and tourism. As a former graduate of Villanova University, if this casino were available, my business would have been in Philadelphia and not Atlantic City. I see this as a major opportunity for the city to create jobs, increase tax revenue, and provide for it's people.
Tim Dunne

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I think that the casinos on market eight would increase revenue for the market East neighborhood as well as the historical sites and attractions in the area also close proximity to major downtown hotels and casinos.
Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs is a wonderful place to go. It is well run, and the company has been most generous with its time and financial resources for Northeastern Pa.
I live near the Mohegan Sun in Plains, PA. Their operation is top notch and have brought enormous benefits to our community since they opened.
Mohegan Sun is a first-class operation that is significantly invested in the local community. Northeastern Pennsylvania is a better place to live because of Mohegan Sun.
In my experience, the Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes-Barre has been well-operated in a highly professional manner and has been an active and valuable member of the community.
I base my total support for the Market project on my own personal experience. Their treatment of patrons is beyond any expectation. From the day they first opened their door, their guest have received the most polite and respectful treatment. Also their community involvement and generosity have shown that they truly care about people.
Mohegan Sun is a very well run establishment and I support the growth of their company in other areas.
Alex flack

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speaking for: * Market East Associates (Market 8)

I am in favor of the market 8 casino. I live in luzerne county where i have seen the mohegan sun take hold and help breathe new life into this area not only by its presence and hiring abilities but by the good work the casino does in the community through supporting business and philanthropy.
Mohegan Sun has been a powerful shot in the economic arm of Northeastern PA. The impact this organization has on NEPA is without question integral to the development and growth of this region.
I am in full support of the Mohegan Sun application for the Market8 project. Mohegan Sun has developed a reputation for providing first-class entertainment and being a true community partner. I believe they would continue their tradition of excellence in gaming and responsibility.
The applicant has, since locating to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, proven top be a very successful enterprise, which is extremely professional and service oriented. The applicant is very community minded and engaged here in Northeast Pennsylvania.
While I am not much of a gambler, I am a resident and developer in Philadelphia, and feel that the Market8 proposal is the strongest of the candidates for two main reasons. 1) I appreciate that this facility is being planned as an urban entertainment facility where gambling is just one of many components, and that it respects the urban fabric with multiple first floor storefronts/restaurants while keeping gambling on upper levels. 2) Its location is such that it will draw from a diverse group of clients, from tourists visiting the historic district, to conventioneers, to people from South Jersey who come in on PATCO, as well as city residents who can access it through several forms of public transportation and the fact that it is much more than just gambling will make it appealing to people like me, who don’t gamble. It has the ability to drive people to an area that is currently a void between the Historic District and City Hall/Convention Center area and help create an economic driver for its surrounding area in a way I don’t see from any other proposal.
The folks at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs do an unbelievable job. They provide a safe, clean, first class gaming experience. I know they would do the same in Philly, and I would love the opportunity to travel to a Philly gaming location managed by Mohegan Sun.
December 26, 2013

PA Gaming Board
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Gaming Board Members:

I am writing in support of MARKET8 urban entertainment complex to receive Philadelphia’s second casino license.

The Pennsylvania and Philadelphia branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) stood in support of MARKET8 at a press conference on November 19, 2013 alongside leaders of the Urban League of Philadelphia, the Urban Affairs Coalition and the African American Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The NAACP has endorsed MARKET8 because it has crafted a significant inclusion program that goes a long way to address many of the issues that prevent minority groups from achieving economic success. This program not only provides opportunities, but it includes extensive outreach to the community and a commitment of significant resources for technical assistance, business services, training and licensing.

The MARKET8 investor group includes active members of the African American community who have a record of commitment to and experience producing economic development and inclusion. Not only does MARKET8 have the right plan, they have all the right people to see it succeed.

For all these reasons, the NAACP Philadelphia Branch endorses MARKET8.

Sincerely,

J. Whyatt Mondere, President
NAACP Philadelphia Branch
PA NAACP State Conference
December 26, 2013

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice the support of the African-American Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware for the MARKET8 casino project.

I first announced the African American Chamber’s support for MARKET8 at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board’s public hearings this spring, and since then, the project has given the Chamber only more reasons to be supportive.

The Chamber was more than happy to voice its support for the creation of the Market Improvement Zone that would invest a minimum of $1 million annually to maintain and improve services, make physical improvements, and spur economic development around East Market Street. That investment will also support and promote the economic vitality of businesses in and around the area through funding for small business startups, community lending, and job training.

It is for these reasons – as well as the strength of its minority investment group and the Goldenberg Group’s own track record of making minority participation a major priority in their development projects – that the African American Chamber wholeheartedly endorses MARKET8.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steven Scott Bradley
Chairman of the Board
African-American Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware
December 26, 2013

PA Gaming Control Board
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC) and our Economic Development Project unit (EDP) to endorse the MARKET8 casino project.

UAC has been involved in many economic development projects, and we are acutely aware of the needs of the people of Philadelphia. We have worked in partnership with the MARKET8 team, its minority owners, and the Urban League of Philadelphia to create a comprehensive inclusion plan for this project.

This development is projected to create thousands of jobs, both construction and permanent, direct and indirect, guaranteeing significant employment opportunities for minorities, women, veterans, the disabled, and the formerly incarcerated. Accordingly, MARKET8 has set aspirational, but attainable workforce utilization goals in both its construction and operational phases, and the team has emphasized the importance of hiring City residents.

MARKET8 will provide employment opportunities in a wide variety of areas including hospitality, food and beverage, security, retail, facilities, and gaming. And its location at 8th and Market Streets makes taking public transportation to work easy and convenient.

The Urban Affairs Coalition is confident that MARKET8 has a significant role to play as a social and financial investor in the City’s economic development.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sharmain Matlock Turner
President and CEO
Urban Affairs Coalition
Men of Millcreek

Date 12/20/2013

4656 Brown Street
Philadelphia Pa. 19139

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Commissioners:

As an organization that have benefited from The Goldenberg Group development of Parkwest Town Center in West Philadelphia, the Men of Millcreek are very delighted to hear that this group is applying for the second casino license in the City of Philadelphia at the corner of 8th and Market Street. The Men of Millcreek is a community based organization that serves and lives in Philadelphia. We know how important the east Market Street corridor is to the economic vibrancy of the city. We can see how it will benefit the Convention Center and the surrounding historic and business districts as well. More importantly, we know that a project lead by The Goldenberg Group will get done and it will get done in a meaningful way that meets its economic objectives and delivers meaningful results for the communities surrounding their developments. Our organization hope you will choose the development called Market 8 as your choice for the license.

Sincerely,

Steven Whaley (Pres)
267-229-4838

Stanford Allen Jr. (Vice Pres)
267-2468387

Derrick Long (C.F.O)
267-319-5501

Keith Bell (SEC.)
267-982-8586
December 30, 2013

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

As the Councilman representing Philadelphia's First District, which includes East Market Street, I am writing to support Market8's proposal for the casino license in Philadelphia.

When I was elected to office, one of my top priorities became the revitalization of Market East as a strong commercial district and a destination location for the City. For far too long, the stretch between the historic area and City Hall has been a dead zone. At this time, a number of critical factors have aligned that can help change that. The Gallery will be undergoing significant renovation, and there are plans to develop the Girard property, the 1100 block of Chestnut Street, and the Beneficial Building at 12th and Chestnut.

We also have an unprecedented opportunity with this remaining casino license to transform East Market Street in a way that no other development can. The location and planned approach of Market8 can leverage the financial platform a casino provides to dramatically improve East Market Street and its surrounding areas. Its location in the heart of Center City gives Market8 the best opportunity to fulfill one of the chief mandates of the Pennsylvania Gaming Act: to spur economic development and create new jobs.

I have had many discussions with Ken Goldenberg, lead developer of the project, and know that he and his team have reached out extensively to the project's neighbors. This group has been responsible about responding not only to questions and concerns, but also to the needs of the community. In planning their project, the Market8 team looked beyond their site at 8th and Market, laying out a strategy to elevate the entire corridor.

Market8's primary public interest initiatives will reinvest a minimum of ten percent of the project's profits, at least $2 million annually, into the community. The project's investors and operator, MoheganSun, have also taken the unusual step of including surrounding businesses in its Rewards Program, which will drive millions of dollars back into the local economy.

I am committed to insuring that these plans are executed to completion, unlike other lofty, well-intentioned developments that have fallen short of their proposed goals. I believe that as a member of City Council, it is incumbent upon me to play a significant role in advocating for the residents, businesses and the City of Philadelphia. I pledge to remain involved from the award of the license through the operations of this casino and hotel, working with Market8 to deliver for the surrounding community, Philadelphia and the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Mark Squilla
Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I, Peter Mula, from the Maasai community in Kenya, hereby confess to you that since I met Ken Goldenberg 5 years ago, my life and that of my family and of the community has really changed for the better. Ken Goldenberg and the People Helping People Foundation have been positive and consistent forces in our community, empowering people and groups to take ownership of their future by providing the skills, tools and resources we need to develop our own communities.

Since I got my first microloan from People Helping People I was able to:

1. Buy a 10 acre piece of land that my family now lives. Land is so scarce and my family did get not one share when the demarcation was going on.
2. Build a very beautiful home that is amongst the best in our area.
3. I got married to my beautiful wife Mercy, and paid dowry in full that comprised of 10 cows and 20 goats.
4. I was able to get into business of buying and selling of cows that gives me profit by which my family and I gains our daily bread and clothing.
5. I am paying school fees for 4 students one of which is in the university, one in secondary school and two in primary school; through the profits I get.

I therefore have no words to express our joy and gratitude to Ken, PHP and the Goldenberg group in general and thanks to all those who assisted you so we can HELP others to enable us to kick poverty out of our families and communities.

Your friend,

Peter Mula (Maasai Community)
Kenya
Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

We come to Philadelphia for holidays to meet friends and family and most recently had the opportunity to visit the constitution center for an exhibit about Pulitzer Prize winning photographs, which was excellent. Part of our travels brought us down Market Street and a discussion about the proposed casino, restaurants, hotel and entertainment planned for that location. Having heard about the other proposals, and seeing first hand the condition of Market Street, we would like to throw in our support for the proposed casino to go at 8th and Market. What a wonderful opportunity to create vitality in such an undeveloped area near the heart of so much going on in the city.

Sincerely,

Will and Victoria Goodman
December 24, 2013

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Attn: Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

I am writing to you as a principal of The Brickstone Companies and a long-time Philadelphia businessman to express our support for the MARKET8 casino project. We strongly believe that this proposed casino is the right use at the right time, in the right place.

The Brickstone Companies are a related group of privately-owned entities formed to acquire, develop, own and manage investment-grade real estate assets, typically in partnership with institutional investors or tenants, and primarily on the East coast.

In Philadelphia, on East Market Street alone, we acquired and renovated The Wanamaker Building; created a Courtyard by Marriott Hotel (Marriott’s largest) from the former City Hall Annex; redeveloped 1234 Market Street for SEPTA and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority; and acquired, renovated, and continue to own and manage The Lits Building, directly across from the proposed MARKETS Urban Entertainment Complex at Eighth and Market Streets. And we recently acquired multiple properties on Chestnut Street, right next door to East Market Street, where we are constructing mixed-use retail and residential developments.

So we are experienced developers and investors who, since 1986, have made our offices on East Market Street and committed ourselves to Center City Philadelphia. And we recognize the importance of East Market Street's continued growth, both for us and for Philadelphia's ongoing renaissance.

The Eighth and Market Street location has been undeveloped since we purchased The Lits Building, and it’s time that changed. MARKET8’s project will contribute greatly to Center City’s revival, give a needed boost to East Market Street, and serve as the critical link between City Hall and Philadelphia’s historic sites, like...
Independence Mall and the Liberty Bell. (Concierges at area hotels now often encourage guests to take taxis instead of venturing out on East Market Street on foot!) The casino, with its restaurants and planned outdoor seating, will draw millions of visitors, workers and residents, create nearly 2,000 jobs, and add a level of activity, vitality and security that the neighborhood so sorely needs. And unlike other proposed casino locations, the extensive transportation infrastructure at Eighth and Market, and all along East Market Street, will provide easy access for MARKETS’s visitors and employees, regardless of where they are coming from.

Members of the Gaming Control Board, there is positive momentum on East Market Street, but all of us – businessmen, investors, retailers, tenants, customers and residents – need the MARKETS casino to keep it going. Siting a casino at Eighth and Market will truly benefit East Market Street and the rest of Center City, while providing new and meaningful revenue sources for the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Merlini
Vice President
Brickstone Realty Corporation
December 20, 2013

PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Secretary
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Commissioners:

Born and raised in Philadelphia, I have worked as Assistant Director of Gravers Lane Gallery since January 2011.

Gravers Lane Gallery is one branch of three owned by Ken Goldenberg and the Goldenberg Group. In my tenure at the gallery, I have learned much about the inner workings of The Goldenberg style of business, which emphasizes community outreach and involvement. The gallery provides a unique cultural center in Chestnut Hill and has become an active member of the cloth of the neighborhood. Gravers Lane works closely with Goldenberg Development on community initiatives including book & toy drives and our ongoing partnership with “The Stained Glass Project: Windows that Open Doors”. The project works closely with at-risk inner city kids mentoring them on artistic, educational and social development. Until its closure this past year, participants came from the local Germantown High School. Despite the move a few extra miles away, our support of the program continues and we are VERY proud to see graduates going on to tertiary education in record numbers and to be associated with the organization!

I know that The Goldenberg Group has applied (as lead developer) for the second casino license in the city of Philadelphia at the corner of 8th and Market streets.

I know that this project led by The Goldenberg Group would be extremely beneficial for Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. I’ve seen, first hand, how communities are better for having TGG projects as their neighbor. I would be thrilled to see the Market East Corridor be afforded the same opportunity.

Although I live in Chestnut Hill, I frequent center city often and enjoy taking the train into town. I currently use the Market East Regional Rail station at least twice a month and am acutely aware of how wonderful a newly established and revenue-generating entity would improve the look and feel of the area. The project’s rewards program will benefit local businesses and draw visitors into the beautiful Wash West, Society Hill, Old City and Historic District neighborhoods. What a fantastic way to show off the true Philadelphia!

I hope you will choose MARKETE to be the next casino in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Molly Morrow
Assistant Director
Gravers Lane Gallery
8405 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19118
PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Secretary
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

December 20, 2013

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Commissioners:

From 1986 through 2010, I was a resident of Old City Philadelphia where I was director of a fine arts gallery. I have worked with The Goldenberg Group since May of 2012 as Director of The Gravers Lane Gallery in Chestnut Hill and sit on the board of the Business Association and marketing committee.

Gravers Lane Gallery is a new enterprise developed by Ken Goldenberg to provide a strong cultural center for the arts in Chestnut Hill. Ken has been a long-time resident of the historic Philadelphia neighborhood. Gravers Lane works closely with Goldenberg development on community outreach. The entire Goldenberg Group family (Gravers Lane Gallery, Goldenberg Development and People Helping People) are proud to support “The Stained Glass Project: Windows that Open Doors”, an organization that works closely with at risk inner city kids, mentoring them on artistic, educational and social development.

I know that The Goldenberg Group (as lead developer) is an applicant for the second casino license in the city of Philadelphia at the corner of 8th and Market. As a person doing business in the City of Philadelphia and a current resident (13th and Lombard streets), I have seen that the East Market Street corridor is the first impression our visitors get of the city. I currently use Market East every day and see how an economic catalyst would benefit local businesses, the Convention Center and the surrounding historic areas as well.

More importantly, I know that a project lead by The Goldenberg Group will be a win for the City and the Commonwealth. As I’ve seen at The Gallery – and in all of the other projects completed by TGG in the last (almost) 30 years – surrounding communities will benefit in meaningful ways from having a TGG project as a neighbor.

Consider this MY vote for the MARKET8 proposal.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Hoffman
Director
Gravers Lane Gallery
8405 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19118
Dear Members of the Board,

As a resident of the Washington Square West neighborhood of the City of Philadelphia, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Market 8 project. While I am convinced that awarding the license to the Market 8 team would maximize the Commonwealth's opportunity for gaming revenues, the impact that this project will have on the revitalization of Philadelphia's most underutilized and underserved commercial corridor is the crowning achievement of this proposal. The Market 8 team, led by The Goldenberg Group, has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the neighborhoods in which they develop, reaping collateral benefits for the entire community.

I am a lifelong resident of the City of Philadelphia and am proud of all our City has to offer. With a young family that I have chosen to raise just a mile from the Market 8 site, I have a vested interested in seeing smart development remedy the blight on Market Street East. The area west of 6th Street along this corridor is sheer blight, replete with run down, uninhabited storefronts, open lots and tired structures. It leaves a negative impression on what is otherwise a jewel of a downtown.

While there is surely merit for the other proposed locations, the Market 8 proposal will have a far more significant impact on the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The centrality of the proposed Market 8 location, coupled with the site's unbridled access to a myriad of transportation nodes will undoubtedly ensure the success of this operation. Revitalization that includes an upscale casino property and that plans to add entertainment, restaurants and investment back into the Market East corridor would be a welcome and much needed improvement to the neighborhood. I have researched the groups who are looking to build casinos with this proposal, and the Market 8 team has a very positive track record of investing in underprivileged and underserved communities. They not only give back routinely as business, but care about the neighborhoods in which they invest. Moreover, the partner, Mohegan, has an unmatched reputation for operating successful gaming enterprises. The proposal, the project team and the location are simply the best choices for the City and the Commonwealth.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Market 8 project as you consider awarding this casino license. I cannot overstate how important the redevelopment of this site is to the future of our City. This is a "once in a generation" opportunity to rebrand and recalibrate Market Street East.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Reed D. Lyons
December 27th, 2013

PA Gaming Control Board
Attention: Board Secretary
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

We are writing to share our support for the proposed casino at 8th and Market, known as Market8. We are frequent visitors to Philadelphia, coming here from New Jersey for holidays with family or on the odd off moment, just to enjoy the city. We were on Market Street this holiday and were told that there is a restaurant, casino, hotel project proposed for the site at 8th and Market and we think this is a great site for such a project. Market Street always seems like such a dead zone between Old City and City Hall and something needs to be done to rectify this – having something like this, could be a huge shot in the arm for Market Street and the city.

I hope you will consider our support in your selection.

Sincerely,

M. David Leeds
Dear Gaming Control Board:

I am writing in support of Kenny Goldenberg and the Goldenberg group's petition for a Casino license at 8th and Market Street.

I am excited for the construction of the Market8 project as a means to help the downtown commercial district. This project will help connect the dots from the Convention Center to Old City and should be more than a big draw for locals and tourists alike.

At a time when jobs are at a premium, this project will bring a boost to the local economy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Tracy Gaffney
Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Commissioners:

I am writing in response to your request for comments on the application for a casino license in Philadelphia. I fully support the Goldenberg Group MARKET8 proposal.

I have known and worked with David Mercuris for the past several years on a community they are currently building in Haverford, PA. David and Goldenberg have been a pleasure to work with. They are honest and upstanding developers, they respond well to the needs of their potential buyers, buyers and contractors.

There is no doubt if Goldenberg is able to develop MARKET8, the casino will thrive with business and be extremely successful. This casino is exactly what Philadelphia needs and will be a huge benefit to those within the city and to those in surrounding areas. The potential business this will bring into the City of Philadelphia is endless.

I hope you will support MARKET8 as your choice for the license.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Vörsteg, CMCA, AMS, PCAM
Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Management
Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

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I am committed to ensuring that these plans are executed to completion, unlike other lofty, well-intentioned developments that have fallen short of their proposed goals. I believe that as a member of City Council, it is incumbent upon me to play a significant role in advocating for the residents, businesses and the City of Philadelphia.

I pledge to remain involved from the award of the license through the operations of this casino, and I look forward to working with Market 8 to deliver for the surrounding community, Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Mark Squilla
I say “NO CASINO at MARKET & 8th!”
让我们高喊，“不要再市场街和8街建赌场！”

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Name

姓名
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How many more tragedies are going to happen if there is another casino in this community.

Chi Sheng Chen, Long Li

Name
Suzanne F. Campbell

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When I served as the Planning and Zoning Commissioner for Manheim Township, Lancaster County, TGG submitted a plan for 'big box retail' on a tract land that had been zoned industrial (former Alcoa site). The site had major challenges: adjoining boundary with Lancaster City, wetlands to be mitigated, a rail spur to be maintained and a two lane state highway to absorb the traffic challenges.

TGG worked cooperatively with the City, PennDot, and Manheim Township to address all of these planning and zoning issues. Today the project continues to be successful, producing jobs and increased tax revenues to both the City’s and the Township’s school districts.

Bottom line: They made it work. They answered all of my concerns as the person responsible for the planning and zoning in our suburban township as well as the concerns of the City. I commend them and recommend them for the inter-municipal cooperation.
It's a quality operation and enormous benefits have been brought to our community in NEPA and expect the same outcome for the Philadelphia community.
Douglas Fink

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speaking for: Market East Associates (Market 8)

I have extensive experience doing business with the Mohegan Sun operators in Northeast Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and they are without question the finest group of community minded people in the industry. They are without exception individuals of the highest character, and would be the best choice to award this project to if you want only positive effects and dividends to flow to the local community.
Mohegan Sun has been a great addition to our area, and they are unsurpassed when it comes to giving back to the community.
I've worked with Mohegan Sun Pocono and Connecticut over the last two years as a vendor. My experience has been incredibly positive and I'd like to express my support for the Mohegan Sun Difference. My the Mohegan Sun Difference I'm referring to the fact that unlike any other casino I've frequented as a patron or worked with as a vendor the Mohegan Way exceeds what is typical for the gaming industry. The Mohegan Way is to exceed customer satisfaction - not because the company makes more money - but because it is the culture of the organization. Mohegan runs its operations with integrity and service as its hallmark. I've also had the honor of working with top management at both Mohegan Sun locations and my encounters have been extraordinary. The management team at Mohegan is best of class - it's the Mohegan difference.
I strongly support the 8th & Market proposal. The proximity and convenience to public transportation, NJ via PATCO coupled with the strong need for this area of the city to be revitalized with shoppers and new patrons will not only boost the economy but infuse this neighborhood with additional development.
This locale works well for a casino / entertainment complex. Its proximity to public transportation, local and NJ via PATCO will draw new patron to this area of the city fueling growth and development and jump start a dull area of Center City that greatly needs a boost.
Market operator is one of the most professional, civic minded licensee that has improved the quality of community life as referenced by its continual contribution to the adjoining and outlying communities in terms of secure employment opportunities, infrastructure refinements, increased tourism and overall improvement to the image of the area.
I am intimately aware of the experience and integrity of Mohegan Sun, which is part of the team that is identified as Market8. Mohegan Sun, which has a history of community involvement and is a corporate partner of extraordinary importance in Northeastern Pennsylvania, will manage the project. I am confident that Philadelphia will greatly benefit if Market8 is chosen.
I am in Luzerne where Mohegan Sun is located. It has provided jobs for numerous people. They are always expanding with hotel, restaurants etc. They treat their employees very well. Employees have a chance to advance within the company.
I very much support the management team from Mohegan Sun in their quest for the gaming license in the Philadelphia market (Market 8). They are true professionals, easy to deal with, and very involved in our local community.
I feel this would be a great project for the City of Philadelphia, not only will it create new jobs in construction and hospitality, but it will serve as a tax revenue. It is located near the convention center and the Reading terminal so it is a great draw for outside business looking to host events and the convention center.
This project at 8th and Market will be a great opportunity for the City of Philadelphia. It is centrally located in the heart of the city which will not only create jobs but will draw more visitors to our beautiful Philadelphia. Goldenberg Group has a reputation for building quality centers of which I have had the pleasure to shop in. I am an older woman who takes public transportation everywhere and the thought of a casino located not only in Center City but close to transportation so that people like me can get without depending on others is priceless. I support them 100% and really hope you do the same. Thank You.
I am in support of Market8, I think Mohegan Sun are exceptional operators, and will bring their great brand to Philadelphia, and their great guest experiences to Philadelphia. Mohegan is an organization that comes into a community and supports at every level, they are committed to charities and take a real ownership in the communities they operate in. They are a first class organization, and will be a great thing for Philadelphia, and the job market. I am 100% in support of Market8. Good Luck, Jeff Metz
We have worked with The Goldenberg Group (Market 8) as a maintenance electrical contractor for over 25 years. We service a shopping center they own in Deptford, NJ.

They have always payed on time.
I wish to acknowledge my support for the proposed Market 8 project based on the very positive community response to the Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes Barre. It has provided entertainment, employment opportunities and dining pleasure. I am confident that the Market 8 project will produce the same benefits for Philadelphia.
As a community based non-profit manager in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre market, I have had the good fortune to have worked with the people at Mohegan Sun on a great many community projects.

Mohegan Sun has proven to be an outstanding corporate citizen, opening their doors and resources for the betterment of the citizens of our region.

I state with the highest degree of confidence that if given the opportunity, they will do the same for the people of their great City of Philadelphia.
The board and staff of Reading Terminal Market Corporation, which manages the historic market, believes that the Market East proposal would have a beneficial effect on the Market East commercial district. We believe it would bring more people and activity to the corridor, which could also have a beneficial effect on the Reading Terminal Market by bringing more prospective patrons into the vicinity. Market East has been lacking in commercial activity for many years, with several vacant lots and underutilized buildings between 6th and Juniper Streets. The Market East project could be a needed catalyst for returning Market East to its historic role as a main thoroughfare and axis of commercial and entertainment activity in Center City, a role for which it was originally designed as far back as the founding of the city. The Market East proposal looks like a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring Market East back after more than three decades of decline and underutilization.
Having observed the integrity held for the neighborhood and the community by Mohegan Sun at their Wilkes-Barre location, I am confident they will follow suit in Philadelphia. Mohegan Sun has been a staunch supporter of the United Way, independent agencies, and community projects from the get-go.
I support the Market 8 project; Mohegan Sun is a great operator. Mohegan brings many employment opportunities and will provide tremendous community support for your area.
The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce supports the Market8 project and asks the PGCB to strongly consider granting this project a gaming license. Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania is one of our region's largest employers that offers residents and visitors a unique gaming experience and entertainment destination. The city of Philadelphia should welcome the opportunity to support a business so focused on the customer experience and satisfaction.
Brandon Igdalsky

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speaking for: * Market East Associates (Market 8)

I would like to voice my support for Mohegan Sun to operate the Market8 casino. As a Philadelphia native this would be a great opportunity for center city. In addition, as President and CEO at Pocono Raceway, we work closely with the management at Mohegan Sun and I can easily say that they are one of the most professional and best teams we work with.

Thank you,

Brandon Igdalsky

President and CEO

Pocono Raceway
First, I'd like to say that I've never gambled at a casino, however, the Mohegan Sun Casino in Plains Twp. PA is a beautiful place to visit or dine. It's been great for our community, our economy and I understand it's a terrific place to work. It was a good day for the Wyoming Valley when the Mohegans came to town.
Nadine K. Howe

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speaking for: * Market East Associates (Market 8)

We have done business with The Mohegan Sun/Pocono in Plains Twp. Pa since it’s inception and during it’s building of... They are wonderful and professional in all of it’s business handlings with our hotel...An asset to our community...
Mohegan Sun has been operating in Luzerne County for several years. The organization is a good corporate citizen, employer and neighbor. They are an excellent company to have in your community and their business venture has demonstrated positive impact (both economic and otherwise) for our region.
Ultimate Sports Group, a partnership of partners including myself, have been dealing with Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs as well as executives in their CT location.

A more exciting forward thinking group of people we could not hope to find. They are community conscious and generously interactive as they look to expand their brand and offerings to every location in which they operate.

The creation of this wonderfully unique inner city ‘resort’ is an exciting development that will obviously generate economic benefit and more jobs, but it will all patrons to enjoy a casino, service and entertainment venue down the street, so to speak.

Very exciting.
To Whom It May Concern:

Gentlemen,

I am the retired Mayor of Lancaster, having served the City of Lancaster from 1990 to 1998. In 1995 the Goldenburg Group approached the city concerning their wish to develop a vacant parcel of land within the city and bordering Manheim Twp. Upon learning of their interest in this parcel, the last remaining parcel of Industrial Zoned land in the city, I initially was opposed to rezoning. After listening to many reasons this land was no longer viable for Industrial use, the City agreed to work with the Goldenburg Group. This parcel of land had many, many issues that needed to be addressed. Located next to Manheim Township, there were traffic issues that had to be studied and addressed, storm water management issues, significant wetlands on the site and adjoining the parcel, and because it was an industrial site it had contamination issues. This was an extremely challenging site to develop and the Goldenburg met with all interested parties and worked to address the issues surrounding this parcel of land, to everyone’s satisfaction. The Red Rose Commons was built and has been quite successful. There are quality stores at this site, there has been almost full occupancy since it opened in 1998 and has created numerous jobs and significant tax revenue for the City of Lancaster as well as the School District of Lancaster. Traffic conditions have been significantly improved and Penn DOT has built a new bridge into the City of Lancaster because of the joint cooperation between the City, Manheim TWP, the Goldenburg Group and Penn DOT to address traffic in the area.

The rear egress to the site was improved by the Goldenburg Group to address flooding and storm water issues which impacted RR Donnelly Printing Plant on an adjoining parcel. This entrance was improved to everyone’s satisfaction and today remains flood free despite the surrounding wetlands in the vicinity. I can testify that the Goldenburg Group met all the challenges of developing this parcel as was promised before the first shovel of dirt was turned.

I can recommend the Goldenburg Group as quality developers, who deliver without compromising quality and ethics. The City of Lancaster was pleased with the outcome of this vacant parcel and would welcome working with them again should the opportunity present itself. I can recommend the Goldenburg without reservation.

Sincerely,

Janice C. Stork
I write this in support of Mohegan Sun's application for the final gaming license in the Philadelphia market, upon the approval of which Mohegan Sun would manage the casino project known as Market 8. The operations of Mohegan Sun's license in the Greater Wilkes-Barre area, from our community's perspective have been outstanding. They have been recognized locally for their charity and support of many non-profit organizations and endeavours, and serve as an example of how a business enterprise can be an outstanding community citizen. I would feel certain that their management talent, experience and sense of community would be replicated in their participation in Market 8, and that the Philadelphia area would benefit through their presence, as we have, and would urge that they and their team be granted the license.
April 2, 2013

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Members
303 Walnut Street/Strawberry Square
Verizon Tower, 5th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

To whom it may concern:

As a Center City resident and as director of a major cultural institution on Independence Mall, I want to express my enthusiastic support for the MARKET8 Casino project. I believe that it is absolutely essential to the rehabilitation of that sorry stretch of Market Street and the whole Market East corridor.

I have utmost confidence in the ability of David Adelman, Ken Goldenberg, and the team they have assembled to do a spectacular job. I know that they will bring integrity, creativity, and civic-mindedness to the project, and trust that they will design a tasteful project and smart business model that will bring dignity, viability, and energy to the neighborhood. It will surely improve the quality of life for Center City residents and workers, and create an appealing experience for tourists and visitors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance in advancing the MARKET8 Casino proposal. My direct dial is
Sincerely,

Ivy L. Barsky
I am very much in support of Market 8 and Mohegan Sun. Mohegan is one of the nation's top entertainment and gaming destination operators! It is a positive move for the economy (creating jobs), and providing entertainment.

Mohegan Sun is well established with Executives well knowledged on managing such a project!!
The applicant's facility here in Luzerne County is extremely well-run. It is a top-notch casino with great amenities. The owners are very community minded and have been a great asset to community organizations in their support and involvement.
The leadership Team at Mohegan Sun is extremely professional and has embraced our community and we are better for it. Through their business plan success as well as generosity to civic and charitable organizations, we are proud that they are in our community.
I live just a short ride from the proposed site of the Market8 casino complex. But, more importantly for nearly 30 years I worked at 11th & Market. During that time (as Associate Executive Director of the Philadelphia Bar Association) I spent more time at Market East than I did at home.

I witnessed the slow decline of the area.

Despite several important advances (such as the Convention Center) serious challenges still exist.

Now, there is a chance to revitalize the area and connect the convention district and the historic districts with a first-class project that will make maximum use of the area’s best feature: its location as a transportation hub.

This historic Philadelphia meeting point has a chance to be great once again. It’s exciting!

I have no personal interest in the Market8 project. I have nothing to gain from its success other the the pleasure, God willing, to visit it when it is complete. But I am vitally concerned about the city and its future since I live closer to center city than most Philadelphians and I make ample use of the downtown area.

I wholeheartedly support Market8. I like the plans for it. I like the location. I like the fact that it’s well thought-out. I like what I’ve been able to find out about the people behind the project.

It’s clearly the best choice.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Cirucci
I'm writing to express my support of Market8, the casino proposal for 8th & Market Streets. Of all the current casino proposals, it is the most engaging with the city by far. The design is spectacular, and it's located within walking distance of a major tourist spot, the Convention Center, and area hotels, almost guaranteeing healthy patronage. The corner of 8th & Market has been a parking lot for too long. It's time to put this prime location to productive use.
The Mohegan Sun Casino has been a tremendous tourism partner with the Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau and has brought overwhelming growth to the region, including new hotels, restaurants, gas stations and other economic development. They have been actively involved in every aspect of our community, their staff serving on numerous boards; providing sponsorships for many worthy charities, festivals and other organizations; and specifically have partnered with the Bureau in our marketing efforts to bring visitors to Northeast PA. They have provided cooperative support for advertising and have been a cooperative partner at various tradeshows that the Bureau attends throughout the year. This cooperation has enabled the Bureau to increase its marketing efforts substantially, as evidenced by our increase in hotel tax every year since the Casino became operational. The reputation and philosophy of the Mohegan organization would greatly benefit the Market St. location and Philadelphia in general.
Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am writing in support of the Goldenberg Group and to provide testimony to the extraordinary partnership they have exhibited with my administration in Camden, New Jersey.

You may know that the Goldenberg Group recently announced plans with the Ravitz Family to develop a 20 acre retail shopping center in the City of Camden bringing the first major, full service supermarket in the Camden City corridor in more than 30 years. The Goldenberg Group completed a similar project in West Philadelphia bringing the first full-scale supermarket to a nationally recognized food desert at the Park West Town Center. This 340,000 square foot development on almost 29 acres has provided much needed resources for the local community.

Admiral Wilson Plaza, the development in Camden is significant because it not only provides a quality place for our residents to shop and buy groceries; it will also fuel economic development and growth that our City has long needed.

The Goldenberg Group has a long history of taking on complex projects that have the potential to truly transform the communities in which they exist. The team constantly thinks outside the box to come up with creative solutions when obstacles arise and strive for “win-win” situations. In addition, through their People Helping People Foundation, the company gets involved in communities through monthly volunteer events, school partnerships and more.

We are only at the start of the process, but I can tell you that my administration has been very impressed by the partnership and commitment that the Goldenberg Group has exhibited. If this development were simple, it would have been done a long time ago. Ken Goldenberg and his team have exhibited the dedication, skills and expertise to execute this complex project. Other developers have not wanted to take on such a challenge, but the Goldenberg Group has enthusiastically pursued it and we are excited by what it means for our city and our residents.
Sincerely,

Dana L. Redd

Mayor
Ronald Filippini

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I'm Ronald Filippini, Chairperson of the Plains Township Board of Commissioners. We are the host municipality of the first casino to open in Pennsylvania, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make public input on the proposed casino projects in Philadelphia. These comments are in support of the Market8 casino proposal.

Plains Township is a first class township in Luzerne County. There is a good relationship between Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and Plains Township throughout their six plus years of operation and the years preceding the opening of the first casino in November 2006.

Throughout the whole casino project and operations Mohegan Sun has fully cooperated with Plains Township and complied with our building codes and zoning regulations.

Since the initial opening of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs the township has experienced commercial growth, especially along the State Route 315 corridor and East Mountain Drive. Mohegan Sun alone has created 1,750 jobs of which approximately 1,250 are full time. They are currently building a new hotel on site which will add an additional 250 jobs.

The casino operations also benefits local vendors from whom they use to purchase materials and supplies.

This growth has caused an increase in demand for township emergency services. Fortunately we have been able to keep up with these additional demands and have enhanced and improved our abilities to deliver these services with no additional taxes on the township level.
Since the opening of the casino we have been able to increase the manpower in our police department by over 25% and upgrade equipment and supplies to better handle any calls to our police department

Also, the Plains Township Police Department has recently initiated a newly formed special operations unit which recently held a training exercise at our Plains/Solomon Elementary and Junior High School.

Once again the township has been able to purchase the necessary special equipment to insure a rapid and positive response to special police emergencies. We have now initiated cooperative training with police in other municipalities to work together in extreme emergency situations.

Plains Township is one of the few townships in Pennsylvania which has a full time paid fire department. Since the opening of the casino we have been able to upgrade our firefighting equipment to the point that the township’s ISO rating has dropped from 7 to 5 which translates into lower fire insurance rates for our residents.

Also on the community service level, I know from my first hand experience as treasurer of the Plains Lions Club, Mohegan Sun has supported community projects not only in Plains Township but throughout Luzerne County. The support of over 500 community projects is not only financial but also with their employees getting involved in some of these projects.

Whether it is emergency services, recreation, infrastructure improvements or other community projects, taxpayers and communities throughout Luzerne County have benefitted from the operations of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

Finally, as I have said in the past, we feel that Plains Township is fortunate to have the premier casino management organization with the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

From our experience with Mohegan Sun the Plains Township Board of Commissioners believes the Market8 proposal, which will have Mohegan Sun as operator, is the best choice for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia. Please contact me at 570-592-5247 or ptcommiss@yahoo.com with any questions.
Thank you.

Ronald Filippini, Chairperson

Plains Township Board of Commissioners

April 26, 2013
Market8 is at the epicenter of Center City transit and will be a major boost to Market East revitalization. Convention center visitors are astonished at the huge surface parking lot at 8th and Market. It is an embarrassment to the city. Market8 would supply revenue and jobs that this city desperately needs. Please vote for Market8!
I urge the distinguished members of the PA Gaming Control Board to grant and approve 'Market 8's' Casino/Hotel proposal for the 8th and Market area.

It is by far the most visionary and sustainable proposal for a project of this size.

Thank you.
These written comments are submitted on behalf of Historic Philadelphia, Inc. (HPI). Founded in 1994, HPI was charged with marketing, promoting, and providing programming for Philadelphia’s Historic District, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the experience of both area residents and out-of-town visitors. A nonprofit organization, HPI enhances the visitor experience and helps strengthen Philadelphia’s tourism industry through interpretation and interaction, making our nation’s history relevant and real. HPI’s programs include the Betsy Ross House, Once Upon A Nation storytelling and Adventure Tours, Franklin Square, and the Lights of Liberty.

The entire essence of Philadelphia’s Historic District is that it be respected, remembered, and preserved as a lasting historical reminder of where our forefathers gave birth to the Nation. A gambling site in such close proximity to the heart of Philadelphia would radically change the City’s special and unique character.

HPI would be acutely impacted by gambling near the Historic District. The District and HPI’s programming components are located a short walk from the proposed Goldenberg casino site at the corner of 8th and Market Streets. Our programming sites include Independence Mall (6th & Market Streets), Franklin Square (7th & Race Streets), and the Betsy Ross House (3rd and Arch Streets). In particular, Franklin Square includes a pedestrian and children friendly park frequented by local residents as well as tourists, with family oriented amusements like a children’s carousel and a miniature golf course.

It is important to understand that HPI does not oppose casino gambling in Philadelphia as long as it is properly sited away from our City’s historic treasures and does not adversely impact the millions of tourists visiting our existing tourist attractions. It should also cause a minimal amount of disruption to local residents.

Based on the foregoing, HPI requests the Gaming Board to reject the Goldenberg casino proposal, and to locate any Philadelphia casino well away from our City’s Historic District.
I object to casinos, in general, as a predatory method of draining from the public, particularly the uneducated poor, what little income they have.

The Casino at 8th and Market is especially offensive in that it is situating itself at the edge of a population, the Chinese, who have a gambling addiction problem. It is acknowledged among the Chinese as a problem for their ethnic group.
Statement of Paul R. Steinke, General Manager, Reading Terminal Market Corporation
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board hearing
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Lincoln Financial Field

The development that would result from Market8 proposal would have a beneficial effect on the Market East commercial district. It would bring more people and activity to the corridor, which could also have a beneficial effect on the area in which the Reading Terminal Market operates by bringing more prospective patrons into the vicinity. Market East has been lacking in commercial activity for many years, with several vacant lots and underutilized buildings between 6th and Juniper Streets. The Market8 project could be a needed catalyst for returning Market East to its historic role as a main thoroughfare and axis of commercial and entertainment activity in Center City, a role for which it was originally designed as far back as the founding of the city. The progress and outcomes contemplated by the Market8 proposal look like a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring Market East back after more than three decades of decline and underutilization.
I, _____________________ verify that any factual information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signature
Good morning/afternoon,

I am Bill Jones, the President and CEO of the United Way of Wyoming Valley.

When I was asked if I would consider offering testimony for today's hearing, I immediately and without hesitation said yes. It is an honor for me to speak on behalf of Mohegan Sun, one of the most community minded corporate citizens in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Mohegan Sun takes their corporate social responsibility very seriously. A strong sense of community is a huge part of their culture... It just seems to be in their DNA. They are quite generous with their time, talent and charitable dollars and are very much concerned with the economic well-being of the entire region.

In just the six and a half years Mohegan Sun has been operating in Northeast Pennsylvania, they have truly become a significant part of the fabric of our community. During this time they have sponsored nearly 1000 different organizations, causes and events and have donated roughly $2.5 million to make our community stronger.

For them, it's not just about giving away money. Mohegan Sun empowers its team members and encourages them to participate as board members and leaders in dozens of different organizations, including the United Way, area chambers of commerce, local colleges and universities, community health clinics, programs for at risk children and so much more. Employees have volunteered in a number of different initiatives that have benefited victims of natural disasters, our troops in Afghanistan, disadvantaged children, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, our local soup kitchen, children and individuals with disabilities, homeless shelters and so many others.

From a United Way perspective, Mohegan Sun has been incredibly generous, assisting in everything from our corporate campaign, to offering incentives to encourage giving, to sponsorships of the closing event of our campaign and our annual awards reception. They seem to never say no and not only we, but hundreds of the charitable organizations in our region recognize and appreciate their efforts.

Mohegan Sun has also enhanced the cultural life and economic growth of the area. In addition to the casino, they have been the major sponsor of our local arena that is home to the Penguins' minor league team and which hosts numerous shows and concerts throughout the year. The arena is a very important venue in our community and Mohegan Sun's support ensures it will remain vibrant and successful.

Mohegan Sun has significantly contributed to the local economy in a number of ways. With 1,600 employees Mohegan Sun is now the fifth largest employer of Luzerne County residents. That's an enormous contribution to an area that has higher than average poverty and the
highest unemployment in the state. Currently, 99.6% of the Mohegan Sun Pocono Downs workforce is made up of Pennsylvania residents.

Mohegan Sun has already been recognized multiple times for its excellence related to their Human Resource environment. In 2012, it was a NEPA Reader’s Choice Award 1st runner up for Best Place to Work. They were recently presented with an award from the Luzerne County Mental Health Administration Job Corp. for its efforts in hiring individuals with disabilities and next week they will receive the award for Outstanding LGBT Supportive Corporation Award.

They are currently building a hotel that will create additional jobs and economic activity. Their development has not only generated business for the casino, it has spurred further development of new business and growth of existing business in the area. It would be difficult to imagine what the economic climate in our region would look like if Mohegan Sun hadn’t located here, created so many employment opportunities and been so generous with their charitable giving.

To wrap up, I have included in my testimony several articles that were written by our area’s newspapers when the former CEO of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Bobby Soper, left that position in Wilkes-Barre to become the CEO of the entire corporation in Connecticut. The articles speak to how much the area appreciated the leadership of Mr. Soper and all he did in the community. What we are all coming to find out is that while Bobby Soper is indeed an outstanding and dynamic leader, what we appreciate most is the culture that was created, a culture that transcends an individual leader and is the hallmark of the corporation. It is just how they do business; community is in their DNA.

I have no doubt that the city of Philadelphia will find an excellent community partner, a generous and caring neighbor, and an outstanding corporate friend in Mohegan Sun. Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.
Local casino chief taking on Connecticut assignment

February 17, 2013 4:08 AM

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs President and CEO Bobby Soper will leave the casino to head Mohegan Sun’s flagship gaming resort in Uncasville, Conn.

Soper has headed the local casino since Mohegan Sun took over Pocono Downs in 2005, and has overseen significant expansion of the casino during his tenure. He supervised its opening as a slots-only facility in 2006, the addition of table games in 2010 and the groundbreaking on a new $50 million 238-room hotel and convention center at the Plains Township property this year.

“It’s been a good ride, and the property has certainly evolved over the past six years,” Soper said. “But I’m one person amongst 1,700 that are responsible for its growth.”

Soper said Mike Bean, current assistant general manager of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, will replace him as president and CEO.

While excited, Soper said he has mixed feelings about leaving the Plains Township casino to head the larger flagship location in Connecticut.

“It’s a great opportunity to be at the helm of one of the most spectacular entertainment destinations in the country and to be reunited with some of my former colleagues,” he said. “But my wife and I have developed a lot of friendships and relationships in this community, and this community has opened its arms to us, so we’re certainly going to miss that, but we won’t be strangers.”

Soper and Mohegan Sun forged numerous partnerships with the surrounding community during his tenure. He served as chairman of the United Way’s board and sat on boards or coordinated events with other local charities, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge and the Salvation Army.

Soper said the charitable involvement of Mohegan Sun will not fade in his absence.

“The reality is nothing’s going to change here at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs,” Soper said. “We’re a community-minded organization. My team here is very community-minded. I feel very comfortable that this property will continue to be integrated into the fabric of the community, and the reality is it’s the team here that has really made Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs what it is today.”

Soper will return to casino where he began his career. One of about 1,700 members of the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, Soper started as legal council for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority in 1997 and became a senior vice president of the Connecticut casino in 2001.
Super will replace former CEO Jeff Hartmann, who left the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut on Wednesday and had served as its CEO since 2011. There he will take the helm of a casino that has seen declining revenues as revenues at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs have risen.

According to The Day newspaper of New London, Conn., the Connecticut Mohegan Sun will lay off more than 300 employees by the end of October &8211; the casino's second mass layoff since 2010.

Mitchell Etess, CEO of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, and casino executives attributed the layoffs to declining revenues from weak economic recovery and increased competition in the northeast casino market, according to The Day's report.

The Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority said in its latest financial report, for the three months ending June 30, that income from operations at the Connecticut casino fell 20 percent from 2011, while it rose 40 percent at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Gaming revenues grew 3.2 percent at the Plains Township casino, but fell 9.2 percent in Connecticut.

The Connecticut flagship is also much larger by every measure than Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. It has nearly 6,000 slot machines compared to 2,300, and 300 table games versus 66 at the local casino.

The Connecticut casino reported $1.1 billion in net revenue for the last fiscal year, while the Plains Township complex, that includes a harness racing track, had revenues of just over $300 million.
Soper leaves legacy of involvement

BY DENISE ALLABAUGH (STAFF WRITER)

During the last seven years Bobby Soper has been president and CEO of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, he was known not only for representing casino, but for his community involvement as well.

Soper has served on the boards for a variety of organizations, including the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Misericorda University, WVIA Public Broadcast Northeast Regional Cancer Institute and the Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

As Soper prepares to leave the Plains Township casino to head Mohegan's flagship casino in Uncasville, Conn., Bill Jones, president and CEO of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, said, “it certainly is a huge loss to our community.”

"Bobby is just such a humble and insightful leader and he just reflected goodness in all that he did," Jones said.

When Soper was chair for the United Way's campaign in 2007, he raised $4.75 million for agencies that serve people in need. The amount exceeds last year's total of just over $4 million, Jones said.

"Bobby was able to raise a good amount for us. He will certainly be missed," Jones said. "From my own perspective, as the incoming president and CEO the United Way of Wyoming Valley, Bobby was truly one of the go-to guys for the community. He helped me so much. I'm so grateful for all of his support during the first couple months of the transition. The community will miss him and I will miss him personally."

Soper has served on the Wilkes-Barre chamber's board since 2005, when Jones took the role of president at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, said Leanne Newman, vice president of planning, policy and development for the chamber.

"What struck me from the time I first met Bobby was the extent to which he threw himself into work on behalf of the community and on behalf of the Wilkes-Barre business community," Newman said. "He rolled up his sleeves and got involved from very early on. He is going to be greatly missed because of his commitment and dedication to the Wilkes-Barre business community.


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he was so actively engaged. He never hesitated to lend a hand, not just in terms of corporate sponsorships, but in direct work on behalf of the organization."

Newman also praised Soper for his work on a number of boards, saying, "There's not a lot of glamour in volunteer work or community work. It was a lot of tedious and meetings, but he never shied away from that."

Soper, who is replacing Jeffrey Hartmann in Connecticut, said Mohegan Sun's community involvement will continue when he leaves.

"We understand the importance of giving back to the community," Soper said Friday. "It's important that our organization be a true partner with the community and it's something that permeates through the whole organization. Our whole team is involved in various organizations and nonprofit initiatives both in giving monetary resources as well as their time."

He said his replacement, Mike Bean, the current assistant general manager at Mohegan Sun, also has served on a number of boards. Bean said Mohegan Sun is a "community-minded organization" and the community involvement will continue.

Bill Moore, the CEO of the Wilkes-Barre chamber who came to the area from Connecticut, said based on his experience in Connecticut, the Mohegan Tribe always was very involved with the chamber prior to the opening of the casino.

"I really expect that to continue," Moore said. "That's just part of their natural way of doing business in the community."

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<td>I strongly oppose any casino being allowed to operate in the center city area, specifically at the Market East location as proposed. I live at 11th and Spruce, and I am the type of person that this casino will encourage to leave the city. Both my wife and I are employed, pay our taxes, contribute to our community, and spend lots of money in our neighborhood at local businesses and restaurants. We and people like us are the reason neighborhoods like Washington Square West are roaring back. The city already has trouble retaining young people who won’t want to subject their children to Phil. public schools. Starting a casino, with the accompanying bad element, i.e., gamblers, prostitutes, increased crime, and a general mischievous element at all hours of the day will only spur the flight of young people (white, black, and everyone else) who wish to live and spend their money in Philadelphia. A casino does not encourage the type of tourism or living environment for residents that will better the city. I defy anyone in favor of it to identify a beautiful, thriving neighborhood with a casino. It is self-evident that gaming does not better a community through tax revenues or any collateral tourism effect - just look at Las Vegas and A.C. If you wander one block away from the bright lights, crime and poverty are ever-present. If casinos really improved communities, then AC would not look like a post-apocalyptic wasteland one block from the beach (Sandy aside). If you want to drive away young professionals and decimate the tax base in favor of a handful of ‘tourists’ from the surrounding counties who will likely not patronize any other city businesses but payday lenders and pawn shops, then by all means, build a casino in center city.</td>
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<td>Carol</td>
<td>Ulrich</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>The Goldenberg Group has been working very hard to make Market8 a reality and has always strived to improve communities throughout the City of Philadelphia. Being an employee of 15 years of TGG, I know they put their heart and soul into every project they develop!</td>
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<td>Angie</td>
<td>Bianco</td>
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<td>I believe the Market8 entertainment center would invigorate the city and bring greater excitement to the area! I look forward to its addition to our great city.</td>
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<td>brian</td>
<td>conlon</td>
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<td>I think the Market8 proposal would be an asset to center city Philadelphia and would provide a much needed entertainment/commerical destination</td>
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<td>Emanuel</td>
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<td>Leah</td>
<td>dela Cruz</td>
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<td>Alexis</td>
<td>Dahlin</td>
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<td>I support The Goldenberg Group and the new casino for revitalizing the downtown section of Philadelphia.</td>
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<td>Justin</td>
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<td>I support the casino for Market East and to revitalize the downtown Philadelphia city center.</td>
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<td>Joseph</td>
<td>Morley</td>
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<td>Although I live in the western suburbs, I would love to have a casino in the center of the great city of Philadelphia. It will make it easier for us to take a train into town to join in the casino life. It is also an additional draw for visitors to our city to stay around after seeing the sites &amp; eating our fine foods for additional entertainment not found back in their towns, etc.</td>
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<td>Graeme</td>
<td>Howard III</td>
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<td>I believe this project will be the best for the State and the City.</td>
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<td>Jeff</td>
<td>days</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>We at the Blackhawks A.C. support the Market8 group for the building of the casino at 8th &amp; market Street. Great location, near all public transportation and easy excess to the main highways it will create more jobs for the city. But what we like most about the Goldenburg Group is that they care and support the Philadelphia community.</td>
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<td>Francis</td>
<td>rich</td>
<td>Pe</td>
<td>A new casino &amp; hotel are greatly needed for this area in Philadelphia. It will revitalize the area and great job creator. I opened and worked for Loews Hotels and when we opened LPH at 12th and Market and it changed that entire area for the better &amp; is still doing so.</td>
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<td>Chris</td>
<td>Ryan</td>
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<td>My wife and I believe a center city casino would bring a lot of revenue to the city while attracting visitors. The casino would bring much needed revitalization to market street.</td>
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Andrea Layden PA

As a resident of Society Hill with a family with young children, we are anxiously awaiting the revitalization of Market Street that will come with the proposed Market 8 project! I have lived in Society Hill for 15 years and love its deep, historic roots. However, it is embarrassing to the city to have tourists stray from 6th street to visit City Hall, Chinatown, Rittenhouse Row shops, among other locations only to pass through run down, uninhabited storefronts, open lots and limited attraction to a tourist. It leaves a negative impression of the city that we should not have to apologize for. Revitalization that includes an upscale casino property and that plans to add entertainment, restaurants and investment back into the neighborhood would be a welcome and much needed concept. How wonderful could that be for attracting business to the Convention Center and other neighborhood areas of Philadelphia, including Chinatown, Old City and Society Hill. I also believe in revitalization for the benefit of young families who chose to work and raise their families in center city Philadelphia. While some see a Casino as taboo, I see business and revitalization as a way to bring economics into the city and keep young people engaged in their community, create opportunities for investing in good local public schools, and enhance real estate values for those seeking to live in good local neighborhoods. I believe that with a new Casino comes a certain responsibility to enhance security, visual improvement (clean streets, etc) and programs that assist those in need. It would be wonderful to have this reinvestment in my adjoining neighborhood. In addition to the revenues and employment opportunities it will bring to the city, I am passionate about making Philadelphia the best looking city it can be! Many of the other locations proposed might add something to their neighborhoods, but it will not be as noticeable to those visiting Center City Philadelphia. I have researched the groups who are looking to build casinos with this proposal, and the Market 8 team has a very positive track record of investing in underprivileged and underserved and not only give back routinely as a business, but care about the neighborhoods that they invest in. I am active in local National Parks as well as with the local K-8 public school in the catchment that Market 8 and believe me when I tell you, the children and parks deserve a civic minded partner in their community. Society Hill residents don’t think there are many underserved in their neighborhood, but they have their head in the sand. Children from dual working families and immigrants from China need to have the support of community businesses in order to succeed and be given the opportunities to do so. While I am unable to speak at a hearing, I felt compelled to write and share my opinions. Thank you for allowing residents an opportunity to express ourselves!

Addie Urban PA

Love the new design. I have been waiting for the revitalization of the 8th & Market Area. What a perfect location.
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<td>Mark</td>
<td>Silber</td>
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<td>Concern the Market East (8th Street) proposal... I think that would be a great location and will re-vitalize the immediate area, which once was so lively with Gimbels, Lit Brothers, Strawbridge &amp; Clothier, etc. but now so lacking in activity.</td>
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<td>Joseph</td>
<td>Smith</td>
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<td>Great location and honorable people to work with</td>
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<td>M.</td>
<td>Humphries</td>
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<td>It seems a shame to have invested so much money on the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and to have it not be used as much as possible because of the environment in which it is located. If you were to award the casino license to the 8th &amp; Market site, I think it would go a long way to helping improve Market Street and tying together Old City with City Hall. The walk from one to the other, on any given night of the year, could be the most engaging and romantic in the city if the GCB were to grant the casino license to Market8. We'd have our very own “Magnificent Mile,” and it would go a long way towards beautifying our city. Thank you for your time and letting me express my opinion.</td>
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<td>John</td>
<td>Williamson</td>
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<td>The Market Street location is the most 'citycentric' location and does the most to link the Convention Center with the Casino.</td>
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<td>Brian</td>
<td>Galle</td>
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<td>With the people involved I would have to believe it would be done right.</td>
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<td>Christine</td>
<td>Bullock</td>
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<td>Goldenberg Group is a wonderful company and I am pleased to see this potential experience to them. Their heart is within the Philadelphia region.</td>
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<td>Patrick</td>
<td>Meffey</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>MARKET8 would be a great addition to Philadelphia. Those involved will work tirelessly until perfection is reached for the creation of an epic entertainment center and casino which will attract the entire community and bring revenue to the city for so much more.</td>
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<td>Norman</td>
<td>Palmer</td>
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<td>The leaders of this company have shown over the years their commitment to the City of Philadelphia</td>
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<td>The company behind this effort works to support and better the city of Philadelphia</td>
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<td>William Pohlig</td>
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<td>I believe Market 8 is the best location to help the entire Philadelphia area. I have had business experience with The Goldberg Group and they followed through on every commitment as well as add additional value to the community thought the multi year project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, Todd Pohlig</td>
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<td>Anthony Palmer</td>
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<td>By far the best location and would produce the best option for the city for shopping and dining options</td>
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<td>Megan Gumbrech</td>
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<td>The 8th and Market location will provide a link between more active areas of Old City and downtown. Market St is the heart of our city and this location will draw people to the center, which will likely boost traffic to other center city businesses as well as the multiple historic landmarks within walking distance of the location.</td>
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<td>Peter Guidi</td>
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<td>I am in full support of this project. Please give Market Street the revitalization it desperately needs. This is an opportunity for the city that should not be missed.</td>
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<td>P Bramble</td>
<td>PA</td>
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<td>Goldenberg Group operates an organization with integrity focusing on the needs and goals of the communities it serves.</td>
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<td>ROBERT FRANK</td>
<td>PA</td>
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<td>I HAVE BEEN THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTANT FOR DEVELOPER KENNETH GOLDENBERG FOR 23 YEARS. I CAN ATTEST TO HIS COMMITMENT TO PERFORM AND COMPLETE ANY PROJECT HE UNDERTAKES TO DO WITH FULL INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. HIS PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY AS HIS IS HONESTY IN FINISHING WHAT HE STARTS. HIS FINANCIAL HISTORY IS SPOTLESS. ALL TAXES AREPAID IN FULL AND HIS PAYMENT HISTORY IS SPOTLESS. HE CARES ABOUT THE WELFARE OF PHILADELPHIA AND HAS ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS PROJECTS IN THE INNER CITY. HE CHOSE TO LIVE WITHIN CITY LIMITS WITH TYHE REASONING 'I EARN MY LIVING HERE SO I SHOULD PAY MY TAXES HERE. I BELIEVE THE CITY WOULD BE PROUD OF HIS PROJECT AT MARKET 8</td>
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<td>Peter Leeds</td>
<td>NY</td>
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<td>We visit Philadelphia for business and have family living in Chestnut Hill. We think that the project would do a great deal to provide additional attractions and give us more reasons to spend more time in the area.</td>
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<td>Mark</td>
<td>Scott</td>
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<td>I spoke on behalf of Market East Associate’s Market8 Casino proposal on April 12th, 2013. The following is a brief summary of my statements. I have known The Goldenberg Group and its non-profit arm, People Helping People, for the last two years since they became involved in my son’s school, E.M. Stanton Elementary School at 17th and Christian Streets. E.M. Stanton is a high performing Philadelphia Public Elementary School, but was slated for closure in 2011 due to the age and condition of the building. Ken Goldenberg worked with Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and made a pledge of profits from a local project, as well as coordinating volunteer services. Over the summer of 2012 People Helping People and The Goldenberg Group worked with community members to coordinate the painting of the cafeteria and first floor classrooms. They provided all the required supplies and coordinated a pool of volunteers made up of Goldenberg staff, other business acquaintances, and parents and community members. The Goldenberg Group has remained very involved ever since, helping with strategic planning, grant applications, and helping to bring additional music program into the school. They have proven themselves to be great community members and follow through on their promises. For this reason, as well as the strength of their proposal and location, I am supporting Market8. Thank you, Mark R. Scott</td>
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<td>Todd</td>
<td>Malligan</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>Best location. If you got off a plane from Europe and visited Philadelphia for the first time, it would be impossible not to pass by Market8 in your explorations. The same not at all true for the Provence on North Broad St, on the other side of the great divide - The Vine Street Expressway.</td>
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<td>Michele</td>
<td>Fisher</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>Market 8 is the best location in the city for visitors using public transportation. I live about 35 miles out of the city and don’t like to drive into the city at all. I can take public transportation into town and steps away have a full service entertainment center and spend the night.</td>
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<td>Colin</td>
<td>Jones</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>Best location for city, transforms east market street, best you of existing infrastructure, augments assets that currently exist - parking, hotels, historic, and will help bring added conventions and conventioneers.</td>
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<td>Adam</td>
<td>Rosenzweig</td>
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<td>I believe that Market8 will demonstrate the highest aggregate gaming revenue for the state, and thus the most incremental tax revenue to the State.</td>
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<td>Stephan</td>
<td>McVaugh</td>
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<td>I think this would be the best location for a casino in the City of Philadelphia. Central to all tourist locations with easy access via car and public transportation.</td>
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The project should be located where it can best enhance the State’s investment into the Convention Center. The investment made to date is beginning to show signs of failure and the State needs to use this opportunity to try to create more incentive for folks to use the Convention Center. A casino is certainly an entertainment option for conventioners.

First, I should say that I am not a supporter of gambling as a method of taxation in general and see many issues with it from a socioeconomic point of view. That said, Pennsylvania is going to grant this license and there is one real opportunity to make that a net gain for the city - and that would be to permit the MARKETS project to go forward. The project is not focused around the Casino so much as it allows the economics of a casino to support a breath of new life to a once vibrant American hub of enterprise, activity, and culture. In a majority African American city, it is the only one with significant African American participation at all levels and, for this reason, has received the endorsement of both the NAACP and the Urban League. I am also impressed with the commitment to Chinatown’s concerns - whether the license is granted or not - about their community’s particular issues with gambling addiction. A long time philanthropically concerned local company, The Goldenberg Group, has pledged help with this regardless of the PGCB’s decision. MARKETS will revitalize a key corner of Center City with high potential for much more positive than negative downstream effects throughout the city. It offers a stunning yet appropriately designed modern facility. It would significantly increase ridership for PATCO and SEPTA. And, regardless of which proposal gets the green light, it remains committed to help mitigate the negative effects that would attend any of the proposed developments. I appreciate your time and consideration and highly recommend that you choose MARKETS for the best effect of the casino license initiative. Best regards, Georges D. Lafontant 610.585.8851

As a life-long Philadelphia resident, I’ve always been perplexed and disappointed by the condition of East Market Street. After all, many visitors (brought in large part by the great work of GPTMC) come to Philly primarily (or at least initially) to see the historic sites between 5th and 7th streets on Market. How can we allow the Melting Pot and Ross/Staples be among their first impressions of our great city? MARKETS’s plan to have ONLY restaurants and retail (i.e. no gaming) on the street level of the project will energize the area and bring destination restaurants to town. As a resident of Bella Vista, I’d be thrilled to be able to walk home from Old City or Center City without having to pass the sad state of the street. How quickly things would change if this project is brought to life and how much of a difference it would make to have the $2M minimum contribution of the project to improving the area, supporting local schools and NGOs and so much more. I’m not a gambler but it’s clear that this project would improve the city and particularly Market East.
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<td>Urban</td>
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<td>I support the Market 8 casino plan. It will be a great complement to our City.</td>
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<td>Allan</td>
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<td>Angela</td>
<td>Lowry</td>
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<td>Erinn</td>
<td>Carey</td>
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<td>I think this will be an incredible boost for 8th and Market and the plans for a first-class, family-friendly environment will attract the kind of clientele that’ll make it a successful initiative.</td>
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<td>Eric</td>
<td>Knipping</td>
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<td>I believe Market 8 has the best opportunity to grow the gaming market by being able to attract new business from Conventioneers and Tourist. The PA convention center needs help in attracting conventions and a casino a couple blocks away can help.</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>Elsasser</td>
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<td>Market8 provides the best benefit to the City as a whole. This area of the city needs to be revitalized.</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>Mercuris</td>
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<td>I think this will be a huge opportunity for the commonwealth and the city. This is an opportunity for the gaming control board to be an economic driver beyond the revenue from gaming and transform an important area in the states history.</td>
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<td>I believe the proposed casino at 8th &amp; Market is the best location, will contribute to the local economy by producing jobs, tax revenues and an increase in tourism that will be a positive influence on the City of Philadelphia.</td>
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<td>Maureen</td>
<td>Coyle</td>
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<td>I would like to ask the Board one question, why aren’t you buying the beach front property in AC? I know why, the CASINO’s. Think about it, every community along the shore the beaches are lined with multimillion dollar homes, EXCEPT AC. In fact, they are building homes on top of each other because shore communities are so desirable, EXCEPT AC. Society Hill was regentrified in the 70’s and has only truly taken growth in the last two decades. Society Hill is filled with strollers now. SO why would you want to implode the most historic square mile in the US? If there is any question as to what a casino will do to a residential community, just look to Atlantic City. Oh, of course, the same promises were made in the 70’s when they were convincing everyone of how great the casino’s would be for the community....but those were false realities. Even the AC Boardwalk never prospered like they promised. Noone I know wants to go to the AC Boardwalk nor shop at the Pier! Noone I know feels safe in AC...in fact, people I know have been victims of crime there. SO WHY WOULD WE CONSIDER PUTTING ONE AT 8TH AND MARKET STREETS?</td>
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<td>Raquel</td>
<td>Ramos</td>
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<td>South Jersey loves a trip to Philly, can’t wait for Market8!!!!!!</td>
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<td>Kimberly</td>
<td>Lawrence</td>
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<td>The best place in the city of Philadelphia is Market8!!!</td>
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<td>Pam</td>
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<td>We are in support of the proposed MARKET8 project. It is our opinion that the project will reenergize the downtown commercial district, create jobs, and continue to make Philadelphia a destination point.</td>
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<td>Antonio</td>
<td>Fiol-Silva</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>Market 8 is clearly the casino development option that would generate the most spin-off benefits to Philadelphia - in the broadest of senses. Economically, it would engage and benefit the most diverse constituency. Urbanistically, it is decidedly the most connected and positive of the proposed developments - the planning, design and development community has amply testified to that. Our city needs this to be a project we are all proud of!</td>
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<td>Rhett</td>
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<td>I support this development. It will certainly re-vitalize the market street corridor which desperately needs a makeover.</td>
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<td>I hope this letter finds you well and that your Holiday Season is off to a great start! As you know, we at TGG have been tirelessly working to bring the MARKET8 urban entertainment center and casino to the East Market Street corridor at 8th &amp; Market Street. It's time to once again tie this part of the city into the overall fabric of Philadelphia, invigorate the downtown commercial district, and link Center City to the Historic District &amp; Old City. We know that the MARKET8 project can do this. We are now in the homestretch of the PA Gaming Control Board's period for public feedback and need your support more than ever. Please take a few minutes, click here and add your voice. A simple sentence or two is plenty! Please forward me the confirmation email you get after your submission to help us track our support. As you know, we are committed to the neighborhoods of our city and are confident that the MARKET8 project would be the economic catalyst that this area needs. We hope you agree and will help us achieve this goal. You can read more about what people are saying about us on our website <a href="http://www.MARKET8Philly.com/media/">http://www.MARKET8Philly.com/media/</a>. If you have any comments or questions, or would like to discuss the project before you submit your comments, please email me at anytime. I look forward to hearing from you, Marjorie Cases</td>
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<td>Steve</td>
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<td>Need this company because they are committed to the city of Philadelphia</td>
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<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Gordon</td>
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<td>MARKET8 will be a great location to open up a casino. This could bring more business to the city and generate jobs that are needed.</td>
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<td>Mary</td>
<td>McKiernan</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>I believe after seeing some of the other projects this group managed and/or owned that they will be the most competent to get the Casino for Philadelphia and will improve the commerce and aesthetics of the city as well.</td>
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<td>Renaud</td>
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<td>The leaders of this company are active in concerns and affairs of the city of Philadelphia</td>
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<td>Katie</td>
<td>Twyman</td>
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<td>The MARKET8 entertainment center and casino would be a great addition to the East Market Street Corridor. Such a major investment would really help to revive the area.</td>
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<td>Peter</td>
<td>Monaghan</td>
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<td>Personally I believe that MARKET8 will have the greatest overall positive impact on the City of Philadelphia and I would like to share my support for the entire MARKET8 team.</td>
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<td>Laurie</td>
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<td>Support 8th and Market casino</td>
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<td>Judith</td>
<td>Mercuris</td>
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<td>I believe that Ken Goldenberg and his group have the cities best interest first.</td>
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<td>Cameron</td>
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<td>THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS COMPANY ALWAYS WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA</td>
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<td>William</td>
<td>Ramos</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>I support this Market S. This will be great for tourism and great for the East Market Street Corridor. Please lets do what we have to do get this built. This will be without a doubt a game changer for Philadelphia and with all the construction going on in Philadelphia this would just add so much to the city that it is an easy yes to get this built. I VOTE 100% YES LETS GET THIS GOING</td>
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<td>Anthony</td>
<td>Degutis</td>
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<td>The Market S Entertainment proposal seems to me to the one that could do the most for Center City. Other than the area adjacent to the convention center and Reading Terminal Market, the east end of Market Street down to Fifth Street has declined over the past two or three decades from a once vibrant shopping mecca to a downtrodden unappealing area. Although there are throngs of people on the street during the day the evenings are more deserted and uninviting. Developing the empty lot at 8th and Market into a casino-hotel complex would certainly add appeal to the area, would spur development in the area surrounding the site, and add life to a now moribund area. Development in this part of the city has far more potential than that offered by the other casino proposals. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Ken</td>
<td>Dewey</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>I am voicing my opinion the Pennsylvania Gaming Board look favorably upon the Market* request for a casino and gaming license.</td>
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Merle Becker PA  
As a resident of Society Hill with a family with young children, we are anxiously awaiting the revitalization of Market Street that will come with the proposed Market S project! I have lived in Society Hill for 20 years and love its deep, historic roots. However, it is embarrassing to the city to have tourists stray from 6th street to visit City Hall, Chinatown, Rittenhouse Row shops among other locations only to pass through run down, uninhabited storefronts, open lots and limited attraction to a tourist. It leaves a negative impression of the city that we should not have to apologize for. Revitalization that includes an upscale casino property and that plans to add entertainment, restaurants and investment back into the neighborhood would be a welcome and much needed concept. How wonderful could that be for attracting business to the Convention Center and other neighborhood areas of Philadelphia, including Chinatown, Old City and Society Hill. I also believe in revitalization for the benefit of young families who chose to work and raise their families in center city Philadelphia. While some see a Casino as taboo, I see business and revitalization as a way to bring economics into the city and keep young people engaged in their community, create opportunities for investing in good local public schools, and enhance real estate values for those seeking to live in good local neighborhoods. I believe that with a new Casino comes a certain responsibility to enhance security, visual improvement (clean streets, etc) and programs that assist those in need. It would be wonderful to have this reinvestment in my adjoining neighborhood. In addition to the revenues and employment opportunities it will bring to the city, I am passionate about making Philadelphia the best looking city it can be! Many of the other locations proposed might add something to their neighborhoods, but it will not be as noticeable to those visiting Center City Philadelphia. I have researched the groups who are looking to build casinos with this proposal, and the Market S team has a very positive track record of investing in underprivileged and underserved and not only give back routinely as a business, but care about the neighborhoods that they invest in. I am active in local National Parks as well as with the local K-8 public school in the catchment that Market S and believe me when I tell you, the children and parks deserve a civic minded partner in their community. Society Hill residents don’t think there are many underserved in their neighborhood, but they have their head in the sand. Children from dual working families and immigrants from China need to have the support of community businesses in order to succeed and be given the opportunities to do so. While I am unable to speak at a hearing, I felt compelled to write and share my opinions. Thank you for allowing residents an opportunity to express ourselves!

Maria Quattrone PA  
I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. I THINK IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO AN AREA THAT NEEDS IT! IT WILL HELP SUPPORT SURROUNDING BUSINESSES AND IT LOOKS AMAZING!
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<td>Dennis</td>
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<td>I personally think that the Casino/Hotel project will bring in a huge boost to the Phila. economy in regard to revenue and employment.</td>
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<td>Stephen</td>
<td>Rinaldi</td>
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<td>I feel this project will greatly benefit the city of Philadelphia in regard to economic growth and employment.</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>Horn</td>
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<td>The Market 8 project is critically important to our city's continued growth and economy. Please support this project and the entrepreneurial spirit our city so desperately needs. Thank you. David Horn</td>
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<td>Julia</td>
<td>Lebonitte</td>
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<td>I think there should be a hotel at 8th and market! It would create more jobs, bring more business, and bring even more people to that area. Everyone loves a new place to stay especially if it is a good friendly establishment!</td>
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<td>Patricia</td>
<td>Simpson</td>
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<td>I believe the Market East corridor has been in such a depraved state for so many years without much hope of ever changing. I think with the new addition to the Convention Center, the Market8 casino would give an enormously needed face list to the entire corridor. As we all know, if we build it, they will come could most definitely work for the east corridor.</td>
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