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December 18th, 2013

Mr. William H. Ryan Jr. Chairman, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board P.O. Box 69060 Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Mr. Ryan,

On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #5 and our 14,000 active and retired officers of the Philadelphia Police and Sheriffs Department, I write to commend the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for carefully scrutinizing the pending proposals for a second casino license in Philadelphia.

In conducting your evaluation, I urge you to take into consideration the full impact and benefits of the proposals. Of the potential operators, only Penn National Gaming's Hollywood Casino proposal specifically directs financial aid to benefit one of Philadelphia's gaping shortfalls –underfunded pensions for our city workers.

Over the last four years, FOP Lodge #5 has worked hard with the City of Philadelphia to reduce healthcare costs and make the city government more cost effective overall. By advocating adjustments to pension deferrals and the sales tax, we were able help Philadelphia achieve four consecutive balanced budgets. A major obstacle in negotiations, however, remains adequately funding pensions for our retired and active city workforce.

This is why FOP Lodge #5 welcomes Penn National's plan. It helps the city address the first of those issues: the current funding shortfalls. Our members did not create the funding problems and they should not be responsible for bearing the costs of any solution alone. Penn's proposal to create the nonprofit Philadelphia Casino Benefit Corporation helps address their needs, by committing two-thirds of Hollywood Casino's free-cash flow for school and pension funding. None of the other potential vendors has anywhere near Penn's focus on aiding our workers and retirees. Penn pledges that the PGBC will initially provide \$2 million annually to city needs, eventually growing to more than \$20 million each year, to total approximately \$115 million over a ten-year period. Furthermore, Penn's proposal requires no city financing and does not raise taxes on workers, businesses or residents in Philadelphia, making it a net gain for the city, not just shifting existing revenues and pitting programs against one another.

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FOP Lodge #5 also welcomes Penn's commitment to union labor. The three Hollywood Casinos that opened last year were union projects that incorporated a local workforce. We welcome any project that will put thousands of residents to work in good-paying jobs.

Penn's record as a proven operator with strong balance sheet and completion of its projects on budget and on time convinces us that its promises are far more than just words. The company sets out clear metrics for outreach to diverse communities, from which its draws its workforce from the construction through the operational phases of its facilities.

If we are going to move forward with a second casino license, we must choose the operator that can best spur our economy, raise revenues for our city, and put more workers on a job in a manner that does not raise taxes on our residents nor displace our communities and neighborhoods. We should not turn down a \$480 million investment in our city that provides relief to schools, workers and retirees.

With these goals in mind, FOP Lodge #5 urges you to carefully evaluate the full benefits of Penn National's Hollywood Casino proposal in reaching your determination.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. McNESBY, President Philadelphia Lodge #5 Fraternal Order of Police







July 14, 2013

Mr. William H. Ryan Jr., Chairman, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board P.O. Box 69060 Karrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Mr. Ryan,

We are writing to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board not as supporters of gambling, but as people of faith seeking to improve the quality of life in Philadelphia's communities. If the Board is to move forward and award a second casino license in the City of Philadelphia, we believe you should give priority to the proposal that benefits the largest number of city residents; Penn National Gaming's Hollywood Casino Philadelphia as we feel it best fits the needs of our City. While all of the prospective operators have pledged investments of hundreds of millions of dollars and promised to create jobs, Penn's plan goes beyond the others in terms of its specifics. Most importantly, Penn National is the only vendor that has guaranteed to direct millions of dollars annually to City schools and pension funds. Specifically, they are committed to direct two-thirds of its free cash flow to a new comprofit organization called the Philadelphia Casino Benefit Corporation (PCBC). The PCBC will support two causes: pensions and education within Philadelphia.

Philadelphia's families and workers will benefit from this financial relief. In just the last two years, more than \$1 billion in education funding has been moved out of our public schools. Our education system currently faces a budget deficit of \$300 million. Too many schools have been shuttered, teachers have lost their jobs and too many working in our schools face wage and benefit cuts. We welcome such an arrangement that will infuse our system with revenue. Those who served the City for decades do not deserve unfunded and uncertain pensions. Penn's plan will help stabilize the retirements for, City workers who have devoted spent their careers working to improve the quality of life of City residents. It is our sincere hope that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board partners with Penn National Gaming as it moves to grow gaming in Philadelphia, for the benefit of our students, teachers, workers and retirees.

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Florine Smith



August 23, 2013

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

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

As a result of the community outreach efforts regarding our Hollywood Casino Philadelphia proposal I would like to share with you the sentiments from the nearly 100 letters of support generated from Hollywood supporters to you, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Hollywood Casino supporters emphasize that Penn's commitment to direct millions of dollars each year to city schools and pensions stands out from our competitors, who have made no such guarantee. These are concerned citizens of all ages who pay taxes in support of city services and want stable futures for their children and their retirements.

By guaranteeing that two-thirds of its free cash flow will go to the Philadelphia School District and pension funds, Penn is investing in the present and the future, while helping to stabilize city finances.

As one supporter stated, "Can we afford to discourage a guaranteed source of revenue to help fund the schools in this city?" As another union backer of Hollywood wrote, "This city needs help, it needs a casino that will pump the most revenue back into the city's budget." Another writer in favor of Penn's plan wrote that it "has earned my support, given their positive national reputation as well as their commitment to provide two-thirds of their cash flow to the city schools and pension funds, both of which are in desperate need of financial support."

Other strong testimony comes from workers at other Hollywood Casino facilities. "Hollywood Casino will bring a large quantity of business opportunities to your area as well. Penn also uses local vendors which will help out smaller, local businesses in these hard times," wrote a marketing coordinator at our Argosy, IA venue. Another worker at our Grantville, PA facility emphasizes that working for Hollywood Casino "is the best thing to ever happen to my family."

We pride ourselves on community outreach, and many businesses benefit from their partnerships with Penn. A former employee noted, "Since leaving Penn, I purchased my own company and have come full circle partnering as a woman-owned business enterprise with the Hollywood properties in PA, ME, and OH to provide entertainment options to their patrons. This partnership significantly enhanced my business and has allowed me to provide hundreds of

local, regional and national performers work as well as providing employment to two additional staff members. They are truly exemplary in providing a memorable entertainment experience to their patrons, in giving back to their communities, in hiring and treating their employees with respect, in stimulating local economies and in having integrity in their vendor relationships."

While our proposal stands strong on its merits, we ask that you take the first-person testimony of our supporters into consideration during your deliberations as well.

If you have any questions or need any additional information would like to discuss further, feel free to contact me at 610-378-8321.

Eric Schippers

Senior Vice President Public Affairs



September 16, 2013

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

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

Last month, we shared with you nearly 100 letters of support in favor of our Hollywood Casino Philadelphia proposal. Today, we would like to share with you more letters from Philadelphia residents who support our plan for the City.

The attached letters highlight a number of reasons why Penn National Gaming remains the best option for Philadelphia residents, workers, retirees and schools.

Penn National's track record, recent expansion regionally and nationally, and management expertise make it a reliable partner for the City. Hollywood Casino Philadelphia will generate thousands of jobs and will benefit from ongoing relationships with minority and women-owned and disadvantaged businesses.

Most importantly, Penn National is the only operator guaranteeing two-thirds of its free cash flow to fund the Philadelphia School District and city pensions, above and beyond the tax revenue our facility's operations will yield.

We ask that you take the attached testimony from city residents into consideration, along with the previous letters of support, during your deliberations this fall.

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Sincerely

Eric Schippers

Senior Vice President Public Affairs

James Kenney

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speaking for: * PA Gaming Ventures, LLC (Hollywood Casino Philadelphia)

To the Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board:

Please accept this correspondence as written testimony in support of the Hollywood Casino proposal located in South Philadelphia at 700 Packer Avenue.

It is my belief that the City of Philadelphia will garner the most possible benefit from the award of the second casino license to Penn National Gaming, whose proposed Hollywood Casino creates a unique cash-sharing concept as part of their application.

There is something to be said for a developer who thought outside the proverbial box. The concept that they have proposed – partnering with a non-profit organization that in turn turns over two-thirds of the cash flow to our City's pension fund and schools – is an incredible opportunity for our City.

Any of the proposed casinos will forecast increased economic impact and employment opportunities to our region, but no applicant has put in writing the kind of financial benefit we can anticipate as a result of the Hollywood Casino proposal. They have guaranteed the City annual minimum \$2 million revenue floor as the facility ramps up, that number is expected grow to more than \$20 million annually.

While their proposed financial contributions are not a silver bullet for our pension and schools problems, they are a step in the right direction. Whether the annual amount is \$2 million or \$20 million a year, each and every dollar is welcomed. And it would be more than any other applicant will provide. It gives us the opportunity to help ourselves towards a solution – a long-term solution – to our City's fiscal mess.

I hope the commission sees the opportunity the City and the State have to contribute to long-term solutions like this one. It is also my hope that other city leaders, who, as indicated by their comments in

testimony and in the media, are looking for bigger and better casino packages, see this as the biggest and best package on the table today and one that is unlikely to be matched by any other operator.

Penn National Gaming, the developer of Hollywood Casino, could have opted for any other business partner to share in the two-thirds ownership. They could have chosen another gaming operator or other investor, like other applicants did. Instead, they made the City, in an indirect and legal manner, their partner so that the City as a whole will benefit.

Thank you for your consideration and I welcome any questions the commissioners may have.

Respectfully,

James F. Kenney

Councilman-At-Large

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Out of the six applicants for a second gaming license to operate in Philadelphia, one option best fits the needs of the city. Penn National Gaming's Hollywood Casino Philadelphia will stimulate the private sector and stabilize the finances of the city government more so than any other pending proposal.

Specifically, I support Hollywood Casino proposal for the following reasons:

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A city where we will go the distance to encourage our young people to want to stay in this city, rather than go to another city which has a vibrant nightlife, and forms of entertainment which will please everyone regardless of age.

Instead of just saying that we are an international destination, why don't we start BEING one? Look beyond what the loudest factions in this city, who don't want certain things in THEIR neighborhoods, without greasing palms and giving in to catering to those who want to know, "what's in it for me?"

Instead, look at what's best for EVERYONE. These things have to go somewhere. If there was room for something like this in my neighborhood, I'd welcome it. It's what's best for the collective, not just for those who think of themselves as more deserving.

Stop encouraging those with the loudest voices to call the shots. If something is not being built on your property, you can't call the shots. I look at Sugarhouse Casino, how tiny it is compared to other casinos,

because of neighborhood factions being allowed to call the shots. For once can the City Council grow the HECK up, and stop acting like children who won't play nice together, unless they get their way.

I'm personally sick of people who are supposed to serve the people of this city, instead serving only themselves. I for one would like to get rid of the City Council, and look to some of the more progressive cities in this country, and find out how they go about putting their own agendas aside, to get things accomplished and follow their example. Instead of lining up to see who the next person is who will be allowed to run for mayor. That seems to be their biggest task.

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This Philadelphia project is again a perfect example of Penn's attention to market trends and social engagement in guaranteeing 2/3 of the free cash flow go back to the community where it is needed most. I support this proposal knowing the company will commit to making their venue exceed expectations in every initiative.

Respectfully, Lisa Stokes, President B.R.P. Entertainment

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Thank you so much for your time.

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Rashida	Schuler	Pa	To whom it may concern, It is vital for the gaming board to approve and build a casino in Philadelphia because it will create employment opportunities and increase revenue to a city facing many deficits. Many citizens are jobless and approving this development will bring enthusiasm and excitement to citizens throughtout the tri-state area. I hope when making your final decision you access all the pros as oppose to the cons that will manifest as a result of you approving this project. Thank you for your attention. Rashida Schuler	ventures
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