



Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: GRAHAM DONOVAN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephon \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: NEAL BAUER

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

As a resident of NORTHERN LIBERTIES, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for Written Comments beyond June 2, 2006, to a date no more than 60 days prior to the licensing of Philadelphia's Category II facilities. I require more time to review the potential impact of the multiple gaming facilities proposed in and near my community.

In addition, I would like the PA Gaming Control Board to respond publicly to the following concerns

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

M. M.)



Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: QUINN DENBMAN

Address: \_

Telephone: \_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: UPS

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

As a resident of Northern Liberties, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for Written Comments beyond June 2, 2006, to a date no more than 60 days prior to the licensing of Philadelphia's Category II facilities. I require more time to review the potential impact of the multiple gaming facilities proposed in and near my community.

In addition, I would like the PA Gaming Control Board to respond publicly to the following concerns

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

ADRIAN ~~ADRIAN~~



FRANK DICICCO

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILMAN - 1ST DISTRICT

June 2, 2006

Thomas Decker  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Decker:

Please accept the enclosed written comment to be included in the evidentiary record of the public input hearings. Note that this testimony supplements my individual comments and does not reflect the views of the City.

I also want to take this opportunity to encourage the Board to either extend the public comment period or to create an additional public comment period following the declaration that applications are complete and final. It is impossible and unfair to ask the public to comment on proposals that will significantly change over the next few months.

My colleagues in Council agree and we recently adopted Resolution Number 060521, which is also enclosed.

I appreciate your attention in this matter and hope the Board delivers a satisfactory resolution.

Sincerely,

Frank DiCicco  
1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman

COMMITTEES

Chairman  
Streets & Services

MEMBER

Finance  
Labor & Civil Service  
Parks, Recreation &  
Cultural Affairs  
Commerce & Economic  
Development  
Fiscal Stability &  
Intergovernmental Cooperation  
Housing & Homeless  
Technology & Information Services

## **A RESOLUTION**

Calling on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) to extend the public comment period on individual slots licenses and further calling on the PGCB to create a second public comment period following the Board's declaration that the applications are complete and final in order to insure all Philadelphians' voices are heard.

**WHEREAS**, The Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted Act 71, commonly known as the Pennsylvania Gaming Act, in 2004. Under this legislation, the City of Philadelphia has been mandated to accept two slots parlors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Applications for these licenses were due on December 28, 2005. Five applications were filed for sites in the City of Philadelphia and, to date, all of these applications require supplementary information and none have been declared complete and final. Further, much of the developers' applications have not been released to communities or elected officials to help the citizens of Philadelphia better understand and comment on these proposals; and,

**WHEREAS**, Four of the five applications are located in Philadelphia's river wards, less than one mile apart. Because these locations are in such close proximity to one another, it is nearly impossible for policy makers and communities to properly comment on the individual applications without considering the other potential locations; and,

**WHEREAS**, The PGCB has declared that the final day for public comment will be June 2, 2006. This deadline falls approximately three months after initial application information was made public and falls months before full applications will be made public. This time period and the complexity of the information provided has been wholly inadequate in order to guarantee appropriate public comment; and,

**WHEREAS**, The PGCB has failed to respond to requests in writing from constituents and elected officials requesting an extension of the public comment period; and,

**WHEREAS**, No gaming license application in Philadelphia is complete and, therefore, communities are commenting on information that may change at a later date. It is illogical for the PGCB to request public comment for proposals that are still being finalized and then award gaming licenses based on those comments; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gaming will impact all Philadelphians and all Pennsylvanians and every resident and business owner must be given the opportunity to let their voices be heard; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**,  
Calls on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) to extend the public comment period on individual slots licenses and further calling on the PGCB to create a second public comment period following the Board's declaration that the applications are complete and final in order to insure all Philadelphians' voices are heard.

**June 1, 2006**

**Councilman Frank DiCicco  
1<sup>st</sup> District Council**