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

Andréa Robinson



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Name: JAMES Di MARTINO

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any _____

Employer: _____

COMMENTS: (Please use reverse side if more space is required)

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA IN GENERAL, WITNESS ATLANTA CITY AND HOW THE CASINOS DREW EVERY DIME OUT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES, BOARDWALK MERCHANTS DIED IN DROVES. OTHER OLDER MORE MATURE BUSINESSES SOON BECAME PROPERTY OF THE CASINOS AS 3RD GENERATION OWNERS GAMBOLED AWAY THEIR WEALTH. CONSEQUENTLY THE CASINO INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE BECAME THE LARGEST LANDOWNER IN THE CITY.


MY SPECIFIC PROBLEM IS AT THE FOXWOODS LOCATION ON DELTREEN STS IN PHILADELPHIA. TRAFFIC IS ALREADY A MAJOR PROBLEM.

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having a Casino w/ a projected 9 million visitors
A YEAR would GREATLY EXAGGERATE THE
PROBLEM + HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
QUALITY OF LIFE.

SINCE WE CANNOT HAVE A ZONING SAY CA
WE AT LEAST HAVE A VOICE IN DIRECTION
RE-INVESTMENT OF THE TAX REVENUES OF
THE INDUSTRY.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING,
PLEASE ADVISE

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



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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: Wendy Woloson

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA

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:

HOW THE CASINOS WILL AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOW THOSE CASINOS INTEND TO COMPENSATE RESIDENTS.

THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY FOR THIS ENTIRE PROCESS IS SHAMEFUL: WOULD YOU WANT A CASINO IN YOUR BACK YARD??



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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: Maria Van Baaren

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Concerned neighbors

Employer: N/A

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

To whom it may concern:
Please do not consider putting a casino in South Philly on Columbus Blvd between Reed + Tasker for the following reasons:

1) The traffic congestion is absolutely horrible already on Columbus Blvd - and nearby neighborhoods, especially on weekends and whenever there are events at the stadiums.

2) South Philly has a very large population of families who would not benefit from the



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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: Caryn Hunt

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Self

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

I oppose all 5 proposed casinos because they are the result of a corrupt process that from the beginning sought to exclude Philadelphia citizens from having a say in how their neighborhoods are developed.

Ask Philadelphia if they want casinos. By asking where, you are fooling no one. By rushing the timetable and trying to tell Philadelphians we have only until June 2nd to fully understand how decisions in Harrisburg will effect us and our city, your true purpose become even clearer, especially in light of the financial involvement of many key political players in this scheme. Your blatant disregard for what's in Philadelphia's long term best interests are obvious to everyone here. You are only fooling yourselves.

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The only responsible way to proceed is to postpone casino liscensing for at least 1 year. Extend the deadline for public comment to the end of the year. Schedule more public hearings in the interval.

The ill-conceived nature of the proposed casinos will heap misery and injustice on what could, with the right effort, be a beautiful city - a beacon of the 21st century.

I strongly oppose all 5 proposed casinos. The burden on the city and her residents will be staggering and has not been properly analyzed. You do a grave disservice to our city if you do not heed the public demand for more time.

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





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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: STEPHEN BINASIEWICZ

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: SELF EMPLOYED

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

AS A CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, I AM OUTRAGED AT THE COVERT NATURE IN WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE FORCED CASINO GAMBLING ON THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. NOT UNLIKE A DESPERATE GAMBLER, THE STATE HAS THROWN CAUTION AND COMMON SENSE TO THE WIND IN THE HOPE OF A BIG PAYOFF FROM THE CASINOS. NOW IS THE TIME TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE. AS A REGISTERED AND ACTIVE, VOTER I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS INJUSTICE. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE GAMING CONTROL BOARD POSTPONE CASINO LICENSING FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND SCHEDULE REAL PUBLIC HEARINGS SO THAT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE MAY BE HEARD.



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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: JOAN VINCENT SARCHESE

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: ST MICHAELS CHURCH

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of _____, 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.

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Joan Sarchese

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The neighborhood is being restored by residents to its old glory. There is limited parking and this will upset the ecology as it has in Atlantic City. The nightmare of all those people and cars not to mention toilets is overwhelming. I'm also apposed to encouraging elderly people to spend their social security money in gambling. This also has happened in Atlantic City.

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



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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: Dina Hillier Coffin

Address: -

Telephone: -

Organization, if any: -

Employer: Episcopal Academy, Merion, PA

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

*please see attached pages -
they both bear my
signature*

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Patricia Heller Coffin 5/31/06

The potential tax revenues derived from a slots parlor do not adequately offset the negatives associated with such development.

Gambling is not positive development. Those who are addicted to gambling do terrible harm to themselves and those close to them. As "recreation", the thrill of gambling comes from the risk; how can this be good? Many of the people who engage in small scale gambling- slots, scratch tickets- waste often limited assets in hopes of a large payoff. This is instead of learning to grow their income wisely. This is some peoples' idea of "investment" – heaven help us if Social Security is dismantled!

I cringe at the idea of a public housing project overlooking a casino. Should these families really have to watch other people throw money away? Or, watch members of their own community do the same? Face it, "the house always wins" – that's what makes gambling a business.

I do not want to see an opportunity lost – an opportunity to develop a project that offers jobs and community assets. I have zero faith in claims that the casino will bring a significant number of jobs for which local residents are qualified and eligible. I do not want to see an increase in traffic. The area roads are all heavily traveled and casino patrons will use surface roads to avoid Route 1/Roosevelt Boulevard. They are gamblers, right?

I am suspicious that this, ostensibly, public planning process is being rushed. I do not have confidence in the Gaming Commission's commitment to the public good. Reading the newspaper, it appears that a few commission employees are little more than violent thugs and frauds. Is this the body charged with protecting the interests of Pennsylvania's citizens?

We may have to wait a long time for the best proposal for the Budd site. I believe we have to be cautious and demand full disclosure from all parties with an interest in our community. I am not shocked when developer drags their feet or "spins" data; sadly, that is a feature of our free-market economy. I am, however, outraged when my municipal and state governments neglect my interests – even when publicly chided for doing so.

Mr. Rendell,

I cannot imagine that you genuinely look forward to having a casino down the street, but I can see why you had best keep your own counsel on the subject. You and I know that a casino will increase local crime. You read the crime log in the Fallser, you have seen the car break-ins. Those same petty, and occasionally violent, criminals will want a slice of the gamblers pay-offs. "Entrepreneurs" from other neighbors will move in to check out the pickings. If casino security prevents them from mugging the gamblers: they will settle for my car or my neighbor's home.

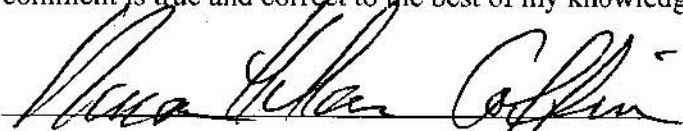
I cannot, in good conscience, support any casino proposal, at any location. However, please spare me the unmitigated falsehood that implies that TrumpStreet is the best offer we will ever see. Please conduct this planning/approval/licensing process with the most

Nina Heller Coffin 5/1/06

deliberate care and protect Pennsylvania's citizens from shortsighted development and from even the appearance of impropriety. If I am reassured that the impact of casinos has been fully discussed and all parties' interests have been explored; only then can I accept the merit of having any slots parlors in Philadelphia.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dina Hillier Coffin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed text.

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May 23, 2006

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Control Board:

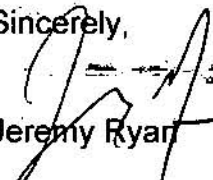
I am a resident of Philadelphia and **I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED** to casinos and gambling of any kind coming to Philadelphia. Please do not bring casinos to our town!

I am the kind of resident you want in Philadelphia:

- I pay my taxes in full and on time
- I invest in the community through neighborhood involvement and beautification
- I am interested in building community
- I am upwardly mobile and educated

I WILL MOVE my family from this town and take my income and social/personal investment with me, should casinos and gambling be installed.

Sincerely,


Jeremy Ryan



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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: Kristy Littman

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

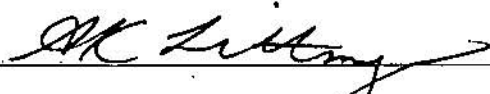
Employer: _____

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

Casinos/slot parlors are bad for Philadelphia
Our transit system is not sufficient to
make these facilities integrate into our city.
Therefore...everybody visiting these facilities
will drive. As long as attractions with
parking decks keep popping up SEPTA will have
no incentive to increase service. The major
flaw that keeps Philadelphia out of comparison
with NYC is our struggling transit system.
This proposal enables driving and disables
mass transit. We should strive to be like
AC!

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





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Name: John T. Keisker

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: NA

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

The PGCB needs to understand that the vast amount of tax paying residents in Philadelphia's Center City & South Phila neighborhoods do so for a rich history and strong community. There are currently many development projects that already compromise the appeal of our neighborhoods. A Casino/Slot Parlor is the worst idea ever imagined for such neighborhoods. Please do not act in greed but in consideration for the existing residents.

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

John T. Keisker



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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: Charles S. Wolfstelt

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: none

Employer: Jenkintown School District and Evergreen Pk Manor Corp.

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

As a resident of Philadelphia, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

I urge that gambling ^{casinos} not to be established in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are ~~four~~ reasons why gambling casinos not set up in Pennsylvania.

First, the revenue will come mostly from ordinary people and retirees. When I ride the casino bus to Atlantic City, it seems to be me to be working people and retirees - people who can't afford to gamble. Wealthy people can afford to take trips throughout the world and don't need to gamble.

Second, the people who will profit will be the major shareholders of large corporations. Competition will cause our gambling & casinos to cut costs by causing employees to do more machines - both of which

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make larger profits per unit than large corporations, smaller businesses (or casinos) will be replaced by large corporations (or casinos), i.e. if a store has 1000 apples to sell and another has 1000 in profits, and one has a hundred apples to sell and another has a thousand to sell, the former must make one dollar profit on each apple, but the latter only needs to make ten cents profit on each apple.

Third, some people will gamble so much, they will be unable to pay their bills.

Fourth, it will do nothing to demurate poverty. Atlanta City was, and ~~is~~ probably continues to be, one of the poorest cities in the United States. Gambling will only create a loss of jobs.

Finally, gambling will not only do nothing to redistribute the wealth, but towards the working people, but it will distribute the wealth away from working people and towards the wealthy.

The government must do its best to redistribute the wealth away from the wealthy and towards the middle, lower, and no income people. Gambling will do the reverse.

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

Charles Wolfsteld



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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: Paul Greco

Address:

Telephon

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Petite Professor

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

I hope you hear the voice of the people and not John Street administration on this issue. The location is prime land and can be very useful for other development such as supermarkets, museum locations, recreation, commercial etc. There is blight areas of the city that could be utilized for gaming that would improve the city. Thank you

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

I. GANSKY AND CO.
MANUFACTURING JEWELERS

May 30, 2006

Office of Clerk
PA Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

I own a business on Jewelers Row, just 8 blocks from Delaware Avenue. As a business owner in Philadelphia, I demand that the PA Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for Written Comments beyond June 2nd, 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 near my place of business.

I would like to add that I DO NOT KNOW ONE PERSON who lives or works in the city that thinks that casinos will benefit Philadelphia.

I see casinos as a disaster for the city. They will bring an increase in people with gambling addiction problems, an increase in prostitution, an increase in crime. Most of all, as someone who travels one hour to and from work every day I fear they will create traffic problems like we have not seen before.

The plan for Riverwalk Casino at Delaware and Spring Garden Street would be an absolute nightmare for the city. There will be thousands of cars at that intersection every day. Thousands! They will back up to the expressway, I-95, causing people who drive to work to plan an extra hour every day.

If the Riverwalk Casino is accepted, I will consider moving my business out of the city.

Sincerely,

Carl Gansky



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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: Orin Belinsky

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: PHH-mortgage

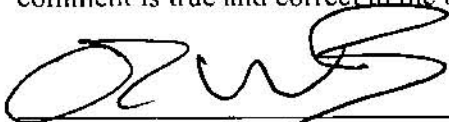
COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I think that the casinos being put in to South Philadelphia will negatively affect the community. It will impact us by:

- Creating major traffic and parking issues
- Destroying your public parks by attracting drunkards that lost their money.
- Create more litter and dumping by those coming to the casino.

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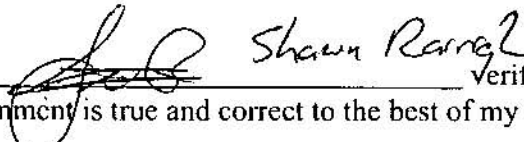
I, Orin Belinsky verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Orin Belinsky', written over a horizontal line.

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see attachment

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



I write to oppose Act 71, the morality behind it, casinos it makes legal, the process of its creation, and the particular casinos it is spawning.

First, the morality issue. Allowing slots in order to cut property taxes is the lowest thing this group of legislators in Harrisburg has done, even beyond their midnight pay raises. Older and overwhelmingly poorer Pennsylvanians will be taxed – for what? So middle and upper-class suburbanites can pay less property tax – taxes which are needed to cover all the new schools, police, water, and sewer services they cause when they buy into suburban sprawl. In Philadelphia, we receive two mega-casinos and we don't even get property tax cuts – we'll get a Convention Center to benefit the national chain hotels and create a few more minimum wage jobs. What a terrible and corrupt public policy.

Of course something this bad could only be railroaded through by the shadiest of means. This bill was passed in a midnight session of a holiday weekend as a heretofore unseen amendment to a bill which was originally 33 lines. It is a clear abuse of the legislative process.

There was no opportunity for public involvement then, just as there is only the most minimal opportunity now. The casino board has consistently hidden information from public view, has not required casino developers to share their plans until late in the process and has made it difficult at best for the public to even comment on the whole issue.

Terribly, the bill designates some of our most special and historic places for casinos. Among these are Philadelphia, the birthplace of our country; Bethlehem, one of the most historic and stable places in the Lehigh Valley; and in a truly criminal act, Gettysburg, home to some of the most sacred ground in the United States. Not only are the locations terribly shortsighted, but the scale of casinos is beyond what anyone had ever conceived. Slots halls with 5,000 slots are on the scale of the largest casinos in the world. Consider that the MGM Grand – one of the largest casinos in Las Vegas – has 3600 slots. No wonder the criminals who wrote this bill made sure the local governments and communities had no say in any part of the whole process.

The whole mess is shortsighted even within the crazy world of casinos. Industry experts talk readily about how slots are waning in popularity, and table games are on the rise. Yet, PA is now depending on a growth of slots customers to increase revenue.

So, what exactly will Philadelphians receive? We are joining the ranks of fabulous places like New Orleans and Biloxi and Detroit – yet unlike these wonderful places, our casinos are 2 or 3 times the size, are slots-only, and are all in residential neighborhoods instead of downtown near hotels and out-of-state conventioners. The five sites selected by the Gaming Commission are at best destructive monsters thrown into the middle of vibrant and recently revitalizing neighborhoods. Three are in Fishtown, always considered one of the best “family neighborhoods” in the city. Where is the downtown site? Where is the site in the former Navy Yard, where no one lives and much of the land is un-usable for homes? It wasn't destructive enough I guess.

I am a city planner – I have lived and worked in Philadelphia since 1998. I am looking for a house to purchase and was always considering Fishtown, but since the unveiling of the proposed sites, I have waited to decide where to purchase. The four riverfront sites are all viable land that is surrounded by residential construction or proposals. Should any of these sites be selected, millions of dollar in private investment will steer away from this area. Yet it will not go anywhere else – the river creates the property value – and the casinos will ruin its worth.

The 3 proposals near Fishtown all depend on local streets for traffic routing. These streets are each one travel-lane wide currently and cannot be widened because of historic urban fabric on either side.

I've attached my report for the Fishtown Neighborhood Association. As a professional I was asked to judge the 3 sites near the neighborhood. Please read it and gain some understanding of the harm you propose.

Shawn Rairigh

CASINO IMPACT REPORT – Planning and Design

FISHTOWN CONTEXT

One of the more historic neighborhoods in Philadelphia, Fishtown is a dense mix of rowhome residences, neighborhood retail and services, and a handful of remnant warehouse and industrial uses that once provided the neighborhood with its job base. Although dense, the neighborhood is intimately scaled, with few large streets or buildings over 3-4 stories. About 25,000 people call Fishtown home, and it is often cited as one of the best “family” neighborhoods in the city.

Fishtown has always been tied to its waterfront, as evidenced by its name. Today, it contains the only park along the Delaware River in the entire city, Penn Treaty Park, which celebrates William Penn’s Treaty with the local natives. Furthermore, it is the only neighborhood in the city with urban fabric on both sides of Interstate 95. The highway is less of a psychological barrier here than anywhere else – almost every north-south street penetrates under the raised highway.

The 2 casino sites closest to Fishtown will thus become a major focal point for the neighborhood’s waterfront, whether positive or negative.

Pics – Fishtown highlights. We got pics of kids?

LOCATION AND LAND USE IMPACTS

Should one or two casinos be located in Fishtown, there will be major negative impacts to the type and quality of land uses along the waterfront and the streets used to get to the casino sites.

Pinnacle Site – Of the three north-riverfront sites, this site would have the least negative impact to local land uses. The site itself is a large and empty industrial tract, and it is surrounded by similar industrial uses – a municipal power plant and tank farm lies to the south, warehouses and unused industrial land to the north, and a few auto repair facilities lie along Delaware Ave nearby. A knot of access ramps to and from I-95 and Aramingo Ave. buffer the site from the residential areas, but they are still within a block or two inland. There is currently a proposal to reuse a vacant factory building for loft condominiums across Delaware Ave from the casino site, but this same building is scheduled for demolition should the I-95 interchange be rebuilt as planned.

Pics – rehab factory proposal, the powerplant, the uses along delave.

If the I-95 ramp interchange is rebuilt, the Pinnacle site would be accessed almost directly from the highway and the chance for traffic to detrimentally affect land use would be minimized. Until then however, much of the traffic to the site will be forced to

use local roads – Berks St. in particular. This will put detrimental to the residents of the Berks and put pressure on the neighborhood commercial uses near Berks and Girard to become more thru-traffic-oriented and less neighborhood-oriented.

Pics – Berks St.

Sugarhouse Site – This site would have a terribly detrimental effect on the local land use pattern. The casino is sited across Delaware Avenue from a dense residential neighborhood of historic rowhouses, small scale warehouses, and an historic church that have all seen new investment by property owners looking to capitalize on the proximity to the river. Until the I-95 interchange is built, much of the traffic to the casino will naturally route itself through this area. Given this and the known negative effects of casinos on nearby residential property values, it is feasible to say this historic and unique neighborhood will experience terrible disinvestment and decay significantly.

Pics – older allen st houses, Richmond st new houses

The formerly industrial land uses along the river to the north and south of the Sugarhouse site are also undergoing significant investment also – Waterfront Square, a five-tower condominium development is under construction to the south, and proposals for two 38-story condo towers and a 10-15-story condo building is proposed to the north of the site. 60-70 townhouses are also proposed to replace warehouses across Delaware Avenue from the site. These developments will add a tremendous traffic impact to the local road network, and none were taken into account by Sugarhouse's impact statement. Should Sugarhouse be selected, it is not unreasonable to suggest that several of these proposals will not be built, opportunity missed, and the land will remain underutilized.

The Sugarhouse site will also affect land use deeper within the neighborhood. Because it is far from the highway exit, traffic coming from the north along I-95 (40% of customers says the casino's impact report) will have to travel for 9 blocks along Girard Avenue, before turning left and traveling along heavily residential streets – most easily Shackamaxon Street and Frankford Avenue. This will not only lead to residential disinvestment along these streets (where much new investment is occurring now) but also encourage auto-oriented uses along Girard Avenue. It would be a terrible impact to this neighborhood-oriented, walkable commercial street that has been undergoing revitalization for several years now.

Pics – Shackamaxon st, frankford ave, girard st.

Of the five sites in Philadelphia, the Sugarhouse site would easily have the most negative effect on local land uses, both directly and through traffic impacts.

Riverwalk Site – This site would also have a negative affect on local land use patterns. The site sits amongst several condominium projects either under construction (Waterfront Square's 5 towers to the north) or proposed (Trump Tower, Bridgeman's View, 101 Sky and others to the north and west). Additionally, the much-anticipated World Trade

Pics – Trump tower proposal,

Center is proposed to bring several condo and office towers across Delaware Avenue. These projects will bring a large increase in traffic and a large-scale casino in their midst will likely create chaos. It could be anticipated that several of these multi-million dollar projects will not happen if the Riverwalk or Sugarhouse sites are selected. Instead, land owners will feel pressure to cater to the auto-oriented casino users and uses such as gas stations, convenience stores, and strip retail centers could dominate the valuable waterfront.

PROGRAM

The three potential casinos near Fishtown have widely varying programs of activity – this will impact the neighborhood by determining the numbers and kinds of visitors that come to Fishtown, as well as what amenities will be available for local residents.

Pinnacle Program – Pinnacle plans an appropriate mix of activities for an urban entertainment center – it is too bad it is not proposed in a more accessible and central location like Penn's Landing. The centerpiece of the development would be a shallow pool used for outdoor entertainment in the summer and ice-skating in the winter. A multi-screen cinema would be a welcome addition to the neighborhood, and create a more family-friendly destination. The mix of retail, dining, and entertainment uses, as well as a marina and a spa envisioned by the project are nicely kept separate from the casino, so that non-gamblers would be drawn to the site. If everything is actually built as envisioned, the project could successfully bring a diverse mix of users to Fishtown – not just gamblers – which could add to the local economy off-site. Moreover, this mix will help diversify the project's economic base, should slot gambling not prove as popular as anticipated. Future phases suggest a hotel or condo towers, further diversifying the types of people who might use the site, and encouraging the redevelopment of nearby riverfront parcels if successful.

However, to operate most successfully and tie-in with the local neighborhood, Pinnacle should try to incorporate local businesses in its retail and dining mix, and should use its financial earnings to help fund a special services district that will improve the nearby quality of life and perception of Fishtown as a whole.

Pic – pinnacle site plan

Sugarhouse Program – Sugarhouse envisions its casino to be a traditional casino complex, making no attempt to do anything unique or urban. It is a nothing but a casino box, with supporting activities such as buffets, a food court, and a ballroom accessible only from the casino floor. The public space is minimal and only accessible thru the casino floor or from behind the massive parking structures needed to fit all the traffic onto such a small site. The program mix is identical to anything found in the lesser casinos of Atlantic City, and it is doubtful anybody but slot-machine aficionados would

go there more than once. Knowing that national trends see slots decreasing in popularity, this program mix is more than boring – it is economically dangerous and has the potential of creating an embarrassing dinosaur of a building on the Philadelphia riverfront. Sugarhouse will thus not contribute anything to the vitality or uniqueness of Philadelphia or Fishtown and its impact on will be only negative in nature.

Pic – sugarhouse site plan

Riverwalk Program – the Riverwalk proposal is also a banal casino complex that could be built anywhere, with nothing to draw anyone besides the slots enthusiast. A food court, minimal retail, and a Planet Hollywood restaurant are the only amenities, and ensure a minimal amount of local business opportunities. The riverfront open space is not public since it can only be accessed through the casino. The most unique element is a Planet Hollywood TV studio (whose function is not fully understood) deep within the complex. Like Sugarhouse, it contributes nothing unique to the city and is in risk of becoming an economic disaster if slots are not as popular as predicted.

Pic – Riverwalk site plan

SITE DESIGN AND THEMATIC IMPACTS

The three casinos proposed for the riverfront near Fishtown vary widely in their site design and thematic flavors. The site design will impact the casino's immediate neighborhood by determining how traffic moves to and within the site, and how well the proposed buildings "fit" into the surrounding urban area. The design themes employed by the casinos will either contribute to or denigrate the historic local character of these neighborhoods.

Pinnacle Design – the Pinnacle casino envisions a large mixed-use and mixed-user entertainment complex that centers on an as-drawn attractive public space that if built as designed would be a positive addition to the waterfront. The site is large enough to handle the program of activities and nearby uses such as the former power plant's tank farm allow for back end uses such as parking garages to be tucked against non-residential parcels. The layout of the project separates the casino floor from the other amenities, which creates a more urban setting and allows a more diverse set of users to enjoy the place. The design drawings show attractive modern buildings, but the reliance on gimmicky items like an "icon tower" or "water feature" is worrisome should development costs run high – these things will be cut first. While the riverside of the street was detailed in attractive watercolors, no drawings exist for the neighborhood side of the project so it is impossible to discern the visual impact to Delaware Avenue or the vista from Fishtown. However, the site plan shows parking lots spread on the block between Beach Street and Delaware Avenue – this is unfortunate in that it will add to the highway-feel of Delaware Avenue in this location and make the Pinnacle project more isolated from its locality.

Pic – pinnacle watercolor

Sugarhouse Design – the Sugarhouse site is small and to fit the size casino required by Harrisburg and its requisite parking means stacking. The first-phase parking garage becomes enormous and is poorly sited – it simultaneously faces the river, Delaware Avenue, and its neighboring parcel to the north which is currently proposed for a condominium development. Should that development not occur (a likely scenario if this casino site is approved), the historic view from Penn Treaty Park towards downtown will be destroyed by the side of this over-sized garage. The second phase garage is not as large but its rear unfortunately looms over Delaware Avenue while the main development is set far back. As mentioned earlier, the non-gambling amenities are few and only accessed through the casino. The “public space” the project talks about mostly includes traffic islands amongst the spaghetti loops of entrances and exists to the site. A 20 ft boardwalk fronts the river but can be accessed by the public only from behind the parking garages, an unwelcoming and dangerous proposition.

The design theme is a gaudy neo-50s modernism that speaks more to Florida or the Jersey Shore than Philadelphia and the tight-knit waterfront neighborhoods nearby. The project has a suburban feel stylistically, and the generous setbacks of the main buildings from Delaware Avenue and complicated driveways that front the city side contribute to this effect. The impact of the design is doubly unfortunate given the historic and densely urban rowhouse neighborhood that faces it directly across Delaware Avenue.

Pic – sugarhouse rendering

Riverwalk Design – the first thing that must be said about the Riverwalk design is that the tiny number of renderings that are available are amateurish in quality and give almost no idea of what the project might look like. There is only one rendering that has been “finished” in any sense of the word, and that is the view from Delaware Ave. It shows a structure identical to any corporate “big box” architecture – think Home Depot or WalMart – covered with large advertising panels along the façade. Stylistically this is a real detriment to a city with such rich architectural traditions as Philadelphia. In terms of site design, the tiny site is overburdened with everything it must accomplish, and the few drawings available never adequately explain how the anticipated number of cars and buses might actually be accommodated. Over a third of the site is a parking garage, which wastes valuable river frontage on two sides and looms over Delaware Avenue on a third. The few non-gambling amenities are tucked deep inside the casino, and the tiny open space fronting the river is accessible only from the casino or from behind the garage, an unattractive and intimidating experience at best.

On the whole, this design, or what can be discerned from the less-than-modest effort the developers have undertaken, will contribute nothing to the city. Instead, this box-that-could-be-anywhere will be a detriment to this critical area along the central waterfront.

Pic – Riverwalk rendering



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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: Michael Simons

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Self

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

As a resident, property owner, and business owner in Northern Liberties, I am thoroughly opposed to the erection of any casino in Philadelphia. My neighborhood is adjacent to three proposed casino locations. A casino at any of these locations would be harmful to our community. While crime, traffic congestion, prostitution, addiction, and lost public access to the riverfront are sure to follow any Philadelphia casino location, the proposed Delaware Ave and Spring Garden St location would be especially disastrous.

Our neighborhood, while once vibrant, underwent a long period of blight. Property values were decreased, crime increased, and residents fled as the quality of life diminished. Over the last fifteen years, the area has enjoyed a fragile recovery. Some businesses have arrived and survived, and property values have increased. A casino will likely hamper this recovery.

Traffic is often already very heavy. The major streets in the neighborhood also serve as arteries from center city to the neighborhoods north and northeast of ours. We cannot sustain the increase in daily traffic that a casino at Delaware and Spring Garden would bring.

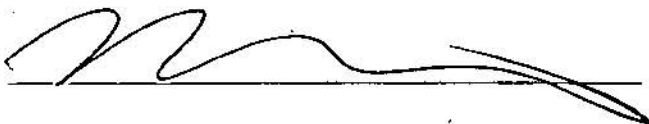
We have had problems with drug trafficking and sales. Prostitutes use our quiet residential streets to turn tricks. We have had two bank robberies in one week alone, and

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my house has been burglarized five times. The proximity of the proposed casino at Spring Garden will increase the population of criminals in the area while diverting police attention to protecting casino patrons.

Most importantly, the potential for valuable public river access would be lost if this location were selected to become a casino. We currently enjoy no riverfront access in our immediate neighborhood. The proposed site at Spring Garden is publicly owned and should be put to outdoor public use. A casino has no need to have a waterfront. On the contrary, a slot machine parlor is a thoroughly indoor use for the property. Why allow a low lit gambling hall with few windows to occupy what could be a valuable community asset? I hope the Gaming control board will yield to community sentiment and reject the application for a casino at Delaware and Spring Garden.

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



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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: Stacy Sanseverino

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any: Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc

Employer: Solo Realty Co.

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:

Gambling - any form - ruins lives and brings about other crimes in surrounding neighborhoods. Haven't you been to Atlantic City? How can you think that adding slots to Philadelphia will improve our city. It will only make it worse! People come

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

Stacy Sanserini



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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: Molly Hanisch

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I am a resident of a nearby neighborhood where they are planning on allowing gaming in Philadelphia. I am strongly opposed to casinos coming into our residential neighborhoods as well as in Philadelphia County at all. I am a Quaker, so it not only goes against our religion, but my morals as well. Please note that I am voting "NO" to casinos coming into Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Molly Hanisch



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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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: Samuel Gish

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Philadelphia Casting Co., Inc.
114 Chestnut Street, Third Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

COMMENTS:

As a resident of Philadelphia, 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:

Why is the Gaming Board attempting to run roughshod over the wishes of the residents of Philadelphia by putting Casinos and Slots Parlors in the city?

Why are members of the Legislature allowed to have a fiduciary interest in Casino companies? Is this not a conflict of interest?

Why has the Gaming Board made public comments and input such a laborious and difficult process?

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



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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: Robert Campbell

Address: _____

Telephor _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I have lived here for 46 year. I do not want - the traffic, noise crime and what ever else connected to Casenos Freshtown is not for. CASINOS.

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



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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: Dick Donovan

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any:

Employer: Wm. Moennig + Son Ltd.

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

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

- traffic congestion
- crime (by ~~casino~~ casino patrons)
- inappropriateness of locating an ugly "big windowless box" on a potentially beautiful riverfront location
- parking (patrons won't pay for it if they can cruise city blocks to get it free)

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



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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: JUDITH DONOVAN

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: UBead 2 Inc.

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

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

Any construction of a casino in this area will destroy our neighborhood - one that I have invested in & lived in for 27 years. We don't need any more cars & congestion here in the city.

Please put the casinos out in the suburbs where they belong.

Major concerns: Parking, heavy traffic, crime brought on by drunken casino

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



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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: JOHN CARL

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: MILNER + CARL CONSERVATION

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

CONCERNS → LACK OF PUBLIC DIALOGUE
AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
→ INCREASED TRAFFIC AND
NO PLAN FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC
TRANSIT SYSTEMS
→ INCREASED CRIME AND
PLAN TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE
→ TOO FEW OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NEIGHBORHOOD DIALOGUE.

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



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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: William J. Brown

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Project H.O.M.E.

Employer: _____

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

Project H.O.M.E. is a nonprofit organization that has been nationally recognized as a developer of solutions to homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia. We are concerned about the imminent arrival of casinos in Philadelphia because of the potential for negative social impact.

We are concerned specifically in the connection between gambling and homelessness. Problem gambling, which we believe will increase with the ready availability of gambling that the casinos will offer Philadelphians, can lead to serious financial crises for individuals and their families. In some cases, this could precipitate homelessness.

Addictions are a significant impact in homelessness for many people. We are concerned that, in addition to the financial aspect, an increase in cases of addictive gambling could translate into increased homelessness. The Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force stated in their findings that a range of 14 to 33 percent of homeless people polled either met the criteria of being pathological gamblers or cited gambling as a factor in their homelessness. A 1998 survey by the International Union of Gospel Missions found that 18 percent of the homeless persons they surveyed cited gambling as a cause of their homelessness. That figure seems high to us based on our experience of homeless persons in Philadelphia, but it may reflect a circumstance where extensive gambling is readily available, which it will be in Philadelphia.

We are also concerned that, as the Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force made clear, our city is unprepared for the likely increase in pathological gambling. Based on statistical prevalence rate, they determined a possibility of over 61,000 Philadelphians who would need therapeutic treatment for problem and pathological gambling. Local facilities with appropriate treatment are nowhere near this capacity. The Gaming Act's allotment of \$1.5

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million annually toward the Problem and Compulsive Gambling Fund is not nearly sufficient to fund treatment or education about problem gambling.

Last summer we were in dialogue with the Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force, and we made several recommendations that we felt could minimize the deleterious impacts of gaming in Philadelphia. These were some of our recommendations:

Housing

- Dedicated funding for affordable and supportive housing
- Housing subsidies for casino employees. Recognizing that it is difficult to afford housing at \$20,000 per year (\$9.62 per hour) – the “housing wage” in Philadelphia is estimated to be \$13.82 per hour – it would be helpful to link subsidies to casino jobs paying below, for instance, 30 percent of area median income. Further, because we understand that a significant number of casino employees themselves gamble excessively (some have been known to reside in shelters because of this), we feel that this is essential.

Outreach and Services

- Appropriate expanded funding for street outreach, including, possibly, a dedicated and trained “casino team” to serve both the geography and the specific issues relevant to the gaming sector.
- Expanded evening, nighttime, and weekend hours for city shelter system intake, community court, and admissions to substance rehabilitation facilities.
- Explore the new, gaming-related needs of homeless youth-serving organizations (Covenant House) and Travelers’ Aid; support accordingly.

Education and Jobs

- In-school accredited programs for public school students offering certification in current industry technologies – machine programming and repair, finance, etc. – to prepare for jobs at livable wages that offer a path for advancement.
- In-school programs to educate students about the risks of gambling.
- Training for law enforcement, hospitality, and other personnel about handling people with mental health issues, panhandling, and homelessness. (We have provided such training in the past and could again.)
- Link casino employers with Project H.O.M.E. and other relevant job recruitment fairs and training programs, possibly create a “training academy” to help train people who are living in poverty and/or homeless gain jobs.

Project H.O.M.E. is also a member of the FAIR Deal Coalition, a group of community-based religious, nonprofit, civic, and other organizations that have come together to ensure that a portion of the enormous revenues generated by gambling in Southeastern Pennsylvania are channeled into positive public purposes. We believe that the State Gaming Control Board should require that casino license applicants draft legally binding community benefits agreements with local community groups as a stipulation for receiving licenses, and that the Board to give priority to casino license applicants who make substantial and serious commitments to housing, economic development, and education resources that meet the needs of low-income residents and communities throughout the City of Philadelphia.

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

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Statistics & Studies: 1998 Gambling & Homelessness Survey

NATIONWIDE SURVEY: NEARLY ONE IN FIVE AT MISSIONS SAY GAMBLING A FACTOR IN THEIR HOMELESSNESS

Survey Coincides with Meeting of National Gambling Commission

(Washington) – Eighteen percent of men and women at America's Rescue Missions cite gambling as a cause of their homelessness. That is one of the key findings from a newly released nationwide survey of more than 1,100 Rescue Mission clients.

The survey also found that 70 percent of men and women at missions believe that the prevalence of gambling opportunities, including lotteries, makes it difficult for them to put their lives back together. And 37 percent said that, even though they are homeless, they still occasionally gamble or play the lottery.

"Gambling destroys lives," said Rev. Stephen Burger, executive director of The International Union of Gospel Missions. "State lotteries and casino gambling are creating a new generation of homeless addicts coming to Rescue Missions in need of our help. And it is taking money from the people who desperately need it for other purposes."

"Make no mistake about it: The man or woman stumbling into our mission, addicted to gambling, is just as sick as the person addicted to alcohol or drugs. The addiction may be different, but the shattering of the human spirit is the same."

IUGM released the survey four days prior to the March meeting of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. One topic to be discussed is gambling's social impact.

U.S. Senator Dan Coats, who appeared at the press conference, said, "As the National Gambling Commission goes forward, it needs the best, most reliable data to make important and long-lasting decisions. This kind of report is invaluable and I intend to personally convey the report to the people on the Commission."

The survey also found that 82 percent of Rescue mission clients gambled or played the lottery when they had steady employment. That number shrank to 23 percent as they became homeless. Ominously, it rose to 37 percent once they began to pull their lives together.

IUGM decided to conduct this survey after steadily increasing reports from Missions around the nation that casinos and lotteries were producing devastating personal stories. At the Peoria Rescue Mission, for example, Rev. Jerry Trecek cites examples of family breakdown, including a mother forced to sell her engagement ring after her husband ran up huge gambling debts.

At the Sunshine Rescue Mission in St. Louis, Jim and Carol Clarkson also report increased demands from families that have seen their life savings depleted by family members who became gambling addicts.

"The people running America's Rescue Missions – who are giving their lives to care for society's less fortunate – ask very little from the government. At a minimum, we ask that it not make our lives more difficult. And by promoting lotteries and cutting sweetheart deals

with the corporate gamblers, that is exactly what is happening," said Rev. Lee Schmookler, executive director of the Goodwill Home and Missions in Newark and a reformed gambling addict.

Lotteries are by far the preferred method of gambling for Rescue Mission homeless. Eighty-six percent said they used to play, or still play, the lottery, as compared with 34 percent at casinos and 25 percent at horse and dog tracks.

Overall, 86 percent of respondents said that gambling, including lotteries, is addictive.

Respondents surveyed were 92 percent male. Eighteen percent were under 30; 56 percent were aged 31-45; 25 percent were over age 45. The IUGM survey was conducted "blind." Men and women at Rescue Missions were given surveys to fill out and either drop in a box or return face down.

The IUGM is an association of nearly 250 Rescue Missions nationwide. IUGM member missions provide emergency food and shelter, youth and family services, rehabilitation programs for the addicted, and assistance to the elderly poor and at-risk youth. Last year, IUGM Rescue missions served more than 30 million meals, provided 12 million nights lodging, distributed more than 24 million pieces of clothing and graduated more than 20,000 homeless men and women into productive living.

Further information contact Phil Rydman at prydman@iugm.org. Or phone: 816/471-8020

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GOSPEL MISSIONS
1998 Survey on Gambling and Homelessness

In your opinion, do you think gambling - for example lotteries, horse racing tracks, casinos - is addictive? Yes 86% No 14%

Do you think gambling or playing the lottery makes it difficult for homeless people to put their lives back together? Yes 70% No 30%

Do you think gambling is a factor in homelessness? Yes 60% No 40%

Do you think gambling was a factor in you becoming homeless? Yes 18% No 82%

Do you think there are too many gambling opportunities (i.e. lotteries, casinos, tracks) in this city?
Yes 60% No 40%

Have you ever gambled or played the lottery? Yes 85% No 15%

Which of the following is true for you (please check all those that apply)?

I gambled or played the lottery when I had steady employment. 82%

I gambled or played the lottery as I became homeless. 23%

I still occasionally gamble or play the lottery. 37%

Which of the following is true for you (please check all those that apply)?

I used to bet (or still bet) on horse or dog races. 25%

I used to play (or still play) the lottery. 85%

I used to gamble (or still gamble) at casinos. 34%

Demographic Information

Male 92%

Female 8%

30 years and under 18%

31-45 years 56%

46-59 years 22%

60 years and over 3%



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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: Jean M. Hunsberger

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Philadelphia, 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:

- Increase in crime + undesirable activity
- That in approving these casinos, the PA Gaming Control Board is encouraging vulnerable gaming addicts in vice
- The current street system cannot handle the increase in traffic, + there is no place to expand
- We don't need the problems of increased crime, undesirable persons, increased traffic
- Please, NO casino @ Delaware + Spg Garden
- + NO 2d casino @ Delaware + Frankford

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- PA did wrong to approve casino gambling in PA
- The proposed Riverwalk is poorly planned, ugly, + will be a "sick building" because of lack of windows + ventilation, causing a lot of illness to visitors + employees.
- Riverwalk will be an eyesore - we've been fighting eyesores for too long already
- Our neighborhood has many young families with small children. The casino traffic very possibly will overflow into our neighborhood. ~~Our children do not~~ we want to spare our children the sight of desperate, intoxicated, impoverished gamblers (+ PA has no right to take away hard-earned money from these people). This shows a lack of concern on the part of PA gov't, + its leaders, toward PA / NJ citizens.
- Nothing the casino operators can do (ie, money for schools) can compensate for the harm the casinos will have for employees, visitors, or the neighborhood. Please consider morally what you are doing.

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

Jean M. Hunsberger



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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: Chelsea-Thompson-Heiko

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: NABR - Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Fishtown, Philadelphia, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

In addition, I request that Pa Gaming Control Board respond to each of the concerns I have detailed below.

I am a resident of Fishtown, the only neighborhood facing three proposed casinos within approximately a half mile of its residents. I recently purchased a home on East Allen Street, immediately across Delaware Avenue from the proposed Sugarhouse casino location.

I oppose casinos in Fishtown, in South Philadelphia, in East Falls/Vicetown, and all of Pennsylvania. They do not represent smart, sustainable development, and city and state can do better. I am in favor of repealing Act 71. Gambling is a bad investment for Philadelphia, a vibrant city that currently experie

More Time Needed

The first point I would like to make is that we desperately need more time to review these proposals and the impact that they would have on our neighborhoods. I had hoped that the public comment period would be extended due to the lack of information we have received on these proposals.

Despite the fact that I have lived on Leopard Street, three blocks from my new house, for the past three years, I hadn't heard anything about the casinos until I attended the first SugarHouse presentation to the community on March 30, 2006. The Pinnacle group presented to the neighborhood about a week later. We have not been visited by the Riverwalk group at all, despite the fact that we fall firmly within their impact area, especially since many of their guests will be driving through Fishtown after exiting I-95 at Girard to get to their location.

We have very little information on which to base our comments. I attended a forum on casino design at the Philadelphia Convention Center on May 24. The casino developers were invited to present their designs to a panel of architecture and planning professionals and an audience of interested Philadelphia residents. What we saw from Pinnacle and SugarHouse was that they had not put another ounce of effort or another dollar into improving or enhancing their plans since they presented to our neighborhood a month and a half before, despite numerous objections and comments from community members. The Trump group did not show any designs whatsoever, instead focusing on pictures of art deco design and trains. With this lack of information and transparency from the developers, it is impossible for the average resident to analyze the impact that the casinos will have on our communities.

Not only does every neighborhood need to thoroughly study the casinos' impacts on traffic, the environment, community fiber, historic character, and many other aspects, but Fishtown needs to study the impacts that the *combination of any of three* possible casinos would present. In addition, all neighborhoods on the Delaware River must study the impact of casinos in combination with all of the new condominium towers going up now and in the next few years, and the additional traffic and environmental pressure they would place on the neighborhood and waterfront.

In short, we need time and resources to analyze the various scenarios that could be imposed on our neighborhood in the next year, the next five years, ten years, or even twenty-five years down the road. It is important to take a long-term look at our waterfront and our city and to plan for smart development, which is informed by community involvement and which contributes to the cultural and intellectual fiber of the city. Residents have the right to plan their own communities. This legislation was passed without public input, making it flawed from the very beginning.

Health and Environmental Impact

There need to be comprehensive studies on the health and environmental impacts that the casinos would have on communities. There is already a high incidence of asthma in children in our neighborhood because of I-95, which passes over the residential areas. Thousands of additional cars a day, millions of additional cars a year would produce far too much more pollution than we can accept. How will the electricity and gas usage of the casinos themselves affect rising temperatures and pollution in their immediate vicinity?

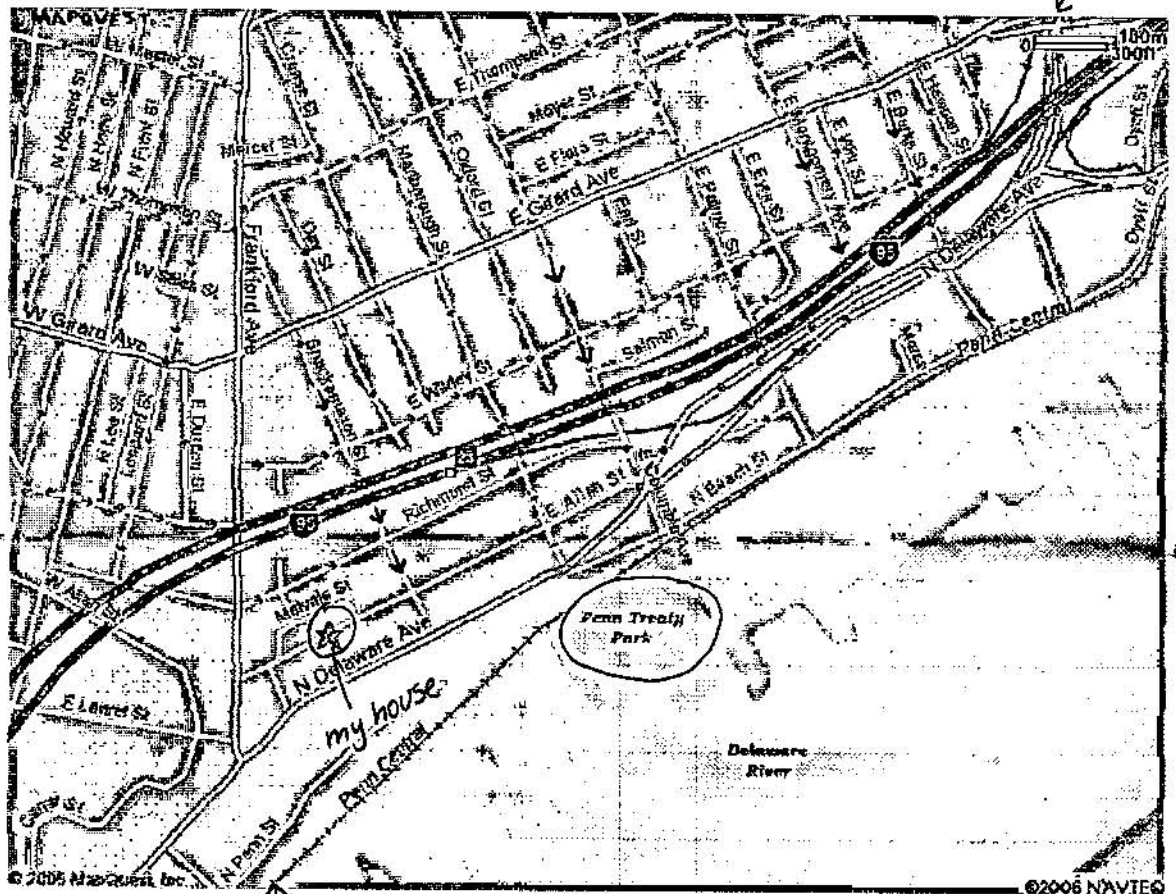
In addition, the environmental impact on the Delaware River has not been adequately studied. There are dozens of bird species and miles of riverfront land that we value as one of our city's most precious resources. There must be an independent environmental study on each one of the proposed casino sites.

Riverfront Planning

The Delaware River is one of our most under-utilized resources in Philadelphia. We have the opportunity to create a grand vision by having a planning process for the riverfront. There are so many development proposals in the works on the river that we cannot afford to let planning fall through the cracks. The projects must not be allowed to go forward piecemeal without planning for how they will affect the river as a whole. I want to see continuous public waterfront access with 100-foot-wide setbacks that connect through *all* riverfront development sites. Every development should be required to conform to certain guidelines related to maintaining open space along the river, so that the public could hypothetically walk along the river from one end of Philadelphia to the other. As it is now, the only real public access to the river is at Penn Treaty Park, which is located between the proposed Pinnacle and SugarHouse sites. (See map below.) This is not enough. It is very important that we protect this valuable resource that can give so much to the city of Philadelphia and to visitors from all over the world. The casinos do not fit in with this vision.

Local Impact

The SugarHouse presentation to the Fishtown neighborhood claimed that their site was protected from the residential areas by the "natural buffer" of I-95. This is a complete and utter mistruth. My new home is located *between* I-95 and Delaware Avenue.



Riverwalk Proposal

Sugar House proposal

The area of Fishtown between Girard Avenue and Delaware Avenue is referred to as "Riverside." Our neighbors in Riverside are being ignored by the casino impact reports. They have already had a history of negative impact from "entertainment districts," with several nightclubs that were until recently located on Delaware Avenue and the problems that they brought to the neighborhood. They used to refer to Delaware Ave. as "Hellaware Ave." One neighbor told me about watching people using drugs across from her house, seeing people having sex on our street, and sitting on her front stoop with her daughter as three drunk guys had a pissing contest on the sidewalk across the street. We do not want those days back!

Casinos will present the same problems to our neighborhood, and they will overtax our already overtaxed police and fire departments and our thinly spread emergency services.

As you can see on the map above, there are a few small one-way residential streets connecting Girard Avenue to Delaware Avenue. All traffic exiting I-95 north or south is currently funneled immediately onto Girard Avenue. The casinos' traffic reports project that the cars will then travel the entire length of Girard to Frankford Avenue, take a left, and proceed to Delaware Ave.

Girard Avenue is a busy commercial corridor that already has a lot of residential and business traffic. There is a new trolley line that runs the length of Girard in the center lanes of the street. The street is often congested, and there are often people running across the road in or out of the crosswalks. There is no way that Girard can handle the kind of traffic that a casino would present, especially with the new residents who will be living in the condominium towers on the river. People will soon learn that they can get to Delaware sooner by turning off of Girard earlier onto one of the small one-way residential streets – Berks, Montgomery, Columbia, and Shackamaxon. These streets can handle casino traffic even less than Girard. It just doesn't work.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Chelsea Thompson-Heiko

Chelsea Thompson-Heiko



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Gaming Control Board



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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: LOUISE CUPELLI

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any:

Employer: HANLEY WOOD

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

I am against Casinos and Slot parlors in city Neigh hood, whether in Center City or at Delaware Ave + Reed or North of Spring garden St. or Delaware Avenue. There will be too much loss of quality of life; intimacy of the neighborhoods, property value, security, etc. And the traffic congestion will be awful. If we must have gambling in Phila. let it be in a location a

L. Cupelli pg. 2

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"Destination" location ... away from
Neighborhoods. Penn is enough space
of the city to do this.

Let the people who want to
gamble make the effort to go to
the Casino ... rather than make the
residents and neighborhoods
have to make the effort to deal
with all the bad the Casinos
slot parlors will bring with
them.

I AM AGAINST CASINOS OR GAMBLING
LOCATIONS AT DELAWARE AVE + REED S
PENN'S LANDING, AND CENTER CITY.

Louise Cupelli.

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

June 1, 2006



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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: JEREMY BRADDOCK

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I urgently request that additional time for community discussion be allowed before licenses are awarded or any other substantive steps are taken toward the construction of casinos in Philadelphia. The overwhelming majority of citizens who live in these neighborhoods are only now learning of these decisions which will deeply affect all of our lives. Thank you for your consideration - the question of traffic alone is deeply troubling.

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



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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: Jeremy J. Beaudry

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront

Employer: Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

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

I am a resident of Fishtown and I am deeply troubled by the possibility of casinos coming to my neighborhood and the city of Philadelphia at large. Let us put aside, for the moment, the fact that this gambling legislation was enacted behind the backs of the public, in the middle of the night on a holiday weekend and without our support or input. Let us put aside the fact that the so called tax revenue generated by these slots parlors will be in large part sucked from the working class and fixed-income people who live within the immediate areas of the casinos. Let us put aside the fact that, to date, five employees of this very PA Gaming Control Board have been arrested for a range of illicit activities. Let us put all of that aside and start anew today.

The impact reports provided by the casino developers are unacceptable. They read like travel brochures, touting the wonderful and exciting opportunities slots parlors will

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bring to our neighborhoods, glossing over the countless adverse impacts that previous data has shown. And there certainly do not offer a comprehensive view of the all the development that is already proceeding along the riverfront. Also, their proposals will undoubtedly evolve over the next several months (Trump Street was unable to even present their plan at the recent Slots Design Forum); will they be required to submit new impact reports to reflect these changes?

* We need an objective, comprehensive, and current casino impact study undertaken by an independent commission for each of the proposed sites in Philadelphia.

* We require that the Gaming Board postpone issuing licenses to slots parlors until June 1, 2007.

* We require 6 more months to appropriately organize and poll our community to measure their needs and desires; and then present this commentary to the Gaming Board.

* We require an additional comment period at a later date once new impact reports have been completed.

* We require that prior to licensing potential casino operators must negotiate with the affected communities and sign binding legal contracts which specifically outline a comprehensive benefits package to compensate communities for bearing the brunt of these projected negative impacts.

I have diligently studied the 5 casino proposals for Philadelphia, and I attended the recent Design Forum hosted by the Daily News and Penn Praxis at the PA Convention Center. It was quite clear to me and my fellow citizens that these casino operators are unprepared to successfully build casinos within the dense, urban fabric of Philadelphia. These casino operators have not addressed our concerns regarding the negative impacts casinos will bring to our rich, historic neighborhoods. We need more time. They need to do more work in preparation.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Beaudry

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



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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: Judith M. Seiffert

Address:

Telephone

Organization, if any:

Employer: School District of Philadelphia, Teacher

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

As a resident of Phila., (Fishtown) demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

In addition, I request that Pa Gaming Control Board respond to each of the concerns I have detailed below.

NO CASINOS IN PHILADELPHIA

The governor & many local politicians have not ~~heard~~ the people speak — We do NOT want more crime in this city, traffic gridlock on historic neighborhood streets & along our beautiful Delaware River. We see a riverfront that includes both green-space & legitimate businesses NOT casinos that are de'structive & addictive 24/7.

Casinos don't make money unless people become addicted to gambling. As an elementary teacher I observe unhealthy behavior of betting in sports & other activities with young children they don't need a casino here, where their parent(s), senior grandparent, etc. would walk to & gamble their money away. Besides the gambling that becomes an addiction, there is the liquor being served nonstop for more alcohol addiction.

I ask, why was there no public comment sought in the passage of ACT 71? Why was it tacked onto the back of an existing bill & passed in the wee hours of the night, on Independence Day weekend, 2004?

Our elected state representatives did not ask us. Our local elected officials did not ask us. NO ONE ASKED US!!!

REPEAL ACT 71 NOW!

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

Judith M. Seiffert



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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: KATHLEEN WATTS

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: FISH TOWN NEIGHBOR ASSN.

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of FISH TOWN, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

There has to be a study on the traffic problem and have 95 start on the spot started as soon as possible.

Kathleen Watts

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



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Name: James Robinson

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Neighbors Allied for a Better Water

Employer: Temple University

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

As a resident of Philadelphia, I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

In addition, I request that Pa Gaming Control Board respond to each of the concerns I have detailed below.

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Casinos = Bad idea

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

James Robinson



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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: WALTER G. LEADER

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____


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

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In addition, I request that Pa Gaming Control Board respond to each of the concerns I have detailed below.

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TRAFFIC — THE STREETS
CAN NOT HANDLE THE
AMOUNT OF CARS.

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



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Name: LOA Schuster

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Phila Co., I demand that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the Public Comment Period beyond June 2, 2006, until 30 days prior to the licensing of the proposed slot parlors. I require more time to review the potential impact of the gaming facilities on my community.

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TRAFFIC TRAFFIC TRAFFIC!
We are lawyers, architects and civil engineers in our household and there is no way fishtown is breable without I 93 re-routing those off ramp. You will

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destroy this neighborhood, the "walk-
businesses" and the residential climate
of this area. Our streets, traffic lights
and patterns, NOTHING CAN WORK
~~WITH EVER) A THOUSAND MORE CARS.~~

We must put a Spec. Serv. Dist here
Anyway, we need more police; we
need more EMTs; The City is CLOSING
The only fire dept in the area and we
have over 700 more condo units being
built! Are you guys asleep up
there? Bulldozed this thing through,
never visited our neighborhood
and now you propose totally in-
operable development!

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

ZONA SCHISLER, ROBT SCHISLER, Wm
SCHISLER and STEVE BRENNER AGREE



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Name: DEBORAH E. SOLO

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: GREATER PHILA. BOARD OF REALTOR

Employer: SOLO REKL ESTATE

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

OVERWHELMING TRAFFIC, INCREASE CRIME,
THAT CASINOS WILL BRING - GAMBLING IS AN
ILLNESS - HOW WILL IT ENHANCE OUR CITY?

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

Debra Holonitch

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

May 29, 2006

Dear Gaming Control Board:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed casinos that may be built close to my neighborhood in North Philadelphia. I and many members of my community feel like this will have a negative impact on the residents of the community. Casinos will bring some jobs, but it will also inevitably have a negative effect on the lower income families that live in the vicinity. It will bring excess traffic, alcohol, drugs and other activities to the area. This is not a center city or water front area, which would perhaps be more suitable for such an activity.

Philadelphia is an amazing city, with a deep history that reveals the roots of the greatest aspects of our country. It has a unique culture and incredible neighborhoods. Casinos and slot parlors will change the character and reputation of our city. I certainly wouldn't want Philadelphia to develop the same reputation as Atlantic City or Los Vegas. That is not our best identity. I understand and appreciate the need and desire for economic development in our community, but would advocate much more strongly for those kinds of economic activities that would also help our communities be a safe and positive place for community residents to live for generations to come. A casino does not bring the kind of growth and community that we as residents of North Philadelphia desire.

I hope that you will carefully consider the opinions of those of us who live in the area and will be directly affected by your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration, your task is one that requires wisdom and discernment. I appreciate your deliberation and wish you all the best in carrying out your very important responsibility.

Sincerely,



Debra Holonitch

Norma Van Dyke

May 20, 2006

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

Dear Madame/Sir:

I am writing to express my opposition to Gaming parlors in the state of Pennsylvania, and specifically in the Philadelphia area; to the process of granting licenses for casinos and to the attempts to exclude public comment by requiring that letters be sent by mail rather than by fax or e-mail.

Although the goal of lowering property taxes and increasing education funds is admirable, the ends do not justify the means. Individuals and communities decline where gaming is introduced. The benefit goes into the pockets of well-connected investors.

I oppose gambling casinos anywhere in the greater Philadelphia area.

Respectfully,

Norma Van Dyke



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Name: Michelle Lipsom

Address

Telepho

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: self employed

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

As a resident of old kensington, 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:

- Why these gaming establishments are exempted from laws that dictate local establishment
- What will be done to compensate the neighborhoods most effected by the negative impacts of the mis. lowered

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Property value + the
nuisance of having a 24/7
drinking establishment next
door.

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



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Name: James Moore

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Self-employed

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

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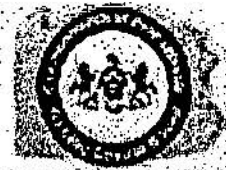
Any other establishment has to jump through hoops to be licensed. I expect those establishments backed by major corporate organizations to be held to a higher standard. They tend to benefit greatly from exploiting a well established neighborhood.

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



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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: Melody Haslam

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Norrena 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:

Please keep my neighborhood safe for children like me. don't let casinos build here



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Name: Melody Haslam

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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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:

Carol Scott Haslam

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

1st Financial Mortgage

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

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

~~Where~~ - where ever casinos go in, crime goes up and housing value goes down

I am absolutely opposed to gaming facilities in the city of Philadelphia!

The city is finally experiencing a rejuvenation please don't harm the city by allowing this

Families are moving from The
Subburbs into Philly!

Students are graduating
staying in The City!

Don't deter This trend
by opening gaming sites
in our ~~best~~ neighborhoods

That are experiencing The
most revitalization!

AND parking + traffic are already a nightmare
on Delaware Ave!

Carol S. Haste

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

Carol S. Haste

IF you put
casinos in
Philly
please just
stick them



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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: Kevin K. Haslam

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

Traffic already BAD would trip load this part of the city.

— Parking is already a nightmare

— we don't want "gamers" in our part of the West

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I, *Ken B. [Signature]* verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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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: MARY LOU BYNUM

Address:

Telephone

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Organization, if any:

Employer: OVATIONS SALON AND SPA

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

As a resident of ELSHTOWN, PHILA, 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:

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY + ALL CASINO AND/OR SLOT CASINOS IN OR NEAR MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM COMPLETELY AGAINST CASINOS IN OUR CITY PERIOD. I FEEL IT OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS TO HAVE A VOICE REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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

Mary Lou Bynum



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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: Richard Kravicki

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I am very very opposed to having a casino in my South Philadelphia neighborhood.

The casino would definitely add more traffic and safety problems!

Please N-O-Casino!!!

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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