



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: MR. TIMOTHY EDWARD BYRNE

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

May 2, 2006

Gentlemen,

It's sad to see the onslaught
of progress to my community of Fish Town.

Please allow for some Casino profit
to provide for THE PENN TREATY PARK.

There's trash and broken glass bottles
blatantly left on the paths, grass
and shoreline.

I implore you to provide the funds
enabling for the daily maintenance
to this most historic treasure.

Gods work must be our own. J.F.K.

Thanks so much for
this consideration.

Timothy E. Byrne



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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 BRADLEY

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

~~A CASINO~~ A CASINO ON DELAWARE AVE IN FISHTOWN IF
THERE IS A SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CREATED

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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: JENNIFER YAGER

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: GLOUCESTER COUNTY COLLEGE

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

As a resident of FISHTOWN, 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.

THE I-95 INTERCHANGE MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE THE SLOT PARLORS OPEN. THE ENTIRE SUPPLEMENTAL HOUSE TRAFFIC REPORT IS BASED ON A TRAFFIC PATTERN THAT IS INCORRECT. ONCE LEAVING 95 YOU DO NOT DRIVE ON ACAMINGO ST. THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN TURN LEFT & THEN TURN LEFT

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ON ONE OF 4 RESIDENTIAL STREETS. THESE SMALLER STREETS CANNOT HANDLE THE KIND OF VOLUME ONE CASINO WILL BRING. NOT TO MENTION THE 4,000 HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE BEING BUILT

FIRST TOWN IS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO COME AROUND. CASINOS IN GENERAL ARE GOING TO TEAR THE FABRIC THAT HAS STARTED APART.

I, Paul J. [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: THEODORE KAZANTZIS

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

"For most Philadelphians, the most immediate positive economic benefit from casinos will be new jobs that they, family members, or friends can try to obtain."

You, as members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB), need to carefully consider it, because the applicants for the Philadelphia casino licenses have completely ignored it. The Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force (PGATF) wrote the above statement and followed up with five vital recommendations in the section entitled Job Creation in the executive summary of its final report issued in October 2005. This date is important because it is two months before the impact reports for the SugarHouse and the Riverwalk casinos were submitted to the PGCB, and five months before the impact report for the Pinnacle Entertainment casino was submitted to the PGCB, yet not one of those recommendations was addressed by any of the applicants.

The applicants will no doubt argue that job creation is covered in their impact statements so we need to examine exactly what information they provide:

SugarHouse Casino tells us on page 17 of their impact statement that *"The proposed site development is not expected to adversely impact the socioeconomic characteristics of the surrounding neighborhood. In fact, the opposite is expected to occur, with the numerous, well-paying employment positions having a positive impact on the surrounding socio-economic conditions."* This is the extent of SugarHouse casino's discussion about job creation.

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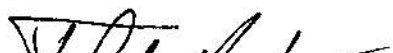
The impact statement for Pinnacle's proposed development boasts 1,300 Full-Time Equivalent Employees with total annual salaries and wages of \$ 24,700,000, or an average salary of \$19,000 (Appendix Table A-2). Since they use statistical information from the PA Dept of Labor and Industry for gaming workers, this must be accurate information, right? – Not exactly. The wages used in the analysis are the average annual wages for gaming workers but the entry level wage rate is \$6.22/hour or \$12,930 annually, 32% lower. Most of the jobs will be entry level positions, so it is disingenuous at best for Pinnacle to make the preceding claims.

The best conclusion that can be made is to highlight three of the five recommendations made by the PGATF's in its report to the mayor.

1. The City should only support applications that will lead to the creation of quality jobs — with wage, health and pension benefits ...
2. A commitment to working with union labor should be essential to receiving the support of the City for any gaming license application.
3. Casino operators and the City should agree on minimum quantitative goals for local hiring both city-wide and in the immediate neighborhood of the casinos...

In these three recommendations, replace the word "City" with the words "Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board", re-read the recommendations, and then deny a license to these operators until they re-submit applications that address the job issue in a responsible manner.

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



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Written comment to be included in the evidentiary record of the public input hearings

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

Leah Shirev

Comments:

I am concerned about the affect of the proposed casinos on traffic, crime and access to the riverfront. I would like to see the Gaming Control Board force the casinos to give back to the community. I am a 2+ year resident and homeowner in the Fishtown/Port Richmond area. I live in close proximity to all three sites.

The street layout is not capable of sustaining the increased traffic flow the casinos will generate. At a minimum I would like to see an alternate exit from I95 North and South that does not divert traffic through our neighborhoods.

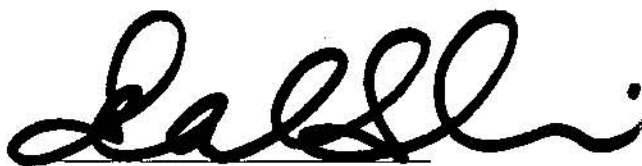
I would also like to see steps taken to control dangerous driving on Delaware avenue. Delaware avenue is dangerous late on weekend nights with the existing sparse grouping of clubs. This behavior puts local residents like myself at risk on a regular basis. The casino traffic will make the problem much worse.

The casinos should be held accountable for increases in crime. Crime is already a problem in Fishtown and Port Richmond. The casinos will serve alcohol and draw people from out of our neighborhood. I would like to see increased police presence provided by casino tax dollars.

Public access to the riverfront should be provided by the casinos. As the riverfront develops I am worried that it is increasingly closed off from public access. Private interests should not be allowed to gate off access to the river for exclusive use of their customers.

The casinos will benefit from their location on the the edge of our community. I would like our community to be considered before the licenses are awarded.

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



May 30, 2006

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

Subject: Written Comment to Be Included in the Evidentiary Record of the Public Input Hearings

Dear Sirs:

As a resident of the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia, I would like to offer my comments with respect to the three proposed casino sites (Pinnacle, SugarHouse and Riverwalk) in Philadelphia which would directly impact this community.

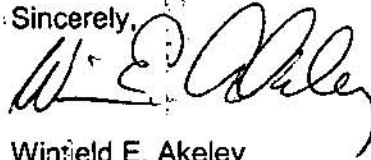
1. It is difficult to find a resident who is strongly in favor of having a casino in the community. However, many of us are realists who understand that it may happen whether we like it or not. My comments are offered within that context, not as an endorsement *per se* of casinos.
2. If casinos come to Philadelphia one community should not be expected to bear the entire brunt of traffic, crime and other related problems. In short: TWO casinos in Fishtown would be TOO many. I believe that Riverwalk, while technically just beyond our neighborhood's border, would seriously impact the neighborhood with its potential traffic impact on Delaware Avenue, Frankford Ave. and Girard Ave. and thus needs to be included in this equation:
3. Quality of life issues are paramount. For many Fishtowners, this is as simple as the concern over too much traffic going through the neighborhood. This is a very uniting issue for all of us, and easily leads us to a concerted demand that the Girard Ave off-ramp project be completed BEFORE the casinos are completed. Without re-routing of traffic, all of the southbound I-95 traffic approaching the Pinnacle or SugarHouse sites will be funneled down our "main street", Girard Ave., for the entire length of the community, before effectively making a "U-turn" up Delaware Ave. for a parallel return trip through our neighborhood to reach Pinnacle (SugarHouse traffic would stop at Delaware Ave.). And inevitably, traffic will (unsuccessfully, since most cross streets do not allow turning left on Delaware Ave.) seek shortcuts through residential side streets.
4. Given the expected and ongoing costs to the community, we expect that any successful casino operator would contribute to a community development fund and/or to a "special services district" under local control. Negotiations on this subject would greatly benefit from either a legislative or administrative requirement that such a fund or services district be a requirement of a gaming license.
5. Fishtown is currently experiencing a resurgence of community development, spirit and investment. Residents do not want to see that effort and progress unnecessarily threatened by a casino on our waterfront. Rather we seek to preserve and enhance Fishtown's unique history and character. Fishtown is a small town within a city and has significant historical roots that go to the founding of Pennsylvania and earlier. William Penn once lived close to the SugarHouse site. We are a close-knit community with strong family traditions and values, and Fishtown's heritage includes a close relationship with the river and the waterfront.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that Fishtown, by virtue of being potentially impacted by three of the five proposed casino sites in Philadelphia is in a unique position as the Philadelphia community that could be most irripacted and damaged by the siting decision of the Gaming Control Board.

For this reason, I request that you 1) make all efforts to avoid choosing any two of the North Delaware Ave. proposed sites, 2) if a North Delaware Ave. site is chosen, lend your influence to our community's efforts to have the I-95 Girard Ave. ramp project completed before the casinos are opened, and 3) continue to seek public input on design, traffic and siting issues past the June 2nd deadline since that has been entirely too short for local residents to become educated and respond appropriately.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Akeley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

Winfield E. Akeley



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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: Kristi Fox

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: Aon Risk Services

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the issuance of licenses for slot parlors. I am a resident of the Fishtown neighborhood in Philadelphia where three of the five potential slot parlor developers in Philadelphia have applied for licensure. The Pinnacle and Sugarhouse sites are immediately located within the Fishtown community. The Riverwalk site is located within 1/6 mile of the Fishtown community. I respectfully ask that "clustering" of slot parlor licenses not be allowed within a one mile radius (i.e. only one license be granted within a one mile radius) to protect Fishtown and the surrounding communities from increased traffic, noise, pollution, crime and nuisances that are proven to be associated with gaming.

Having reviewed the traffic studies and impact reports, I believe that the Pinnacle site poses the least negative impact on our community due to its location, the size of the parcel of land, and Pinnacle's plans to incorporate community-friendly, non-gaming related activities (i.e. outdoor dining, cinema, entertainment, ice skating, riverfront dining, marina, etc.). The planned I-95 / Girard Avenue reconfiguration and improvements will allow incoming and outgoing traffic to flow to and from the Pinnacle site without immediate impact on Fishtown's residential streets.

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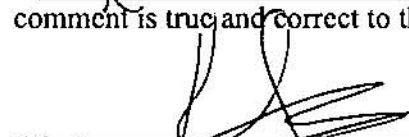
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To minimize the negative impact that slot parlors could bring to my neighborhood, I respectfully request that the following provisos be incorporated into any gaming license that is granted:

- Public green space and guaranteed access to the waterfront must be incorporated into the design of the venue.
- Eco-friendly construction and project design incorporated into the construction of the venue (green roof, recycled water, use of recycled construction materials, etc.).
- A "Community Benefit Agreement" (or similar Agreement) must be agreed to and executed between the developer and the affected community to reduce the negative impacts of the slot parlor / gaming facility on the community (i.e. traffic, crime, nuisance shops, etc.). The community must maintain control of this fund to strategically invest funds where the community feels it is most needed.
- A percentage (25% or TBD) of the state and / or city tax revenue earned must be earmarked for the impacted community. This money would be used to support community infrastructure (streets, lighting, schools) & city service improvements (garbage collection, police, fireman, etc.) that will be required to offset the negative impact of increased traffic, visitors, and increased population.
- PennDot's I-95 / Girard Avenue reconfiguration construction time table must be given highest priority and the timetable must be moved up to alleviate traffic in the neighborhood.
- Truck delivery times need to be regulated to reduce noise and traffic during peak traffic hours and late night / early morning hours. Strict enforcement is needed; violators need to be fined.
- A "Special Services District" or "Empowerment Zone" should be created to allow for preferential hiring of residents within the impacted community and to allow for preference to be given to local merchants in supplier selection (food, goods and related services).
- Street / sidewalk improvements (lighting, curbs, pedestrian crossing, traffic lights) in the immediate vicinity should be made prior to the commencement of operations to allow for greater pedestrian and bike access (this would also help reduce vehicle traffic).

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment on this important issue that will impact my community for many generations.

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


May 29, 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: TERESA TRUMPER

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront

Employer: self-employed

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

DEAR SIRs,

AS A RESIDENT OF FISH TOWN, WHO OWNS AN HISTORIC BUILDING WITHIN 2 BLOCKS OF 2 PROPOSED SITES ON DELAWARE AVE. AND R ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE NORTH-BOUND EXIT OF I-95, WHERE ESTIMATED ~~PROPOSED~~ + 12,000 CARS WILL BE EXITING TO THE CASINOS, I IMPLOR YOU TO INSIST THAT THE NEW I-95/GIRARA AVE. INTERCHANGE BE INTO PLACE BEFORE THE CASINOS ARE OPENED AND THAT A SOUND WALL BE PLACED ALONG BOTH SIDES OF I-95.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER,
SINCERELY,

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

TERESA TRUMPER



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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: Bruce Trumper

Address:

Telephone:

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Organization, if any:

Employer: Unemployed

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

No license should be awarded to Any slot parlor if there is no access to the site. If a casino is opened in Fishtown before I-95 Access is built to access the site directly, This neighbor will be gridlocked and emergency rescue and Fire fighting will be severely hampered. This is a life safety issue for us. Also I-95 should have sound barriers - the State has dealt with us in bad faith - refer This time they sneaked through legislation literally in the middle of the night - to steal the right to bilk their constituents directly. This should be a Democratic Process - Our State Legislators are as corrupt as our City Government. You are part of the problem if you award any license at this time.

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

P.S. Hope you guys get out of jail soon!



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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: Nancy Hionides

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Independence Charter School

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

I live within a few blocks of proposed Casinos.

① Must have new I-95 ramps that takes traffic directly to Delaware Ave. (Christopher Columbus Blvd.) and the Casino's before they

I DON'T WANT THAT TRAFFIC ON MY STREET.

② Developers should be required to have River front walks and space.

③ We need more police dedicated to just Casino mess.

I, Nancy Hionides 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: FRED MINUCHI

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: F.N.A. FISH TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC., MEMB.

Employer: UNEMPLOYED

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

TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE THREE CASINOS (PINNACLE CASINO, SUGARHOUSE CASINO, AND THE RIVERWALK) THAT WOULD AFFECT THE FISH TOWN COMMUNITY ONLY IF THROUGH A "COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT" THE LONG TIME COMMUNITY CITIZENS THAT HAVE MADE THIS SUCH A DESIRABLE AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SPECULATORS ARE BUYING PROPERTIES (CITIZENS OF TWENTY YEARS OR MORE OF RESIDENCY) THAT DESIRE EMPLOYMENT AT THE CHOSEN CASINOS. RECEIVE PRIORITY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AT THE CASINOS THAT RECEIVE SLOT MACHINE LICENSE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD. IF THE COMMUNITY CITIZEN DOES NOT HAVE THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE DESIRED POSITION, THE CASINO WOULD EMPLOY THE COMMUNITY CITIZEN.

I, FRED MINUCHI JM 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: Eileen Lederer

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

The casino companies are currently not required to give anything to the community such as jobs or money for neighborhood improvements! We are asking the Gaming Board to require that the casino developers sign a Community Benefits Agreement with Fishtown to make sure that we get priority for jobs and other benefits.

The crime will increase with the amount of people visiting the casinos. We need additional police and EMT support in order to protect our neighborhood.

Casino traffic needs to be routed directly from I-95 to Delaware Ave. without going through our small streets! The only way to do this is to get new on and off ramps at the I-95/Girard Ave. interchange BEFORE THE CASINOS ARE OPENED!

Currently, the only public access to the riverfront is Penn Treaty Park. Any new developments on the Delaware should be required to have space for a riverfront trail/boardwalk, and adequate access points.

I, EILEEN LEDERER 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: Joan Bracken

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Self

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

Dear Sir;

Please do not allow a casino at the Delaware / Columbus Ave and Tasher location. Since the opening of the Ikea / Lowes Center in that area, the traffic has been excessive along Columbus Blvd. Independence Court and Dockside condos have also added to the burden. A huge casino complex on that small piece of land will only make the area impossible to navigate.

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development and casinos.
But issues and egress must
certainly be addressed before
allowing such a project.

Sincerely
Joan Bracken

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

Joan Bracken



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Name: Marcy Wieseeman Leader

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Fishtown Neighbors Association

Employer: Century 21 Leibovitz

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.

It is imperative that the Girard Avenue / I-95 interchange be reconfigured to accommodate the massive increase in traffic casinos will generate BEFORE the scheduled opening of any casino that may be placed along the Delaware River in Philadelphia. The addition of thousands of cars to the small, one-way

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residential streets would be a safety hazard, bring noise and pollution to the Fishtown neighborhood, and would choke off the huge improvements the area has enjoyed in recent years. I feel that state control of the decision-making process involved in site selection is, to put it politely, distant, uninformed, insensitive, and unconcerned with the human impact such venues will have in Philadelphia. Local input MUST be permitted.

Thank you.

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

Marcy



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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: Maia M. Lee

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: ~~Rosenbach~~

Employer: Rosenbach Museum + Library

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

After graduating from college in Philadelphia just last year, I decided to invest myself in the city that educated me by living and working here. I chose to live in Fishtown for its affordable, safe and quiet streets. I believe casinos will bring many benefits to the city such as more jobs and a better economy. Because I live 1 block from the intended site for the Swarthill Cas I strongly urge the following points to be contingent on any casino license in the neighborhood:

(SEE ATTACHED)

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

- 1 - That the casino provide adequate parking so as not to congest our small streets.
- 2 - That new on and off ramps to I-95 be constructed to keep casino traffic off our residential streets.
- 3 - That there be adequate police and EMT support to help protect casino patrons and Fishtown residents, and enforce noise violations, like on South Street.
- 4 - That there be public access to the riverfront.
- 5 - That it not be an eyesore on the community.
- 6 - That there be a Community Benefits Agreement to obligate the casino to give back and invest in the neighborhood in ways including, but not limited to: a scholarship fund to benefit local college-bound kids, priority job-placement for Fishtown residents, and a percentage of profits to be directed toward improving the local environment through establishing green areas and cleaning up the neighborhood.

With crime rates in Philadelphia so high (over 300 murders in 2005) I worry about the effects of a casino in this peaceful working-class neighborhood, but I believe in the inherent goodness of people to make well-thought out right decisions. Thank you.



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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: Misty Kauffman

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

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

June 1, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board
PO Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106

RE: Casinos in Philadelphia

Dear Gaming Control Board Members:

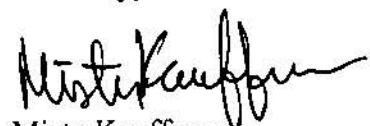
I am writing to request your help in preserving our community which is being threatened by the prospects of casinos on the Delaware River. Initially, I would like to state that I am completely opposed to any casinos within a mile of residential neighborhoods. The casinos will potentially increase crime, trash, drunk driving and demands on our public services. It seems to me that the casinos would be more suited to areas that are already developed for entertainment uses, such as the stadium areas or the airport.

I am a resident of Fishtown, and since three of the five casinos are proposed for my immediate neighborhood, I understand that at least one may be inevitable. Therefore, I urge you to give the residents more time to research and understand the potential effects of the casinos. In a brief review of the impact statements prepared by the casino developers and their consultants, it is evident that not enough thorough research has been prepared. Furthermore, I believe it would be detrimental to our neighborhood if more than one casino was located here.

If a casino is approved for our neighborhood, I would also request that some concession be made by the casino developers and the city/state prior to any casinos being constructed. Firstly, the I-95 interchange at Delaware Avenue needs to be constructed. This would alleviate some of the anticipated traffic problems for the small streets in Fishtown. As it is now, Delaware Avenue is not easily accessible traveling south on I-95. Also, I believe there should be a Community Services agreement with a Special Services District in place and funded by the casino developers to assist the neighborhood in dealing with the potential negative impacts of the casinos. And finally, the city, state and casino developers should fund the additional public services that will be required. As mentioned previously, the casinos will increase crime and emergencies in the area. We will need additional EMT and police services if the casinos are developed in Fishtown, and these services and their funding should be in place prior to any casino opening.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,



Misty Kauffman
Fishtown Resident



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Board Clerk PG

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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: Rebecca Sweger

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: n/a

Employer: University of Pennsylvania

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

Please see my comments on the second page.

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I would like to add the following comments to the public comment hearing record.

First of all, I strongly urge that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for the public comment period by at least six months. Some areas of Philadelphia are impacted by up to three casino proposals, and the residents of these areas require more than the originally allotted time to review the casino's impact reports. It's imperative that potentially impacted residents have a fair opportunity to digest the information in these reports and to submit informed input and concerns.

Secondly, as a resident of Philadelphia's Fishtown neighborhood, I have grave reservations about any casinos being built along the Delaware waterfront. If such a project is approved, however, Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation MUST complete the proposed enhancements to the Girard Avenue interchange of I-95 prior to the opening of any casinos in the area. This project is not scheduled to begin until 2011; however, until the interchange is updated, traffic for at least of the proposed casinos would have to enter a residential neighborhood.* Because the state passed the casino legislation, the state also has a responsibility to ensure that the infrastructure surrounding the proposed sites can accommodate increased traffic with the least amount of impact to residents.

Finally, I request that no casino licenses be granted without first requiring that developers enter into a Community Services Agreement with the surrounding neighborhood. Developers should commit money to a Special Services District that will alleviate issues resulting from their casinos.

*This statement refers to the Sugar Hill casino, which incorrectly says in its impact report that Southbound I-95 traffic will be able to exit at Girard, make a left turn, and immediately access the Delaware Avenue casino site. It is not possible to access Delaware Avenue directly from the Southbound I-95 Girard Ave. exit.

I, Rebecca A. Sweper 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 Ritchie

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Re/Max Home Experts

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

As a resident of Fishtown, 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.

- 1) Please don't choose 2 casinos along the waterfront in the Fishtown area, as the impact from one will certainly be too much for the area to handle... and 2 could be devastating.
- 2) Please address traffic concerns. If the I-95 exit ramp at Girard Ave is not changed prior to the building of the casinos, thousands of cars travelling south bound on I-95 will exit onto Girard Ave and be forced to wind their way through small, one lane - one way,

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

- 3) Please allow for any design of potential casinos to allow for public access ~~to~~ to the waterfront.
- 4) Please give extra consideration to sites like Pinnacle, which are going to be providing the community with a full entertainment complex as opposed to the other proposals, which basically allow for a slot parlor and restaurants, with hardly any other amenities.

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

Robert Ritchie



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: Walter Leader

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: FNA

Employer: Medco Health Solutions

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

The Girard Ave / I 95 interchange must be rebuilt before any slots facility opens!

Public Access to the riverfront must be maintained and improved.

We have come too far in Fishtown, economically and as a community, to have it destroyed by a state-mandated decision out of our control!!

I, Walter Leader 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: MARGARET HOLZER

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I Live on Montgomery Ave 50 yea
I am 61 live on the steps to
my mother live on the steps to
she 82 years old

THE TRAFFIC come off 1-95 will
come down my steps, will you
Please get help for us.

!Put a RAMP, come off 1-95 to
Delaware Ave THANK YOU

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

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

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I request 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: Sharmain Matlock-Turner

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition

Employer: Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition

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

For over thirty-seven years, the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition (GPUAC) has brought people together from throughout the Metropolitan Philadelphia region to solve urban problems, operate programs, and support an array of government and private-sector sponsored initiatives to help low-wage families succeed.

GPUAC is a direct service provider and a leader in the area of public policy. As an intermediary, we build the capacity of grassroots organizations to serve their own communities. This is accomplished through the provision of financial management services (to more than 90 community groups), loans and grants, technical assistance to a range of public and private organizations, and leadership development.

Through the operation of effective programs, we impact communities in greatest need throughout the Metropolitan Philadelphia region. GPUAC manages more than 50 programs and services in the areas of workforce development, health services, neighborhood and community services, economic and business development, and education. Finally, as an agent for change, we build partnerships and launch initiatives that bring about reform. This work is carried out through our Public Policy

Committees on homelessness, workforce development, community and economic development, and education/children/youth.

Founded during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, GPUAC's predecessor organization, the Philadelphia Urban Coalition, was born out of the struggle to expand opportunities for minorities. Our commitment to diversity and expanding opportunities for minorities has not wavered over the past thirty-seven years. For example, for over two decades, GPUAC has operated the Economic Development Projects (EDP). Through EDP, GPUAC works in partnership with project developers, owners, construction firms and universities to help them award contracts to Minority, Women and Disabled Business Enterprises, and to successfully employ females and minorities. GPUAC also prepares community residents for construction jobs in their own neighborhoods and throughout the region.

It is precisely because of our history that we are compelled to speak out regarding the development of the gaming industry in Philadelphia, and across Pennsylvania. The development of a new industry in this area presents minorities with an unprecedented opportunity for economic advancement. It is projected that annual revenues of the gaming industry in Philadelphia alone will be between \$600-\$750 million. This possible source of revenue to the community is particularly significant when you consider that in Philadelphia, the population is nearly 50% African American, and more than 60% of the children in our public schools live in families that are at or below the federal poverty guideline - \$19,000 for a family of four.

However, if gaming in Philadelphia is to live up to its potential, it must be done right. Meaningful opportunities for minorities and the communities affected must be provided at all levels. Strong minority leadership/ownership, as demonstrated by the Riverwalk Casino, is critical. Opportunities for minorities and community residents must extend to employment as gaming staff, not just non-gaming positions. Employment opportunities must also be coupled with committed funding of employment training programs. Minority contracting opportunities and business opportunities for minority vendors/suppliers must likewise be central to any successful project.

GPUAC is confident that the Gaming Control Board (Board) recognizes this unique chance to make significant progress in the area of economic equity with the awarding of the licenses for two category II slot parlors in Philadelphia. GPUAC urges the Board to pay close attention to each applicant's specific plans relating to minority entrepreneurs, and that the Board obtains specific commitments from each applicant towards this goal. We also ask that the diversity plan that is required by each applicant, not only include a separate goal of diversity in ownership, participation, and operation of, and employment at the proposed licensed entity, but that it also include a community benefits model that outlines how people in the neighborhoods where these parlors will be located are being engaged in the financial success of the gaming business. In conclusion, we would like to stress that the Board truly has an opportunity to make history and empower our communities to achieve economic growth and we hope it realizes its potential.



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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: Margaret Schmitt

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: FISHTOWN NEIGHBORS ASSN

Employer: _____

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

As a resident of Fishtown - Philadelphia 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.

The traffic situation needs to be resolved BEFORE any slot parlor opens. The issues of crime and health concerns need to be addressed. At our community meeting, it was told to us that the heart attack rate and suicide rate as well as the crime rate is considerable high.

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This worries me, because we already have a shortage of police and EMT staff. I am ~~concerned~~ concerned about our air quality since thousands of cars will be in our neighborhood everyday. There are several serious concerns that need to be addressed. How are we going to be protected

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



April 12, 2006

**Statement on Behalf of River's Edge Civic Association
Provided by Andrew W. Sacksteder
President**

River's Edge is a community in the Old City section of Philadelphia. My association boundaries are Spring Garden Street on the North, Columbus Boulevard on the East and Interstate 95 in the West extending South to where I-95 adjoins Columbus Blvd. almost at Market Street.

River's Edge is made up of a number of residences, apartments and condominiums as well as light and heavy commercial uses and several substantial development sites, some of which are underway.

As a resident of a developing community for over 20 years, many of my neighbors and I have been long term advocates of positive development. Given that gambling is coming to Pennsylvania and that Philadelphia is going to become home to two sites, we recognize that it is impossible for everyone to be successful in taking the position of "Not in my back yard (NIMBY)". River's Edge strives not to be another community taking that position but we have serious concerns.

River's Edge Civic Association (RECA) members have attended previous presentations made by the Applicants representing the three proposed sites located on North Columbus Boulevard as well as studying the Economic and Traffic studies. As a result of our investigations, RECA is primarily concerned by the serious traffic impacts that all three proposals will initially bring to our community. Despite the eventual traffic patterns that may exist when all of the I-95 interchange improvements are completed in 5 to 8 years, for a number of the early years all three proposed sites, upon opening, will draw a tremendous peak traffic load that will pass through our community upon exiting I-95 at the Callowhill Street exit ramp. In fact, the studies reveal that only the lowest level of satisfaction can be expected when attempting to traverse the Callowhill Street intersection at Columbus Blvd. And there is no proposal that we have seen, where the Callowhill exit is relied upon, that remedies that peak load problem. A problem which could easily lead to traffic back-ups right up onto the exit ramp and delays on I-95 southbound during peak weekend hours.

In reviewing the aspects and details of each of the North Columbus Boulevard site proposals it became clear that there were several minimal design details and operation requirements that should be mandatory and should be committed to by any successful applicant.

First: All anticipated parking needs for the site, both patron and employee, must be accommodated within the proposed development. And, parking must be accessible to patrons for free in order to keep them from flooding our adjoining streets.

Second: Clear, free attractive and inviting public access to the Delaware River Waterfront must be given in a form that encourages the public to take advantage of the recreational opportunity without presenting any pressure to enter or patronize the gambling facility.

Third, in addition to the tax burden that is imposed on the Casino operations, the Casino Operators must be required to provide professional security for a reasonable radius outside of the Casino property to help eliminate the spreading blight of crime that notoriously taints areas surrounding casinos or to directly pay for the City of Philadelphia Police Department to dedicate an adequate supplemental squad of Officers to accomplish that task.

Last: Cash can solve many problems, so the Casino Operators must be obligated to set aside another portion of their profits to fund joint committees of the recognized Neighborhood Groups, Public Officials and the Operator's Representatives to direct the expenditure of those funds to the direct needs of the immediate neighborhood impacted by the Casino Operation.

While listening to the commentary that has been given over the past few days, the common theme seems to be the issues of congestion, property values and crime. Assuming for a moment that congestion is reasonably controlled, the casinos should not have a negative property value impact. Our observation is that there are no residential properties immediately adjacent to any of the Columbus Boulevard sites proposed. The distance separating the proposed Casinos would seem to be adequate such that the residential properties near by would only be more desirable because of the increased entertainment venues then conveniently available within the Casino. Commercial properties adjacent to Casinos stand to benefit from the increased exposure and consumer traffic. The economic stability of the communities must be assured because no community should be saddled with a Casino if the result is a loss in property value or a decline in the quality of life. The Pinnacle and Foxwoods sites seem to have the greatest distance buffer from near-by residences.

Clearly, the most effective way to eliminate congestion is to locate the Casinos selected as close to the supporting major highway interchanges as possible. Though it may seem like a clear example of NIMBY, RECA believes that the site most easily assessable from North, South, East and West is the proposed Pinnacle site at Girard Avenue. Upon the I-95 interchange completion, the Pinnacle Site will have a full North / South Interstate Highway exchange at its front door that connects directly to the I-676 traveling both East and West without any burden on the city surface streets, eliminating all burden at the Callowhill street exit. The Pinnacle site is also the largest of the three North Columbus Boulevard sites, best enabling it to more easily handle the parking required.

Dealing with the potential of increased crime is a simple matter of money and dedication. If there is adequate money resulting from the Casino operation to properly fund the needed law enforcement and if there is a mandate that the law enforcement be effective, then proper management can control crime.

From the viewpoint of the overall development of the Philadelphia Central Waterfront the other natural location that should be selected is the South Columbus Boulevard, Foxwoods Site at Tasker / Reed Streets. Access to and from the South and East is excellent via I-95 and the Walt Whitman Bridge. Access from the North and West is more challenging but there is room for additional infrastructure expansion of Columbus Boulevard between the ramps south of the South Street and the site at Reed Street to reduce the already significant congestion. Further, if the two sites are selected as recommended, patrons arriving from the North or West are likely to utilize the Pinnacle site to avoid any congestion. The effect of the two sites book-ending the waterfront development district could have tremendous positive impact and would be effective in

defining the waterfront as a new destination in Philadelphia to be added to our Stadium district, our Avenue of the Arts, the Historic district, and our Museum district. With the addition of an active Waterfront district, perhaps Philadelphia can finally claw its way to the top as an overnight visitor destination and really begin to reap the revenues of the visitor trades.

While the debate over whether there should be gambling has never been settled in my community, we recognize that it is a fact of life. Further, RECA members understand the tremendous positive financial impact that gambling brings to the City's ailing tax revenue. We also understand that for the derived spin-off revenue to be maximized the locations selected for the gambling sites must be convenient to visitors to the Pennsylvania Convention Center and to Tourists and Visitors in general. It is also our opinion that there is insufficient financial advantage to the City from one proposal to the other to determine the selection based on monetary merit. Considering that the ambiance of the Delaware River is a great attraction to add to the environment created by a first class establishment, RECA supports the concept of bringing gambling into our City and to our Central Waterfront district. However, we would like to be able to expect that the Site selections will be made without political or financial pressure but instead will be selected to best utilize the transportation infrastructures present and future to minimize the impact of congestion. Another important factor in the selection should be that the Casino Operators willingly take an active role in deterring crime surrounding their facilities and that the Casino's voluntarily participate in healing any wounds that are inflicted on their surrounding communities by their existence.

All in all, we implore that the site selection be made without consideration of the benefit to any individual or group but instead the consideration of what is best for the City at large. While RECA believes that the selection of the Riverwalk site would maximize the financial benefit to our individual community, clearly the traffic infrastructure simply cannot be maximized at that location and if two casinos were selected in the North Columbus Boulevard area it would be overwhelming. Simply, if RECA felt that one of the sites located closer to our immediate community had better met the all of the criteria we have discussed we would freely have supported a Casino at that location. And, though we do not intend to shift the burden that a Casino will place on our neighboring communities, based on our understanding of the issues we feel best supporting, first, the Pinnacle Site selection, and second, only in combination with the Pinnacle site, the Foxwoods Site.



Andrew Sacksteder, President
River's Edge Civic Association



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 slots operators:

Name:

Anne Dicker

Address

Telepho

Organizaouon, if any

Employer:

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

As a resident of Philadelphia's historic Riverwards neighborhoods, I would like to ^{state} ~~declare~~ that

(1) We, the residents of Philly's Riverward neighborhoods do not have adequate information on the proposed casinos' impact on crime, traffic and quality of life

(2) The Gaming Control Board should extend the licensing period, so all neighborhoods have time to consider the projects.



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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: Susan Crawshaw

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: None

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:

- What's the vision for what gets "filled in" between the casinos? Please, please, please: greenspace — with public access — and not Atlantic City-style pseudo-streets.
- Traffic, for the neighbors to avoid the access points as well as for the patrons to enter/exit.

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- Why only slots? Will such limited action draw enough / create enough revenue? Wouldn't it be smarter business to diversify the activities; give them a better chance of financial success?

I, Susan Crawshaw 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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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P. O. Box 69060
Harrisburg PA 1710

Attn: Public Comments

May 12, 2006

RE: The need to give back

To Whom It May Concern:

Much has already been written, and much controversy will continue to be articulated, regarding the proposed slot machine casinos in Southeastern Pennsylvania. But conspicuously absent from the public debate and the applications to operate these slots parlors is a substantial, enforceable, and accountable commitment by the casinos to give something back to the communities these new establishments will undoubtedly dominate.

The justifications for the Gaming Act in 2004 were that part of the estimated \$3 billion in annual legalized slot machine revenue would be redirected back to Commonwealth residents through economic development and property and wage tax relief. In addition, 4 percent of gaming revenues will be designated for the locality in which the casino is located, although it is unclear how this 4 percent would be allocated in Philadelphia, Chester and Bensalem.

This 4 percent is under the administration of a multi-county FAIR (Fair and Accountable Investment of Revenues) Deal Coalition. The Coalition wants to require that all gambling licensees negotiate local community benefits agreements that support such issues as economic development, job training, small business support, affordable housing, and cultural, arts and recreational organizations. The Coalition will also encourage licensees to support initiatives to combat problem gambling.

However, there is no mandate from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, which was created by the Gaming Act to regulate the gaming industry, for casinos to either make charitable contributions or to enter into these community benefits agreements.

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May 12, 2006

The proposals from the five applicants for the licenses in Southeastern Pennsylvania may offer some admirable and enticing promises of philanthropy, but as of now there do not appear to be any guarantees that gambling revenues will directly help to improve the lives of disadvantaged people in the neighborhoods affected. In order to ensure transparency and accountability, The Philadelphia Foundation believes that the Gaming Control Board should mandate that all licensees must enter into community benefits agreements and contribute a specific percentage of revenues for charitable purposes, with mechanisms in place that provide the necessary transparency and accountability for these funds.

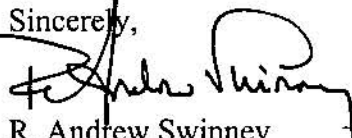
Models for this type of arrangement exist: Iowa's 13 casinos must designate a portion of their profits for charitable contributions; the Prairie Meadow Racetrack & Casino there, alone distributes \$4 million per year to area nonprofit organizations.

To be sure, many economic and social challenges will accompany the casinos. The selected neighborhoods and the community as a whole will have to contend for decades to come with such issues as additional police coverage, treatment programs for pathological and problem gamblers, traffic and parking concerns, displacement of residents, potential eminent domain abuses, and a changing character of these newly gentrified neighborhoods.

The Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force found that because of these issues, 60 percent of Philadelphia residents are against having slots parlors in their neighborhoods. This NIMBY mentality – Not In My Back Yard – may be mitigated if a casino's commitment to give something back to the community is widely articulated and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board regulates to ensure that the commitments are acted upon. (The Task Force reported that 66 percent of residents would be more inclined to support gaming if they knew that the facilities would make substantial contributions to after-school programs for youth.)

Gambling is coming to Southeastern Pennsylvania, so it is therefore critical that we recognize and plan for the inevitable impacts on local communities: some good, some bad, and some impossible to predict. Those who stand to benefit have an obligation to give something back to make sure those neighborhoods continue to thrive. These contributions should be mandated by the state. It is also the right thing to do.

Sincerely,



R. Andrew Swinney
President



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: CHARLES F. DUQUESNE

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: MOORE College of Art & Design

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

As a resident of Fishtown, 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.

- 1) Better lighting in Penn Treaty Park
 - 2) more Bike cops in the ~~Area~~ Neighborhood.
 - 3) MAKING sure Del. AVE & Girard are clean
- AJ

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

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

5.31.06



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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: Munna Aparanji

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Fishtown Neighborhood Assoc.

Employer: The University of the Arts

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

As a resident of Fishtown, 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.

1. No casino should operate until I-95 is directly connected to Delaware Avenue for better traffic flow.
2. Casinos need to comply with a community benefits agreement.
3. The maximum number of licences in the area should be one.

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

5.31.06



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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: HAZEL PETROSKI 060106

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: USPS

Employer: Postal worker

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

Concerned about traffic, criminal activities, predators of children. What about parking. Also if jobs become available I stress only Pennsylvania residents ONLY Get them.

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

Daniel M. McGinnis, E.I.T.

May 30, 2006

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

**Re: Philadelphia Entertainment & Development Partners, L.P.
Proposed Slot Parlor Development
Columbus Boulevard between Reed and Tasker Streets
Preliminary Traffic Impact Assessment**

Dear Board Members,

As you are undoubtedly aware, much press coverage has been given to the proposed slot parlor developments in and around the City of Philadelphia. However, there appears to have been very little scrutiny given to the traffic impacts of the proposed developments. Furthermore, as the development review process is apparently solely the purview of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, rather than that of local governing bodies, it is unclear that the traffic impacts of these proposed developments will be properly reviewed to ensure that these impacts are properly mitigated by the developer.

In lieu of such a review process, as an area resident and a professional engineer-in-training with two years of experience reviewing traffic impact studies, I would like to provide public comment on the traffic impacts of one of these developments. I have reviewed the *Preliminary Traffic Impact Assessment* (TIA) prepared by Orth-Rodgers & Associates for the proposed slot parlor facility to be located along Columbus Boulevard between Reed and Tasker Streets, dated March 3, 2006. Based on the preliminary TIA, the extent of the traffic impacts is unclear. Unfortunately, a full assessment was not made public by the comment period deadline of June 2, 2006. In response to the preliminary TIA, I respectfully submit the following initial comments:

1. The TIA states that 35% of traffic will arrive via Columbus Boulevard to and from the south. Given the circuitous route this approach entails (see Figure 7 of the report), this estimate seems high and should be substantiated. It seems more likely that motorists will choose the most direct approach, irrespective of

congestion, since many casino visitors would presumably be unaware of local congestion and would be unlikely to try to avoid it. A larger proportion of drivers than the 65% stated in the TIA may thus arrive from the north, contributing to further congestion along this heavily-traveled section of Columbus Boulevard.

2. It is noted in the preliminary TIA that 440 and 690 vehicles are anticipated to enter the site during the PM and Saturday peak traffic periods of Columbus Boulevard, respectively. Even with the traffic distribution assumed in the TIA, this would mean that an additional 286 and 448 left-turning vehicles are anticipated along southbound Columbus Boulevard during these periods. Furthermore, similar heavy volumes of left-turning vehicles can be expected for departing traffic entering the Interstate 95 ramps. Although the TIA does not include analysis of the proposed conditions, or supporting documentation for the existing conditions analysis, the report indicates that this section of Columbus Boulevard operates under extremely congested conditions, with many intersection approaches and movements operating with failing Levels of Service (LOS F), according to the standards of the Transportation Research Board's *Highway Capacity Manual*, the standard criteria by which intersection traffic operations are described. The large number of expected left-turning vehicles can be expected to create long queues along Columbus Boulevard, exacerbating the existing congestion.
3. There is insufficient information provided in the preliminary study to support definite conclusions, but the gridlocked conditions of this section of Columbus Boulevard and the large size of the proposed development make it likely that the impact will be severe. A final study should be provided, including a full analysis of the existing and proposed traffic conditions, along with recommendations of improvements to mitigate these problems. Approval of this application should not be considered without a full account of the impacts to transportation systems of the neighborhood, public hearings to discuss these impacts, and a fair-share contribution from the developer to help provide transportation improvements in the area.
4. I call upon concerned residents of the neighborhood, their state and local representatives and members of the media to demand a full accounting of the impacts of this and the other proposed casino developments, and to demand that any approval of this development be made contingent on the fair-share contribution by the developers to improve the area's congested transportation systems.

Sincerely,



Daniel M. McGinnis

cc: Queen Village Neighborhood Association
Representative Marie A. Lederer
Senator Vincent Fumo
Councilman Frank DiCicco
Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Northern Liberties Neighbors Association

March 16, 2006

Clerk to the Board
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
P.O. Box 69060
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a "Registration Form for Public Comment by Community Groups" for me, Matthew Ruben, President of the Board of Directors of the Northern Liberties Neighbors Association (NLNA).

I wish to provide a few notes of clarification on the information I have provided on the first page of the form. Specifically:

- I have included the address and telephone number of the NLNA office, not my personal address and telephone number.
- For reference, my personal address and number are: 326 Saint John Neumann Way, Philadelphia, PA 19123; 215-592-7353.
- I have listed my employer as Bryn Mawr College (where I teach), and not the NLNA. The reason is that my NLNA Presidency is a volunteer position, and so the NLNA is not my employer, even though I represent the organization.

If you have any questions or require any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best,

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

Matthew Ruben
President, Board of Directors



May 31, 2006

To: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

On May 24, about 600 members of the public, as well as elected officials like Mayor John F. Street, participated in a public design forum on casinos sponsored by the Daily News, PennPraxis and the Design Advocacy Group, with support from the William Penn Foundation. This is our report, filed for the record as public input, as well as distributed independently to the members of the board.

We organized the forum in order to inform the public of general design principles, and to review the specific design proposals of the five developers vying for a casino license with the help of a panel of architecture and city planning experts. (See Attachment 1 for panelists.) Part of our intention was to create a public record that might help guide the Gaming Control Board's deliberations when it reviews each proposal.

We're aware that you are still finalizing the criteria and the weight given to various aspects of each license application -- economic and environmental impact, financial stability of each developer, etc. We hope that our report will help you establish architecture and design criteria when considering the proposals.

Summary of the major concerns of the experts and the public:

- While the Delaware River sites may be preferable, the full impact of two waterfront casinos is impossible to judge, given the city's lack of an overall vision and plan for the waterfront.**
- When judging the quality and success of the casino designs, we used four major criteria. Public access -- especially on the waterfront sites -- is of utmost importance.**
- The quality of the designs should also be judged on how they respect the scale of their surroundings, how well they contribute to a vision for the 21st century urban casino, and what kind of legacy they'll leave behind.**
- Environmental sustainability is a major concern of many members of the public. Plans that mitigate the environmental impact of the car-created pollution and the drain on natural resources should be favored.**

We have attached a copy of our panelist's report that details the critique of each of the casinos, each of which gave a 10-minute presentation of their design proposals. (Attachment 2.) Here is more detail on some of the larger issues addressed above:

The Delaware River Waterfront

For the past 30 years, Philadelphia has struggled to define and refine its Delaware River waterfront. For over seven miles, it presents a mix of working piers and shipyards, large tracts of unused and undeveloped parcels, and a relatively recent burst of retail and residential development. It is only lately-- spurred in part by the focus that the coming casinos has brought to the waterfront -- that our local and state leaders have acknowledged the absence of a long-term plan. They are just now talking about creating a long-term vision for our waterfront. In a perfect world, the casino decision could be stalled until such a plan was developed, and it would then become an easier task to judge whether the casinos proposals conformed to the city's vision.

This, as we know, is far from a perfect world.

Recommendation: Absent a plan, we hope that you judge the merits of the waterfront proposals based on the degree of access to the waterfront that is granted to the general public. As you will see from our panelists' comments, those casinos that allowed access to boardwalks, piers, and waterfront amenities without having to enter the slots parlor got higher marks than those who required people to enter through the slots parlors.

There are recommendations for waterfront locations that are obvious even without a plan: Huge, hulking garages that need to be the equivalent of a 61 story skyscraper are not a good thing, and should be underground if at all possible. Huge, hulking boxes without windows should not line the river.

Legacy of design: One hundred years from now, when the casino industry has morphed into something else, will we fight to save these buildings? That's a question our architects and planners discussed when reviewing the design proposals.

Philadelphia presents a unique situation, in that no other city with our history and density has ever hosted two casinos, and certainly not with 3,000 or more slots machines in each. Because of this, we were hoping to hear the developers' visions for something that would reflect our urban reality, and be particular to Philadelphia. Beyond that, though, we are hoping for visions that bring the casino into the 21st century, rather than relying on tired models like the window-less boxes of the 70s and 80s, or the soulless, disposable Disneyfied theme parks that followed.

Recommendation: We hope that you not only demand these articulated standards from the developers vying for a license, but that once you grant the licenses and begin the second stage review process, you require the developers to periodic design and

architectural review against this criteria, and that they engage the public in an ongoing dialogue about their plans and visions.

Environmental concerns: The public in particular was very worried about the environmental impact of the casinos, especially from the high volume of cars the casinos are expected to bring. Ideas like "green roofs," that would build park-like spaces, should be favored. Those developers that have ways of mitigating the impact on the environment should also be favored.

Recommendation: That the board will, whenever possible, encourage the use of public transportation, by, for example, encouraging the building of a transportation network that allows people to easily move to and between the sites. The board should also demand a serious commitment to environmental sensitivity and sustainability.

We hope this helps you as you review the details of these proposals. Please feel free to call on us, particular PennPraxis, for more detailed input or reaction. In the Daily News' partnership with Penn and Design Advocacy Group, we have labored diligently to remain honest brokers in our advocacy for certain standards and elements in these developments, and have no interest other than promoting what is in the best interests of the city. For your interest, the entire forum can be heard online at www.whyy.org/community/casino.html

Thanks for your attention to this, and for your own diligence in making the best decisions possible in this complicated process.

Sincerely,

Sandra Shea

Panelists' biographies

Harris M. Steinberg, (moderator) FAIA, is the executive director of PennPraxis and a member of the faculty of the Department of Architecture of the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania. PennPraxis is the clinical consulting arm of the School of Design whose mission is to foster faculty and student collaboration on real world projects. Steinberg received his Bachelor of Arts in history and his Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania where he was awarded the *Paul Phillippe Cret Prize for Architectural Design*. He has lectured nationally and internationally on the subject of the architecture of engagement, an area of study that calls for architects to be actively involved in their communities. In 2001, he was appointed to a seat on the Philadelphia Historical Commission by the Honorable John F. Street, Mayor of Philadelphia.

Eugenie L. Birch FAICP is Professor and Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design and co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Design. She was President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, co-edited the Journal of the American Planning Association and is currently the chair, Planning Accreditation Board. From 1990 through 1995, she was a member of the New York City Planning Commission. In 2002, she served on the jury to select the designers of the World Trade Center site. Elected to the American Institute of Certified Planners College of Fellows, she is also a Fellow, Urban Land Institute and a member of the board of New York's Municipal Art Society. She is currently engaged in a longitudinal study of downtown living that is tracking performance in 45 American downtowns.

Winka Dubbeldam is the principal of *Archi-Tectonics, NYC* founded in 1994. Dubbeldam is a graduate of the Academy of Architecture, in Rotterdam (1990), and received a Degree in Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University in NYC in 1992. Dubbeldam has worked previously in several offices in Holland and in the New York architecture offices of Steven Holl, Bernard Tschumi and Peter Eisenman. She has taught in the Masters Programs of Columbia University and Harvard University and currently holds the position of Associate Practice Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. *Archi-Tectonics* has been featured in many professional journals and in the monograph *Winka Dubbeldam, Architect* by O10 publishers (1996). The firm was recently nominated as "*The Best and Brightest*" by Esquire Magazine, Dec 2004.

Alan Greenberger is a principal with MGA Partners, Architects and has 32 years experience as an architect, planner, and civic activist in Philadelphia. He is the lead designer for several of the firm's major public and educational commissions including renovations to the Mann Center for the Performing Arts. The firm's major planning efforts include Center City Strategic Plan, Fairmount Park Centennial District Plan, and

Avenue of the Arts Plan. He is a visiting professor in architecture at Drexel University and visiting instructor in City Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the co-founder of the Design Advocacy Group of Philadelphia, a 400+ member organization that lobbies for design excellence. He is also the Chairman of the Old City District.

Robert Hillier holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from Princeton University where he is also an adjunct professor in the School of Architecture. Hillier Architecture provides services in architecture, interior architecture, strategic facilities planning, historic preservation, urban design, graphic design and land planning and has offices in Princeton, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Shanghai. He is a leader in the design of corporate campuses, including GlaxoSmithKline's World Headquarters in London, and headquarters for Sprint in Kansas and Capital One in Virginia. High profile commissions include Citicorp, Beneficial Management, Steelcase, and several university projects from Princeton, Yale, Penn and Columbia. He is also an AIA fellow.

Sarah Thorp is to receive her Master of Science in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania in 2006. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Iowa in 1993, then served as a pilot in the United States Navy from 1994 to 2003. She flew missions in Iraq and Bosnia from the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, then served as a flight instructor teaching Navy and Marine flight students in Pensacola, Florida. She participated in the PennPraxis design charrette on Philadelphia casino siting in February 2005, and as a homeowner in Fishtown has closely followed the events surrounding slot parlor licensing in Philadelphia. She is currently the co-chair of the Fishtown Neighbors' Association Casino Committee, and a founding member of the grass-roots organization Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront (NABR).

Panelists' Report

Summary of Design Review of Gaming Proposals

Overall Impressions

The overall character of the design work presented generally disappointed the panel. With the exception of the Pinnacle scheme (Site 1), the panel was not especially enthused for any of the proposals. There was consensus that Philadelphia deserved better and that old formulas for casino design needed to be rethought to make them more vital and worthy of public support.

Several of the panel's comments became recurring themes for the evening:

- The waterfront is too valuable to crowd out with blank-walled, big boxes
- Slots parlors and massive parking garages do not make for urban vitality
- Lack of planning for the waterfront makes proposal selection especially difficult
- Real public access to the waterfront is essential
- Large roof areas require a more aggressive commitment to sustainable design
- Proposals need less formulaic approaches to casino design
- City/state need to coordinate w/developers on access to/from mass transit
- Philadelphia is a vital urban center – suburban concepts are inappropriate

Specific Comments on the Proposals

Site 1: Delaware River Waterfront @ East Girard Avenue
Pinnacle Development w/Jerde Partnership, Architects

Positives

- Site appears to be appropriately sized to handle large scale elements
- Site appears to be reasonably isolated from Fishtown neighborhood
- Real attempt at making a bone fide public place (lagoon et al)
- Access to public lagoon is through central atrium, not through casino
- Big box parking appropriately relegated to south end of site
- Includes retail, 12-screen cinema, other public amenities besides slot parlor
- Architectural of large buildings appears to be contemporary rather than 'themed'.
- Reuse of existing building on site for temporary casino

Negatives

- No streetside elevation shown

- Character of street environment between garage and entrance unclear
- Architectural character of retail looks like 'cartoon Philadelphia'
- No true public way (outdoors) to lagoon
- A lot of amenity promised – can it/will it be delivered

Site 2: Delaware River Waterfront @ Frankford Avenue
HSP Gaming w/Cope Linder, Architects

Positives

- Architecture attempting to be contemporary and urban
- Garage is reasonably sited and isolated
- 'Green' roof proposed

Negatives

- Site may be too small
- Waterfront walk is isolated from streetside
- Access to waterfront walk is through slots parlor or around back edges of site
- Open space dominated by driveways and porte cochere
- Main entrance leads almost immediately to slots parlor
- Very little other public amenity
- Proximity to Fishtown more problematic than Site 1

Site 3: Delaware River Waterfront @ Spring Garden Street
Planet Hollywood w/BLT Architects

Positives

- Good connection and access to Spring Garden Street
- Site very close to public transit (Market Street subway)

Negatives

- Site may be too small
- Entire ground floor consumed by parking, back of house functions
- Public access to waterfront walk is very weak (past blank walls)
- Streetside is dominated by parking and back of house uses
- Very little other public amenity
- Architecture is non-descript, looks like suburban shopping mall
- Opportunity to extend Spring Garden Street to river is lost

Site 4: Delaware River Waterfront @ Reed Street
Foxwoods w/ Friedmutter Group, Architects

Positives

- Festival pier could be an asset

Negatives

- Site may be too small

- Traffic issues in retail area of South Philadelphia likely to be significant
- Access to waterfront/festival pier through (somewhat convoluted) path in building
- Architecture is amateurish and banal
- Architect confused about Philadelphia and its urbanity
- Parking garage dominates Delaware Avenue

Site 5: Former Budd Manufacturing Site, Henry Avenue @ Roberts Street
Trump w/ Worth Group, Architects

Positives

- Not the waterfront
- Site may be large enough and reasonably isolated from residential areas
- Proximity to highway interchange
- Potential for connection to commuter rail lines

Negatives

- No site plans, plans or sections shown at presentation, hard to evaluate
- Identity of project invested in a massive parking garage
- Use of Budd/train motif intriguing but of questionable value to architecture
- Sketches shown were more naïve than sophisticated

Rankings

On a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being the highest ranking, the sense of the panel was:

Pinnacle:	5
HSP Gaming:	3
Planet Hollywood:	2
Foxwoods:	1
Trump:	Not enough information presented

SLOTS and the CITY

SKYLINE GAMBLES

A GUIDE TO THE CASINO PLANS THAT COULD SHAPE OUR CITY

1 PINNACLE

WHO REALLY OWNS the city's skyline? Is it just the developers who have the money to construct the buildings?

Can't we, who live here, claim a little ownership of the skyline and the buildings that have the power to change the way we live and the way we see and navigate our city?

And when do we get our say? Before the buildings ever get built, or only after they're done and it's too late to change anything?

The value of last week's public forum on casino design, hosted by the *Daily News*, PennPraxis, and the Design Advocacy



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Group, was not that those questions were answered, but that they were even asked.

At least 500 people came to the Convention Center to see casino designs from the five developers vying for two slots-parlor licenses and to hear professional reactions from a panel of experts. The public also got to ask questions.

All this was done so that the public could send informed input to the state Gaming Control Board, which has set tomorrow as the deadline for public response.

So today we're presenting the highlights of the evening, including the panelists' reactions to the proposals, in case you missed the forum and want to comment. (To have your say, get the necessary forms at www.pgcb.state.pa.us and mail it back in — fast).

We'll also send this recap to the state Gaming Control Board, in the hope it will help the board make its decisions.

Rather than being a detailed critique of each project, the discussion, moderated by PennPraxis head Harris Steinberg, focused on much larger points, such as how much the public will be able to enjoy the sites and how the buildings' designs would add to the city.

The main concern was that without a larger overall vision for the city's waterfront, it's impossible to guess how these casino designs will contribute to the whole. More than one of our panelists suggested that the waterfront is too valuable to give up to casinos, whose patrons won't be encouraged to go outside.

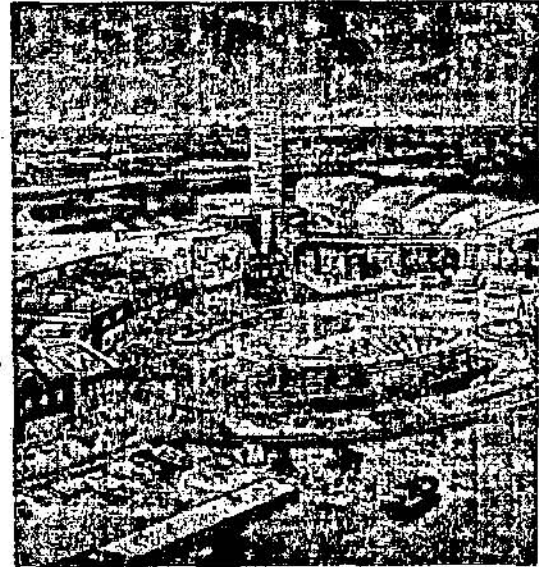
The fact remains that not only are the larger plans for the waterfront unformed, but the city will have virtually no say in deciding which casino sites work best for the

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This proposal, at Richmond Street and Schirra Drive on the Delaware, and presented by architect Marc Blum from the Jerde Partnership, calls itself a "a living room" for the community. They plan to create a multi-use entertainment destination.

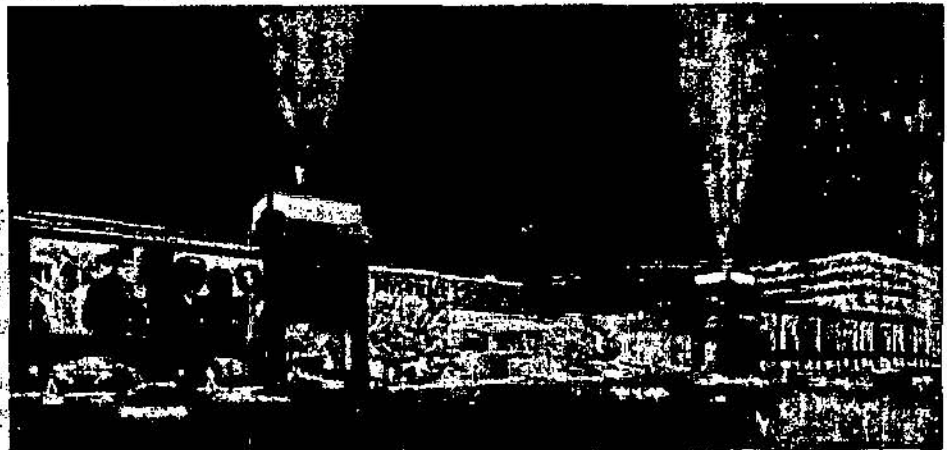
That means a casino, a lagoon where people can ice skate in winter, a floating restaurant, a cinema, restaurants and shops. This site is 33 acres, the largest of the waterfront sites.

What the panelists said: They gave high marks to Pinnacle for public access, citing the fact that people won't have to walk through the casino to get to the waterfront. They liked the fact that it sits on a larger site, reasonably isolated from the Fishtown neighborhood, and that the design was modern instead of "themed." On the other hand, the architects didn't show the panel an image of what it would look like from the street. ★



All renderings courtesy of...

2 RIVERWALK

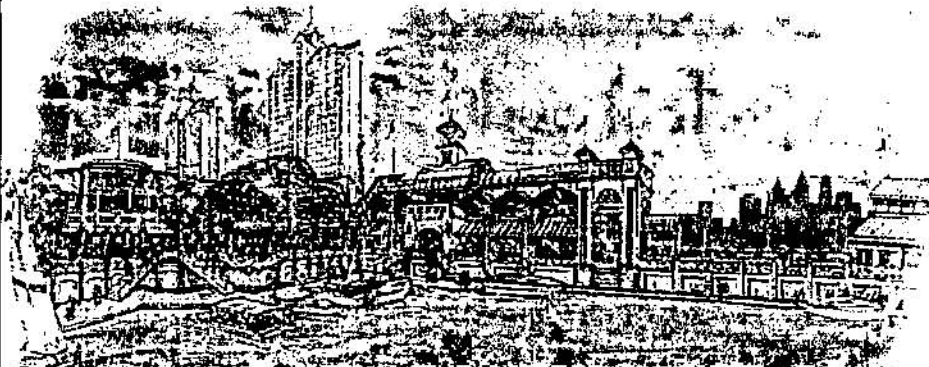


This proposal, for Columbus Boulevard at Spring Garden Street, is on the smallest of the sites: an 11.5-acre former incinerator site owned by the city. Architect Michael Pridl of Bower Lewis Throver says that would be an advantage, since that site would provide a revenue stream to the city. He stressed its proximity to public transportation, and said his group wants to restore public access to the waterfront, which has been forbidden there for a long time. The "back of house" — service and operations offices — and parking would be at street level, with gaming

above. What the panelists said: They were concerned public access to the water is too limited, and that Riverwalk create a boulevard between its garage, so no people could drive straight down to the river. They said, retail establishments could line the yard.

They were concerned that the entire ground is consumed by parking and back-of-house functions isn't vital or attractive. But they liked the location convenience to mass transit. ★

FOXWOODS



3 This casino proposal — for Columbus Boulevard at Reed Street — was presented by Robert Schaeffer from Friedmutter Group. He said the architects' aim was to give Foxwoods a "resort feel" — and the feel that the casino is only one part of the entertainment.

The project would include restaurants, lounges and a hotel, but its most unusual feature would be a 30-to-50-foot public boardwalk, or "festival pier," on the water and a grand promenade connecting the casino to the boardwalk.

The buildings would be brick, to give the development the feel of a reuse of a historic building.

What the panelists said: They were concerned that the 16-acre site is too small to have so much going on, and since it is surrounded by regional retail (including Wal-Mart and Home Depot), traffic is likely to be an issue. They were concerned about the parking garage dominating Columbus Boulevard. But they thought that the proposed festival pier could be an asset. ★

Where they'd go

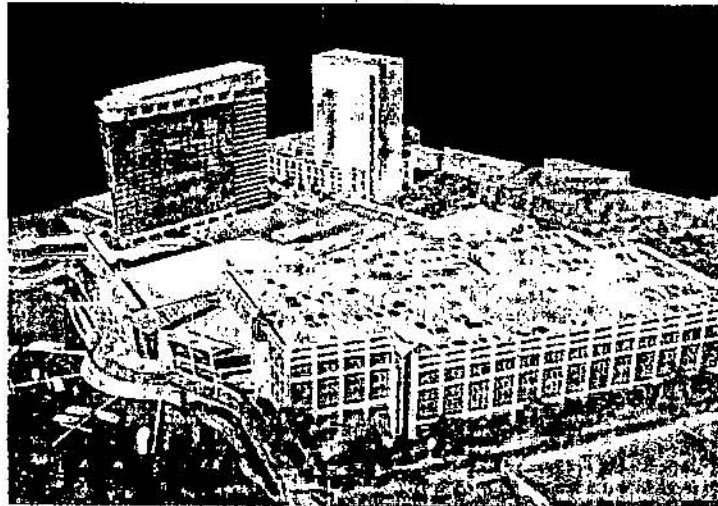


SUGARHOUSE

4 Ian Cope, of architects Cope Linder, explained that the main floor of this casino, at Delaware Avenue between Allen and Shackamaxon streets, would be elevated slightly, and an upper level will house an entertainment venue for performances. He said that public access to the waterfront is important to this project, and has designed a continuous waterfront promenade.

Also, eight of the 17 acres will be devoted to public space — that is, space that can be enjoyed by all — and Sugarhouse plans to build a park on the roof.

What the panelists said: They lauded the architecture as being contemporary and urban, although they worried too much was being packed into a small space. They liked the concept of a green, parklike roof, and thought the garage was reasonably sited and isolated. They weren't happy that people have to walk through the slots parlors to get to the waterfront. ★



5 TRUMPSTREET



Trump's architect, Paul Keller, said that the original designs for TrumpStreet — an 18-acre proposal at Henry and Roberts avenues — were being redesigned after a series of meetings with the community. Their presentation included no site plans or designs, so the panelists didn't have enough information to which to react. ★

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people who live here.

The slots parlors are a state run show, with state laws mandating everything from how many slot machines each casino must have (3,000) to when they must open.

State law has taken the control out of our hands. But at this forum, we did get to hear from the people who are designing the buildings.

And so did our panelists: Eugenie Birch, chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the Penn School of Design; Winka Dubbeldam, principal at Archi-Tectonics in New York City and associate practice professor at Penn; Alan Greenberger, principal at MGA Architects in Philadelphia and co-founder of the Design Advocacy Group; Bob Hillier, principal at Hillier Architecture in Princeton; and Sarah Thorp, PennDesign Preservation grad and a Fishtown activist.

You can hear a recording of the evening at www.why.org. If you have questions about the projects, send them to slots@phillynews.com. ★

Senior writer Sandra Shea makes sense of the big issues facing the city and its taxpayers. Call 215-854-5886 or e-mail sheas@phillynews.com; read past columns at <http://go.philly.com/shea>.



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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: THERESA M. PETOSA

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: FIGHTTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Employer: SELF EMPLOYED

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

My concerns are as follows:

- 1. That the casinos be required to contribute to the development and implementation of a special services district for Fighttown and other nearby communities affected directly by their construction & operation. They would have contractually contribute a percentage of jobs, payroll, etc., to community development.*
- 2. No more leveling of Fighttown homes. The cannot be built until the NDOT reworks I-75*

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

sufficiently to handle traffic. No more cut through Fishtown or diverting casino traffic through Fishtown, or taking down bus lanes to build.

③ That the casinos also be contractually made to contribute to special needs such as increased police presence, EMT, substance and gambling abuse addiction programs (prevention for schools and help for those who need it), Domestic Abuse prevention and intervention programs and ~~other~~ social rehabilitation for ex-offenders coming back into the neighborhood.



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Name: PABLO MANCHENO AND EILEEN SNYDER

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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:

Building Garages in this neighborhood is a recipe for chaos and disaster. The streets are old, narrow and not made for daily commercial traffic. We already have problems with the existing conditions. A New Garage(s) just invite for more cars all around this neighborhood. The Plans to just come in and build without a true city plan that take into account all aspects of city planning is unethical and selfish. PLEASE

Please consider doing a wholistic City Plan before continuing with the development of these projects. We are citizens of this city and want to

Keep it nice, liveable, tolerable as a nice neighborhood. The traffic already worsened in the last 10 years and we need to reverse it.

① Please consider building the Garages in Canada and bringing the gamblers by boat

② Please consider building the Garages somewhere else and bringing the gamblers by train, trolley or some other form of public transportation

③ Please consider the History of this City it has its identity based on the birth of this country, the constitution, etc. And we don't want it tainted with the Garages, etc.

④ Please consider building green spaces, parks, bike trails, etc. Look at success stories such as Portland, Montreal, etc.

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

Pablo Marqueano

THANK YOU.



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Name: MR. SAMUEL D. COOK, 3RD

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: UNEMPLOYED - COMMUNITY

Employer: UNEMPLOYED OPERATING ENGINEER LABORER

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

A WELCOME INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITY OF GAMING, THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE PLANNING FOR THE REBUILDING, THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TOGA NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURES WITH NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR SEEING THE SLOTS GAMING VENTURES ENTERING OUR COMMUNITY WE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH ONE FACET OF A GOLDEN CITY CONCEPT OPPORTUNITIES, WITH THE PROPER INPUT, THE RELIGION CLERGY, SCHOOL PRINCIPLES, MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEEMEN, BLOCK CAPTAINS AND LEADERS OPINIONS, WE CAN GET A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF A MAKE SLOTS GAMING WORKS PROPERLY, FOR THE TRUMP STREET AND TOGA SECTION AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, NEWLY PROJECTS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ECONOMY, NEW DAY CARES AND HEALTH CLINICS

A PROCESS OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS LOANS TO BE AVAILABLE TO STORE OWNER IN THE COMMUNITIES. A TRUMP STREET, BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE LOCAL BUSINESS SECTIONS AND MARK IN THE COMMUNITY. A LOW INCOME EMPLOYEES DAY CARE TRAINING CENTER FOR THE TRUMP STREET AND TEMPLE ADMINISTRATION HEALTH BUILDING ON THE BUDD SITE. A HEALTH RELATED AND HOSPITAL INCORPORATED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TRUMP STREET AND TEMPLE HOSPITAL AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. A PRIVATE RUNNED ORGANIZATION TO SHARE IN THE BUILDING AND MANAGEMENT OF A DAY CARE AND HEALTH RELATED CLINICS. WE NEED TO HAVE SEVERAL LOCAL TOWN MEETINGS AND SEVERAL SLOTS GAMING FORUMS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES. I DO BELIEVE WITH THIS PROCESS OF SLOTS GAMING, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL. I HAD ORAL TESTIMONY ON APRIL 11TH 2006. 13 FOR FIVE PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD MEMBERS. I WISH TO HAVE THE WRITTEN INFORMATION ADDED.

I REMAIN,

YOUR PUBLIC ADVOCATE, SERVANTS COMMITTEES

MR. Samuel D. Cook, 3rd

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

MR. Samuel D. Cook, 3rd

P.S. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CORRECTING THE MICROPHONE WITH ONE OF



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Name: MARSHA B. BACAL 4/08/06

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: RESIDENT SOCIETY HILL TOWERS

Employer: _____

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

My name is Marsha Bacal and I testify as a resident of Society Hill Towers, who has served as Chair of the Tower's PAC and an elected member of the Tower's Council.

I would preface my statement with a question: Since casinos are traditionally designed as windowless black boxes, what could possibly be the rationale for choosing sites that border the Delaware waterfront, a treasured scenic public space?

Furthermore, I ask that, in making your developer selection, you consider establishing a public right of way, encompassing a riverwalk (along the banks of the Delaware and Columbus Avenue from Home Depot to Penn Treaty Park) and easy access to public spaces for recreation – as proposed by civic planners and legislators.

I ask that you, if you indeed select a waterfront developer, set a mandatory requirement to fund and maintain a Commercial Enterprise Zone, based on the structure of the very successful Center City District to oversee the Riverwalk.

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A Waterfront Trail is a public amenity whose time is now. The Schuylkill revitalization is a successful prototype. The Delaware River and the citizens of Philadelphia deserve no less and, if we delay, the window of opportunity will close. Once construction begins, it will be too late.

This is a perfect opportunity and can be done at a cost that is not onerous, based upon the projected revenue numbers. It is a small sum to assure that Philadelphia citizens will continue to enjoy the benefits of a revitalized, accessible Delaware River Waterfront.

~~I believe that it is now or never. Please don't let this default from neglect.~~

4/10/06

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

Marika S. Bacel
4/08/06



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Name: William Walsh

Address

Telephone

Organization

Employer: Philadelphia Marriott

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

Testimony to Pennsylvania Gaming Commission

Philadelphia, PA

April 12, 2006

By: William Walsh

First Vice President Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association

and General Manager Philadelphia Marriott

Good morning/afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is Bill Walsh and I am first vice president of the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association and general manager of the Philadelphia Marriott at 12th and Market Streets.

The membership of the Hotel Association supports the Commonwealth's plan for gaming in Philadelphia. It is our hope, that once successful, strong consideration be given to full gaming in the city.

The economic impact provided by casinos would add additional tax dollars through increased tourism and help fund the expansion of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Gaming in Philadelphia will add an element of entertainment for which the city is starving and serve as an additional attraction to conventioners and visitors...and even add some occasional fun for those of us who live and work in the region.

More strongly we believe that in order to maintain casinos as quality venues that enhance the quality of the entire hospitality industry, they must be located on sites within a few minutes of the core of this industry...Center City.

We believe that totally isolating one casino from the other and from the core center of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, theatres, restaurants, hotels, and museum district would hinder, not enhance, those served by the hospitality industry...and not enhance the experience of visitors to the region.

**Contact: Harriet Lessy
Public Affairs Director
Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association**

April 10, 2006

This might be a good time to tell you a little more about us so you can see why we care so much:

- we employ more than 13,500+ in our hotels that paid in excess of \$9.5* million in Philadelphia city wage taxes last year.

Also in 2005 the 59 hotels in Philadelphia county hotels paid:

- about \$2.5* million in business privilege taxes,
- more that \$33.5* million in hotel room taxes,
- collected \$3.5* million in liquor taxes
- and almost \$1.3* million in parking taxes
- \$902,000* in Use & Occupancy Taxes
- And, more than \$106,000* in Net profit taxes

We are talking about a tax contribution to the city of Philadelphia greater than \$51.3* million. That is a huge number - and doesn't even count the real estate taxes paid by the property owners in which our hotels are located...which is in excess of \$30 million.

We can not support anything that may harm - and does not help - the investment of the hoteliers, restaurateurs, entertainment venues, and leisure activities.

We support any proposals along Philadelphia's Delaware River area within three miles of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Others out of that range, we believe would hinder the growth and ambience of the hospitality industry in Philadelphia. Let me repeat that - we will support any of the four sites selected that are within three miles of the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

- We believe that Gaming facilities must be located just a short ride for tourists and convention attendees, who are essential to the entire hospitality industry: restaurants, theatres, performing arts and sports venues.

(*numbers provided by the Philadelphia Department of Revenue)

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- **GPFA wants to be assured that any gaming licenses be issued only to casino operating companies that want to see their investment flourish in Philadelphia.**
- **Any sites and/or licenses should be selected with the intent to build first class facilities, which fall under the guidelines of AAA's Casino Diamond designation of a four or five diamond facility.**
- **A gaming facility should be no closer than a three-block radius from any entrance of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The buffer, we believe, is needed to protect the integrity of the Convention Center, its conventioners and trade show attendees...some of whom may object to having Slot Parlors in their face.**

If a casino has a hotel component, a fair business playing field needs to be established to prevent casinos from having an unfair advantage in competing against existing hotels. The following regulations should be adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to allow the State to maximize tax revenues:

- **Casino hotel operators shall not advertise room rates on billboards within a 60- mile radius of the casino.**
- **Casino hotels shall not make available to the general public print media or billboards that offer complimentary accommodations. Allowing a high number of complimentary rooms would seriously dilute the tax base...including the hotel room tax which supports in part, marketing and public relations efforts to attract visitors and conventioners to the region.**
- **The casino hotel may otherwise prospect/advertise for new customers through other media as long as the pricing for rooms is consistent with the average seasonal rate in the city according to Smith Travel Research. Drastically reduced room rates should be avoided and are not needed with a Center City location. The present hotel inventory has a range of rates to accommodate all price points and our average room rates currently rank at about 26th in the nation. We are even below that of one of our nearest competitors - Baltimore.**

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Casino developers/operators must:

- **Maintain the standards of a first class casino and must remain a first class facility. The facility should be multi-use and include high quality vendors, services, restaurants and retailers. The retailers/restaurants located in or near the complex must also be first-class.**
- **Plan for expansion to full gaming.**
- **Address loitering issues, work to develop ordinances with City Council to pass, legislate and enforce same to protect the integrity of each facility. Loitering should not be allowed within the confines of the gaming facility and within a 100-foot radius of the entrances/exits of the facility.**
- **Provide adequate security for all aspects of the facility, not just the slots/gaming areas.**

So our key points are: a fun, exciting time for casino guests who will be within close proximity to their hotel, restaurants, meeting venues, museums, outdoor cafes and the waterfront.

We urge that your selections in Philadelphia meet the "within three miles of the Pennsylvania Convention Center."

Thank you.

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April 10, 2006

Position Statement on Gaming in Pennsylvania

Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association

April 12, 2006

The Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association supports the Commonwealth's plan for slots-only casinos in Philadelphia and would like strong consideration for full gaming in the city. The economic impact provided by casinos would add additional tax dollars through increased tourism and fund the expansion of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Gaming in Philadelphia will add an element of entertainment for which the city is starving. GPHA also believes that all of the considerations listed below should be implemented prior to granting a gaming license and should apply not only to Greater Philadelphia but also throughout The Commonwealth.

We continue to believe that Gaming in Philadelphia will add an excellent element of entertainment for visitors, conventioners, business travelers and residents. And more strongly we believe that in order to maintain casinos as quality venues to enhance the quality of the hospitality industry they must be located on sites within a few minutes of the core of this industry. We believe that totally isolating one casino from the other and from the core center of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, theatres, restaurants, hotels, and museum district would hinder, not enhance, those served by the hospitality industry.

We support any proposals along Philadelphia's Delaware River area within three miles of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Others out of that range, we believe would hinder the growth and ambience of the hospitality industry in Philadelphia.

- ***GPHA wants to be assured that any gaming licenses be issued only to casino operating companies that want to see their investment flourish in Philadelphia.***
- ***Any sites and/or licenses should be selected with the intent to build first class facilities, which fall under the guidelines of AAA's Casino Diamond designation of a four or five diamond facility.***
- ***Locations within three miles of the Pennsylvania Convention Center are ideal so that the gaming facility is a short cab ride for tourists and convention attendees, who are essential to the hospitality industry.***

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- ***Provide adequate security for all aspects of the facility, not just the slots/gaming areas.***

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Public Affairs Director
Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: Steve Schneider & Warren Schneider

Address: _____

Telephor _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

Traffic - Ramps from 1-95 need to be re-routed before casino. As is, you cannot get across Guard ave without the left changing midway. is so way an elderly person, children or one with a disability can make it be the left change.

Jobs - should be posted from area first and then open to everyone.

Improvements - Certain amount should be designated to the area for awareness, Uses for recreation center, lighting etc.

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

City The revenue that is generated by the
city ^{on occasion} should also be designated for
local improvements. The pool at
Montgomery Ave by the recreation center
is a disgrace. It was in better shape
I used to go to it. Letting it be a
center is bad. The pool rent was
completely lost when I went to pick
up someone. That is dangerous. This
responsibility is the city's. It should
not have to travel to other communities

Gene Anderson



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: David T. Dugan

Address:

Telephor

Organization, if any: AOH #51

Employer: Double D Contractors

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

In my opinion, I would like the casino people, prior to getting licensed to agree to doing something for the people who will be directly affected. I think local people should be guaranteed a percentage of the employment. The casinos should also be made responsible for added security, not the tax payer!! There also should be access built so as not to overcrowd local streets. (over)

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

When you look at Atlantic City, they didn't do anything for the quality of life for local residents. I would hate to see this be just another case of the rich getting richer. When I speak of added security, I am not referring to protecting their own interests. I am talking about patrolling the surrounding neighborhoods that are affected.
