



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

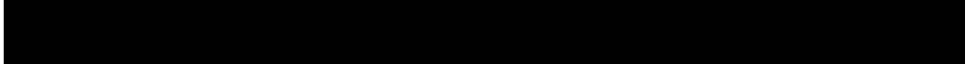


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Debbie Conn

Address: 

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I am for the casino's coming to Philadelphia (Eshta)
It will bring more job opportunities, more revenue
It might increase our property values.
~~In the same matter there should be permit park~~
on this side of the river

I, Debra Conn 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: Maria Sherick

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____
Employer: The Wedding Chapel

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

If you work with the community and make it something good for you both. Then the opposition will end. How CAN you HELP, How CAN you MAKE THIS a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY for the citizens of Philadelphia?

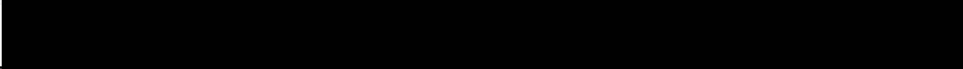
I, Maria Sherick verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Name: ANDREW McFARLAND

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: self

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am opposed to any casinos on the Delaware River in Philadelphia - for many reasons: The pollution - noise + air - from the increased traffic; The strain on the crumbling infrastructure - roads, water systems etc. The parking problems. The decrease in property values. The decreased quality



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Name: Dean He Kerkutick

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Campbell Soup Company

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

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

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

- TRAFFIC IMPACT ON DELAWARE AVENUE IN PHILADELPHIA
- THE FACT THAT RESIDENTS OF PHILADELPHIA ARE UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST RIVERFRONT CASINOS. WHY BRING CASINOS TO PHILLY, WHEN WE VIEW THEM AS A DETRIMENT TO THE CITY?

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The residents of Philadelphia would like
to see positive additions to the Delaware
RIVERFRONT. CASINOS ARE NOT THE
ANSWER!

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



ARM/CINEMA 25

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

May 26, 2006

I am writing the PA Gaming Control Board to strongly voice my neighbors and I's opposition to proposed casino in Fishtown (Zip Code 19125).

Firstly, it is imperative that the PA Gaming Control Board extend the period of time needed to study the impact that gambling will have on the Fishtown community. Right now there is a rush to resolve this issue and strong-arm gaming into the area. More time will allow more study and opportunity for Fishtown residents to further speak out about this vile matter.

Secondly, I wish to say that a casino will be a great disservice to the moral and social foundations of my community. Any positives, are surly outweighed by the insidious, negative quality of life that gambling will infuse into our growing and redeveloping neighborhood.

I oppose a casino in Fishtown and I am greatly upset that gaming is coming to Pennsylvania. Please make your decisions reflect that.



Andrew Repasky McElhinney



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Name: John Kurr

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

My Biz Office

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

See Attached.

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The Gaming Board is considering three proposals for Slots Parlors within one mile of my home.

None of these three Proposal's Impact Statements were completely honest with the Board, and require significant additional information. Sugarhouse lied in their report. In addition the community has had only two months to evaluate these proposals, and that isn't enough time.

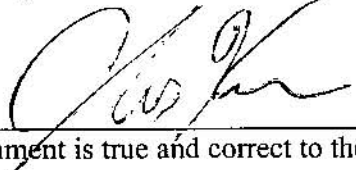
I wish to bring to the Board's attention that although North Delaware Avenue is next to I-95, that there is only limited access between I-95 and North Delaware.

I would ask the board to consider re-siting the slots only parlours currently proposed. I can recommend Essington Avenue and the area of Broad and the Roosevelt Boulevard/Expressway. Essington is directly accessible from 95 and 76 and is isolated from the surrounding community, while Roosevelt is a divided highway and Broad a major arterial street, there are many blighted blocks near their intersection.

Unlike many of my neighbors, I would welcome a Casino on the Riverfront. However, I do not want to see a Slots Only establishment or Bingo Hall. If a Casino built here must have slots, I would like to see a greater portion of tax and lower payout to slots players on the riverfront than elsewhere in Pennsylvania. Sports Books, Table Games and Poker Rooms are much more likely to be enjoyed by people who do not have a gambling problem than slots, which have been shown to be more addictive.

I would ask the Board to take the following actions:

- Reject, and remove from further consideration, the Sugarhouse Proposal on the basis of a factually incorrect impact statement.
- Request new impact statements from Riverwalk and Pinnacle, and set a new comment period once they have been issued.
- Limit the eventual number of slots on North Delaware, and make the license(s) contingent on approval from the State Legislature to add Table Games and Poker Rooms. Tax slots on the riverfront at a higher rate than elsewhere in the state so they are less attractive to slots addicts.
- Request proposals for Essington and the area of Broad and Roosevelt.
- Require that infrastructure improvements be made before granting any operating permits on the Riverfront.

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



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Name: COLEEN D. WILLIAMS

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: QUEEN VILLAGE NEIGHBORS ASSN

Employer: COZEN O'CONNOR

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

I LOVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND LIVING IN THE CITY.
HAVING SAID THAT, DRIVING AND PARKING IN THE CITY
IS AN ABSOLUTE MISERY. I DO NOT MOVE MY
CAR ON THE WEEKENDS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
ADDING 70,000 CARS TO DEL AVE AS WELL AS PASSES -
CONGESTION, FUMES, PEOPLE IGNORING STOP SIGNS - WILL BE
A NIGHTMARE - PUT THE CASINO IN VILLANOVA SO
ITS CLOSE ~~TO~~ TO THE BIG MONEY INVESTORS.

I, Coleen Williams 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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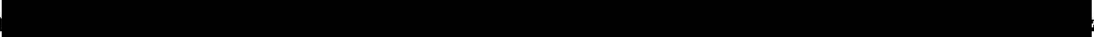


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Valerie Skatus

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Medical Broadcasting Co

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

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

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

- Master plan including public access, walkways + bikeways along the Delaware Riverfront
- Traffic issues
- Light pollution, exterior lighted signage + architectural design
- Number of casinos in close proximity to the neighborhood or district

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- possibility that casinos with slots only will not be a big enough draw for the business owners + what might happen if the businesses fail (in terms of permanent change to neighborhood, crime would poorly populated buildings, i.e. avoiding another Newmarket type issue.)

I, Valerie Skankus 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: Phillip Stoltzfus

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: MicroSociety, Inc.

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

I am most concerned about quality of life issues (crime, physical deterioration, unwanted businesses), public riverfront access, and traffic (scheduled PENN-95 improvements need to be complete before a casino opens!)

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

Handwritten initials/signature

CASINOS IN FISHTOWN!

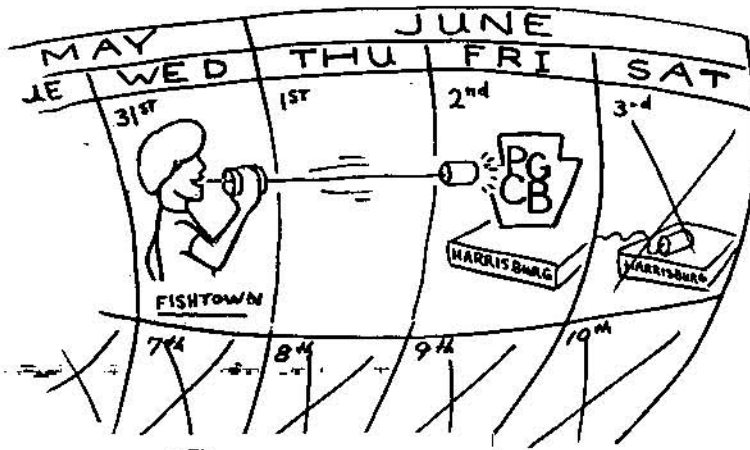
The state will be awarding licenses for two casinos in Philly, and three of the five proposals are in or near Fishtown:

PINNACLE is north of Penn Treaty Park

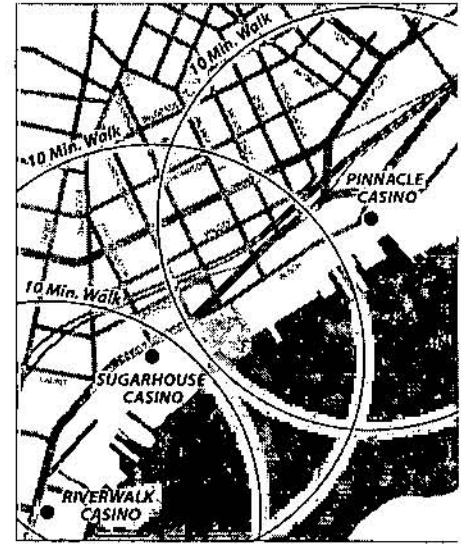
SUGARHOUSE is at Frankford and Delaware

RIVERWALK is at Spring Garden and Delaware

Public comments must be **POSTMARKED BY FRI, JUNE 2!**



DEADLINE FRI, JUNE 2!



Please take the time to fill out the attached input form, write your comments, and **SEND IT BY FRIDAY, JUNE 2!**

Here are some issues that you can include in your comments:

JOBS AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

The casino companies are currently not required to give anything to the community such as jobs or money for neighborhood improvements! We need to ask 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.

CRIME

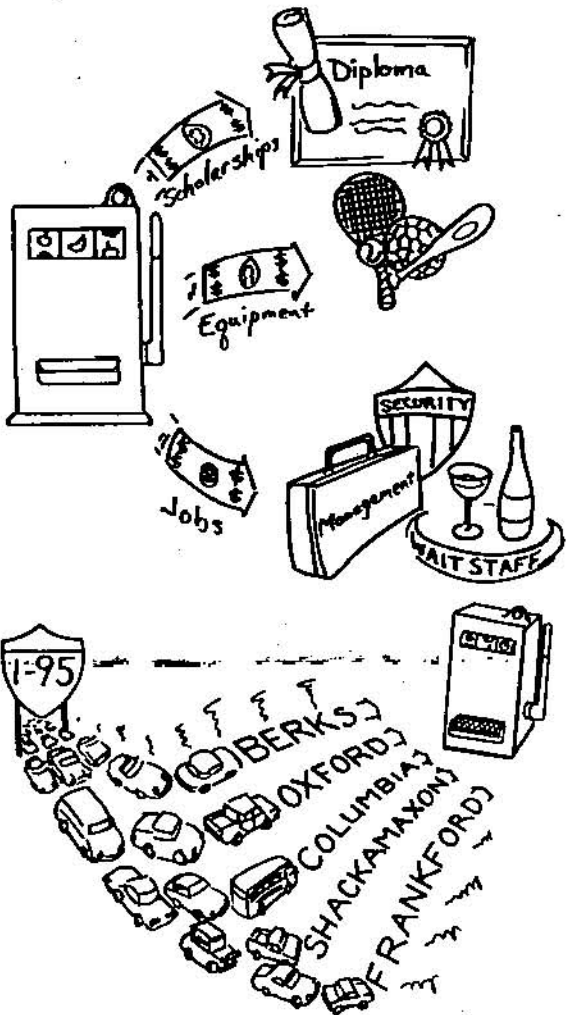
The increased amount of people visiting casinos will bring increased crime. We need additional police and EMT support in order to protect our neighborhood.

TRAFFIC

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!**

PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR RIVERFRONT

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.



The mailing address for the Gaming Control Board is:

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

For more info, see the FNA
Casino Committee website:




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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: Donna Day

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

The line across from F-95 on Richmond Street and we were told that we were going to have pass barriers across from our home the noise of 95 is unbearable and now we are going to bring more noise to our area. Casinos do not belong in residential areas.

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



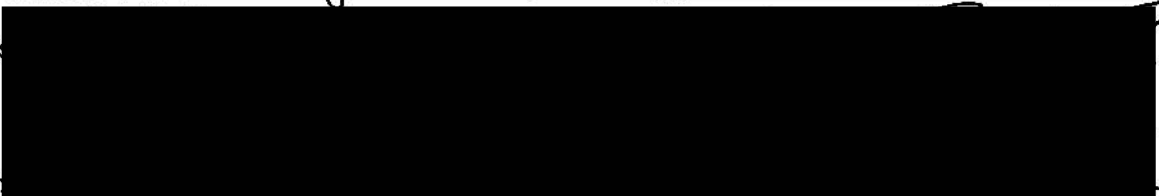
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Name: Paul Kiangant

Address: 


Telephone: 

Organization, if any: Fishtown Neighbors Assn / NLABR

Employer: Business Owner neighbors allied for best riverfront

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

As a resident and business owner in Fishtown I believe more study of the impact on the neighborhoods is absolutely necessary. The Public input needs to be extended from June 2, 20 to 30 days before awarding of the casino licenses to better understand the conflicting value between developing neighborhoods in a respectful regard for families and culture, versus gaming development objectives.

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



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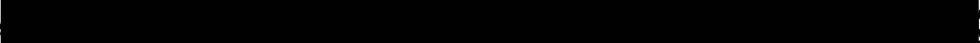


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Name: Kenneth S. Mensack

Address: 

Telephone:  COM

Organization, if any: Fishtown Neighbors Assn

Employer: ALG

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

Please see second page.

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

To: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
Fr: Kenneth S. Mensack



To Whom It May Concern:

I fervently request an extension of the Public Comment period for at least six months, until we, the citizens of the Fishtown Community, have gained a better understanding of the information given to us, and have also gained a full understanding of the impact of a casino in our neighborhood.

I also request that no license be granted to any casino operating in the Fishtown community. Ours is a neighborhood that can not support one casino let alone the prospect of two.

My final request is, that should one casino be granted license, that license to operate not be given until the Girard Avenue reconfiguration project is completed, and the traffic be directly connected from I-95 to Delaware Avenue.

I wish you well in your decision making process, and hope that the voice of the People that will be most directly affected by your decision will not be forgotten in that process.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth S. Mensack".

Kenneth S. Mensack



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

Name: STEPHEN FERRY

Address: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: PETER L. KLENK LAW OFFICES

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

A CASINO IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD (FISHTOWN)
WOULD DETRACT FROM A COMMUNITY TRYING
TO RISE OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF DRUGS +
CRIME. IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING.

NO CASINO IN FISHTOWN !!!

I, STEPHEN FERRY 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: Morgan Jones

Address: 

Telephone:  49

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Versatile Systems, Inc.

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

Please see attached addendum

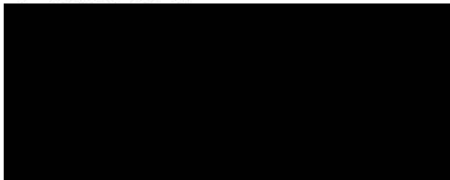
I, Morgan Jones verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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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:

Morgan Jones



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 6+ year resident and homeowner in the Fishtown 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. The casinos will serve alcohol and draw people from out of the area. I would like to see increased police presence provided 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, Morgan Jones 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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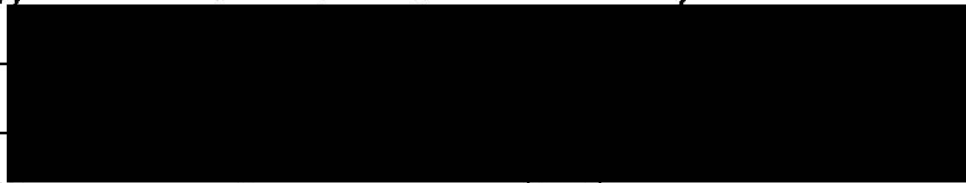


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Name: H. NIVLING

Address:



Telephone:

E-mail:

Organization, if any:

Employer: self

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

As a resident of OLD CITY area PHILA. 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:

Philadelphia has finally become the business cultural and residential center it has so long strived to be. We have so many assets, along with a river front area in a perfect location to be linked with the entire downtown (as well as access highways 95 & 676). Why is gambling being proposed in the core of city mansions? If we

This healthy residential, small-business, and historic area will be destroyed by the traffic impact, the noise, the crowding, and the alcohol-infused conduct of the exponential growth of "entertainment" type businesses here.

Philadelphia is extremely lucky to have had the success as a vibrant downtown that we all have worked very hard to attain.

The policy of selling out the waterfront area to these types of concerns (gambling establishments, 24-hour bars, & gargantuan parking garages is "prying wise and pound foolish". When these big establishments have driven away all the residential small businesses, museums, and international travelers who are interested in learning about our country, the will leave Philadelphia high and dry as they take off for next, insecure, poorly managed economic target.

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

Resident and



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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:

Leslie Kaufman

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

As a resident of Northern Liberties for 9 years and a former resident of Kensington South for 10 years, I have watched this neighborhood transition from a rather quiet mixed use community to a very up-and-coming locale which has attracted development dollars from far and wide. Some of this development has benefited the neighborhood and its current and future residents and the best projects have incorporated community feedback into their designs. It is essential that the concerns of the people living in the affected areas be at least as important as the economic self interest of those whose primary goal is to make money.

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With three casinos vying to plant themselves at our waterfront, we are now at a critical juncture in our neighborhood's future. I want to go on record as a strong opponent to the most egregious of these proposals, the Riverwalk Casino, proposed for the intersection of Delaware Ave. and Spring Garden Street. I also strongly object to a second casino at Frankford and Delaware. My objections are as follow:

- This is already an extremely crowded and overused intersection that cannot handle the current traffic, especially during busy hours. Additional traffic will make it impossible for residents to make use of Columbus Blvd, a key artery and essential to many normal shopping destinations.
- Proposed changes to the I-95 access ramps to Girard Avenue are planned to happen over the next few years. There has been no communication with the various agencies regarding projected schedules and how the construction of all these projects will impact the others. In one word, this will be a nightmare.
- There are a number of other high-rise condo projects for adjacent areas on the books, and some are currently under construction. These will add as many as 5,000 residents to an area that currently has no overall plan for the "big picture." Each project sees itself as an independent entity, and it is not. The casinos will make this many times worse.
- The aesthetics of the Riverwalk project are deplorable – ugly, off-putting and suggestive more of a prison than a visitor-friendly attraction. The project will block the view of the river with a box – we already have far too many of those contaminating our vistas.
- This project will encourage even more of the "nightclub" mentality which neighborhood residents have been battling (successfully) for years. This clearly is not what we want!
- This is a poorly planned and developed project which has no upside, except to line the pockets of the developers. The waterfront area has remained undeveloped for years. Now that people are finally getting around to seeing its potential, we should not just throw buildings onto its banks. Take a look at what other cities have done with their waterfronts – Baltimore would be a great model.

We have a chance to do something really good for our city – do not undermine the potential by allowing this inadequate proposal to gain any leverage! We want to preserve the river, the community and the quality of life. These are the things that will make Philadelphia prosper – not the addition of a self-serving gambling venue.

I hope you listen to the people who really matter – those of us who live here, and who vote!

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

Leslie Kaufman



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

Name: MICHAEL SCHMICK

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: SELF EMPLOYED

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

As a resident of 305 BROWN ST., 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:

No Casino at Delaware & Spring Garden!
No Second Casino at Delaware & Frankf

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

Michael Schmick



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Name: — STEVE BREMNER

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I make the following comments from the perspective of one who has lived both in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in a riverside district of Philadelphia, Pa. (Fishtown, 19125), for several years:

- 1) The State of New Jersey held two referenda on casinos. In the initial, statewide referendum the establishment of casinos in the state was rejected. Only the second referendum, confined in scope to Atlantic City (AC), voted in favor of casinos. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has not consulted its citizens on the issue of casinos.
- 2) The introduction of casinos to AC has caused a vast increase in vehicular traffic. In spite of the construction of the AC Expressway, which brings traffic into the city via largely undeveloped wetlands, severe congestion still occurs. In the Philadelphia riverside districts, there is no comparable means of building new roads to bear the increased traffic, which will inevitably have a severe negative impact upon the already congested I-95 and other local major routes.


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- 3) The increase in traffic will also have a negative effect on the largely residential neighborhoods within easy walking and driving distance of the proposed Philadelphia casinos, in terms of exhaust emissions, and the personal safety of local children, other pedestrians, and drivers.
- 4) The presence of casinos in AC attracts a large population of homeless people, substance abusers and panhandlers. A similar influx into our riverside neighborhoods would lead to an increase in petty crime and offensive behavior, and place a large burden upon local services for the needy.
- 5) While the number of persons employed by AC's casinos exceeds the city's permanent population, the vast majority of casino employees commute from outside the city. There is therefore no reason for optimism concerning the employment prospects of those living in our affected riverside areas.
- 6) While much new housing stock is being built in AC with casino revenue, most of this housing is beyond the financial reach of most existing city residents. Further, there is still a vast number of vacant lots and derelict properties in the city, most which have been in that condition for many years; and in spite of casino revenue, the city's public housing stock has remained inadequate and is currently deteriorating. There is therefore no reason for optimism that the introduction of casinos will have a beneficial on local housing.

For the above reasons, therefore, I am opposed to the introduction of casinos into Philadelphia's riverside neighborhoods.

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





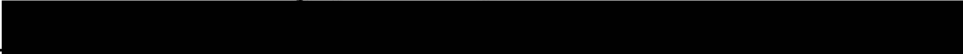
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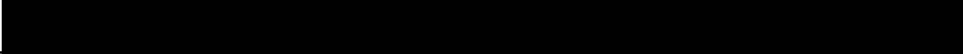


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Mara Silver

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Self

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

Traffic will be made much worse at Spring Garden + Frankford. Changes will need to be made to 95 first. Why Not do river boat gambling. I am a new home owner in Fishtown. I like the idea of a river walk + I would be upset if a casino, which gives nothing back to the community, ruined that possibility. I am also concerned about crime, corruption, prostitution, + gambling abuse/addiction. P.S. This Letter came June 1, 2006! + One June Shady

I, Mara Silver 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: Carlos Lopez

Address: 

Telephone:  .COM

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: City of Philadelphia

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

1. I received this in my mail box on June 1, 2006 stating it had to be in Harrisburg by June 2, 2006, I guess they thought I would overnight it. Well, the question given me is whether or not I mind 3 Casinos in my area causing bumper to bumper traffic, lowering my property value, and causing me to install iron bars on my windows for the (statistically proven) rise in crime,,,,,,Hm,,,,,,,,, what should I say???? How about this..... the chances of a normal citizen going up against millions of dollars to just try and live a peaceful life is a dream. The little guy can rant and rave all he or she wants, but in the end, it's all about big money and where it's going. We will hold meetings, people will vent, promises will be made, politicians will flip flop, but all to no avail. Just like Atlantic City, the Casinos will be beautiful; everything around it will be crap! The American dream????? Depends on whose asleep I guess.

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

CASINOS IN FISHTOWN!

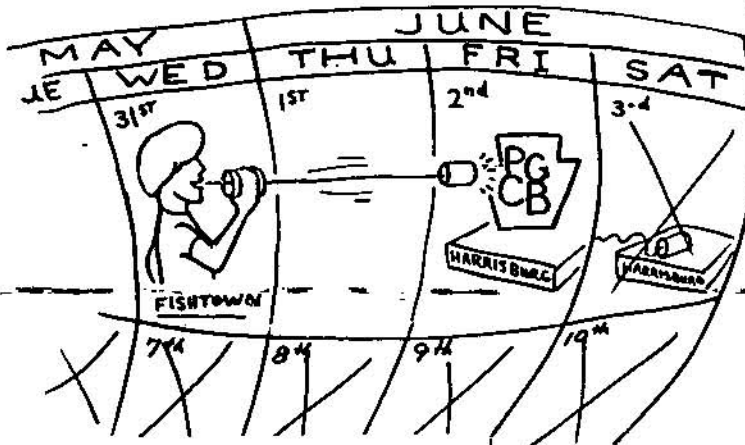
The state will be awarding licenses for two casinos in Philly, and three of the five proposals are in or near Fishtown:

PINNACLE is north of Penn Treaty Park

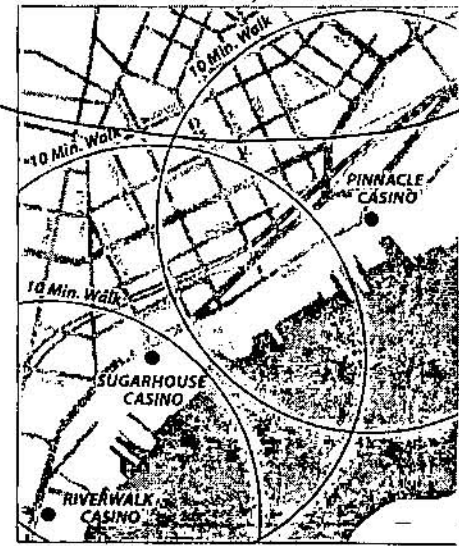
SUGARHOUSE is at Frankford and Delaware

RIVERWALK is at Spring Garden and Delaware

Public comments must be **POSTMARKED BY FRI, JUNE 2!**

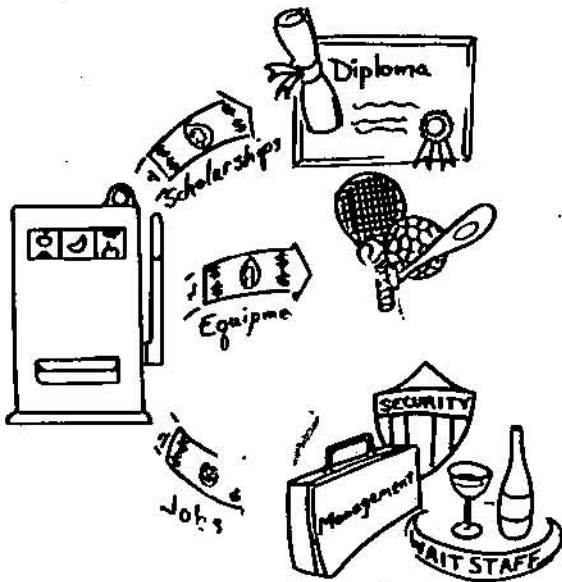


DEADLINE FRI, JUNE 2!



Please take the time to fill out the attached input form, write your comments, and **SEND IT BY FRIDAY, JUNE 2!**

Here are some issues that you can include in your comments:



JOBS AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

The casino companies are currently not required to give anything to the community such as jobs or money for neighborhood improvements! We need to ask 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.

CRIME

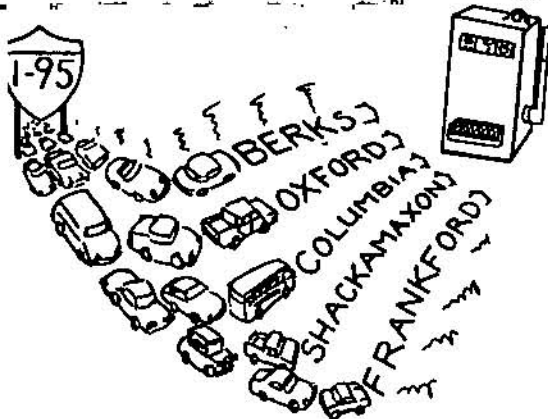
The increased amount of people visiting casinos will bring increased crime. We need additional police and EMT support in order to protect our neighborhood.

TRAFFIC

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!**

PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR RIVERFRONT

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.



The mailing address for the Gaming Control Board is:

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

For more info, see the FNA
Casino Committee website:

www.pacasinocommittee.org



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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: SARAH J. CHRISTMAN

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: NABR

Employer: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

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

(SEE ATTACHED)

I, SARAH J. CHRISTMAN 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
May 30, 2006

Sarah J. Christman
[REDACTED]

My name is Sarah Christman, and I am a homeowner in the riverside section of Fishtown.

A month ago, I was awoken at 6:30 am to a knock on my door. A real estate developer was trying to bring a giant pre-fab unit down our small street. Three trees planted on the sidewalk, included one of my own, were blocking the way. The developer said simply, "I'm sorry, but I have to cut down your trees".

Within a half hour, the local police, a gathering of neighbors, and a representative of Fairmount Park had gathered to defend our rights as property owners. The local ABC news covered the entire story, as the developer tried for several hours to bully us and buy us off. Finally, when they realized we would not bend, they discovered an alternate route to their building site, one where they would not have to cut down any trees. They must have lost a lot of money that day, for the crane rental and an unoccupied crew. It was obviously a case of incredibly poor planning. They were trying to cut corners. With a little bit of foresight and planning, we could have avoided this entire confrontation.

We planted these trees for the beautification of our street, the 1100 block of E. Oxford, on the riverside of Girard. Like most of the small residential streets in Fishtown, neighbors gather all day long. This sense of community is rare in the city, and it is greatly due to these small streets that our highly diverse community is strong. And it is on these small streets that the operators of the proposed casinos have proposed as main traffic thoroughfares for their patrons.

This plan is extremely short-sighted and unrealistic. Fishtown residents know that these streets are hardly adequate for local traffic. Further, the Girard Ave exit of I-95 is already a confusing juggernaut, even for locals. The estimated 14,000+ new cars daily will guarantee gridlock in our streets. There needs to be a plan to improve the on and off ramps at the I-95/Girard interchange if any of the proposed Delaware Ave sites-- Pinnacle, Sugarhouse or Riverwalk-- are to go through.

We in Fishtown have been given very little time to respond to these ill-planned proposals. Like many of my neighbors, I support the improved development of the neighborhood. However, I am convinced that casinos are only going to lower real estate values and our quality of life, block off public space from the riverfront, increase crime and traffic, and take the hard-earned money from the working people of this neighborhood. We are intelligent, informed, concerned citizens, and even though we weren't asked, we have organized and are speaking out. We do not want these casinos in our community under any condition.



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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: Daniel + Swati Mercer

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

Merck + Co

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

see attached page

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

I wish to express several concerns about the proposed casinos on Delaware Avenue.

Traffic: The Girard Avenue interchange on I-95 is inadequate to safely and efficiently deliver vehicles to any of the three proposed casino locations. Many of the cars exiting southbound would drive through narrow residential streets to get to Delaware Avenue. Others may drive down Girard Avenue to Frankford Avenue and make a left turn to get to Delaware Avenue. The intersection of Girard and Frankford as currently constructed could not handle the large volume of vehicles attempting a left turn onto Frankford. The resulting backup would encourage drivers to use the small residential streets (Berks, Oxford, Columbia, and Shackamaxon) to get to Delaware Avenue.

Northbound drivers exiting at the Girard Ave. exit would also have problems getting to the three proposed sites. The Pinnacle site would be the most accessible. Traveling to Pinnacle would involve drivers crossing two lanes of traffic on Delaware Ave. in less than 150 yards to get to Richmond St. I do this everyday coming home from work and I can do it easily. Drivers unfamiliar with the off-ramp would have a more difficult time accessing Richmond St. safely. Access to the other two proposed sites (Sugarhouse and Riverwalk) from the Girard Avenue exit would be difficult. I suspect that most people would use the Washington Ave. exit to get to these sites. The Washington Avenue area of Delaware Ave. is already highly congested and cannot handle a large increase in vehicle traffic. Traffic leaving the casinos would face similar difficulties. The two options for travelers heading southbound on I-95 are using the Girard Ave or Washington Ave. on-ramps. There is no way that large volumes of traffic can head north on Delaware Ave to Richmond St., then turn left onto Cumberland and then turn left onto Arimingo Avenue. Delaware Ave. southbound would have trouble dealing with increased flows of traffic.

Penndot must rebuild the I-95 Girard Ave. exit so that:

• Drivers have a safe and stress-free way of getting to their destination.

Residential neighborhoods do not bear the brunt of the increased traffic in the area

The Girard Ave exit redesign on the Penndot website would offer excellent access to the Pinnacle site. This site would have the least impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

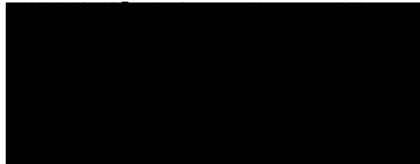
Access to the riverfront

At the present time the only access to the river in the Fishtown area is the Penn Treaty Park. I would like see public riverfront access in the form of a park, boardwalk or trail be a requirement of any casino development.

Number of casinos built in Fishtown.

My preference is to have no casinos in the Fishtown area. The waterfront is developing rapidly without casinos. This development will create increased demand for goods and services and many jobs will be created. People want to be near rivers. They like to work and play along them. Casino development will not make the river more appealing. The Delaware riverfront should be like Kelly Drive along the Schuylkill River. Development of parkland along the river would enhance the quality of life in the adjacent neighborhoods. Casinos will bring increased crime, increased demand for police and EMT services, and lead to an increase in the number of undesirable businesses such as pawnshops.

Daniel and Swati Mercer





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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: Russell Anthony Koll

Address: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

To let you know my major thoughts are about your future discussions are concerning Casino Gambling in Disttown. I wish not to have my PROPERTY VALUE to go down. I don't want to have an increase in crime to my family to deal with. I do not wish to see the traffic congestion on my block or in the neighborhood. In plain words I have to work and make work everyday to support my family. We will automatically need more police patrol for the safety of property & vehicles parking the route. I don't want parking in front of my property. and I wish not to have put up with destruction of my property or vehicles or put up with prostitution or drugs being distributed in the area or on my property or public defecation on my property or near my property. if you have children, grand kids, my concern with having to take care of a family.

I, Russell A. Koll 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: M. CLAIRE SINGLETARY

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: FISHTOWN NEIGHBORS ASSOC. (FNA)

Employer: DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA

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

As a resident of (FISHTOWN) PHILADELPHIA, PA, 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.

M. Claire Singletary



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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: PATRICIA V. WONDERLIN

Address:



Telephone:

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Organization, if any: FISHTOWN NEIGHBOR ASSOCIATION

Employer: RETIRED

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.

Patricia V. Wonderlin



Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



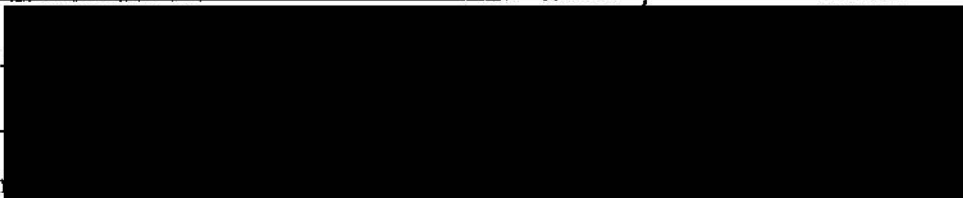
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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name:

James C. McCartney

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Fishtown Neighborhood Assn.

Employer:

Self.

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.

Sincerely

James C. McCartney



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

Name: John Politis

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: School District of Philadelphia

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

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

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

The Riverfront should be preserved for outdoor access. The neighborhood can't handle more traffic.



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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: Catherine M. Recker, Esq.

Address: 

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Welsh & Recker, P.C.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE BEING MAILED TO:

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

for receipt by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to the expiration of the public comment period (which extends through June 2, 2006).

This document contains 5 page(s), and comments are continued on next page(s).

Dear Messrs Decker, Angeli, Coy, McCabe, Marshall, Rivers and Ms. Colins:

I respectfully present these comments to be made part of the public input hearing record of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's consideration of the two casino licenses to be granted in Philadelphia. I live in Fishtown, within walking distance of three of the potential sites you are considering along north Delaware Avenue—Pinnacle, Sugarhouse and Riverwalk. In fact, I will be able to see any of these three casinos from my home if you choose to site them there. Please do not. My home and my neighborhood are among the most important aspects of my life. So much so that in the last nine weeks, I have put my law practice on hold so as to assist my friends and neighbors in comprehending Act 71, the PGCB process and the impact reports of Pinnacle, Sugarhouse and Riverwalk.

First, I respectfully request that you extend the public comment process for at least a period of time that allows us to give *meaningful* comment. The casino license candidates presented their proposals to the PGCB in December 2005. They were not made public until only a couple of months ago. And then, the public did not see the entirety of what was presented. This process is not transparent and allows the casino operators too much unchecked power to determine what happens to our city.

A cursory reading of the impact reports is all one needs to learn that they are superficial. Pinnacle and Sugarhouse have not presented anything approaching a coherent traffic analysis and the one presented by Sugarhouse is downright misleading.

For example, Sugarhouse states that "with the increased traffic on North Delaware Avenue, there are no adverse impacts to surrounding properties, residents...transportation, parking...associated with the development of the Sugarhouse Casino." See Sugarhouse Impact Report at 2. This is simply a false statement. Perhaps it is wishful thinking. It is not true.

Even Sugarhouse admits that increased casino traffic will cause the intersection at Frankford and Delaware Avenues to fail. (in fact, this intersection already receives a failing LOS grade). That necessarily means that the traffic will stream down the residential streets of Berks, Montgomery, Columbia and Shackamaxon. I live on one of those. I can tell you that Sugarhouse's plan WILL NOT WORK.

I understand that these operators will be making augmented presentations. Of course, that will happen after the public comment period expires. In fact, there is nothing to prevent Pinnacle and Sugarhouse from changing their plans entirely and escape public scrutiny altogether.

You have the power to restore the process to a transparent and fair one. Please consider extending the public comment period for at least a period of time that will allow for meaningful public comment.

Second, the Sugarhouse proposal will destroy our neighborhood unless the I-95 Girard Avenue interchange is re-configured BEFORE any casino is allowed to open, even if only temporarily. I am hopeful that you have your own traffic consultant who will point out to you that Sugarhouse's presentation is patently false. Because I live there and know the streets intimately, I know that granting a license to Sugarhouse will kill Fishtown. They provide no buffer between them and our residential neighborhood. In

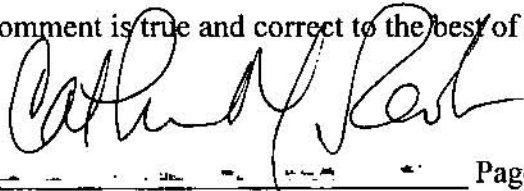
fact, their proposal seems to be consciously designed to negatively impact our neighborhood in that they have placed their entrance at the base of Shackamaxon Street. This is a residential street. It simply cannot handle the 25,000 cars that Sugarhouse expects to draw weekly. Families live on this street. Our friends live on this street. We walk along it to see them. It is not a commercial thoroughfare for a casino. We simply cannot swallow 25,000 cars per week with the exhaust, traffic jams, honking and ordinary disruption this amount of traffic will bring. In making your determination, please consider what it would feel like for you to experience 25,000 cars down the residential street you live on.

Third, we must have a community benefits agreement in place *before* the license is granted. Without this, we will be choked off from the rest of the city and without recompense. If a casino is sited in Fishtown, the rest of the State as well as the casino operators would derive all of the expected benefits described in Act 71 from the strained backs of the Fishtown residents. We cannot support property tax relief and wage tax relief for the entire state ourselves. We are a long-ignored neighborhood that has recently undergone an influx of new residents, increased revenue and interest. Placing a casino in our midst will destroy us. Placing two casinos in Fishtown will certainly mean the end of our peaceful and prosperous existence.

Please read our neighborhood report and understand that we are serious and earnest in our effort to provide you with helpful comment to the proposals. We have not had the time nor do we have the resources to address such a momentous event in our neighborhood but we have attempted to rise to the occasion. Do not forget us. If you have any questions about our neighborhood, please come and ask us. We can drive you

through the traffic routes described by the casinos. You can see for yourselves that they don't work. I respectfully ask you, don't destroy us.

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

 6/2/06



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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: Dolores Das

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Fishtown Casino Committee; Fishtown Neighbors Association; Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront.

Employer:

Standard Tap

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

As a resident of Fishtown, I demand that the Public Comment Period be extended from June 2, 2006 to 30 days prior to the awarding of the Casino License. Residents who live in neighborhoods with proposed casinos have not had enough time to judge the full impact of gaming on our communities. In fact, the State has made it nearly impossible for any of its citizens to have a voice concerning the quality of life issues that will be tested by playing host to slot parlors. In addition, I require that the PA Gaming Board address the following concerns before awarding any license.

I, Dolores Das

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

(PLEASE SEE FOLLOWING PAGE)




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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: Ray K. Mettger

Address: 

Telephone: 215 250 0000

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: self

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

As a resident of Northern Liberties 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

1. Locating Casinos along the Delaware river front
Why give over prime water front, prime river views to establishments whose basic strategy is to keep patrons in an enclosed windowless space?

2. Why not encourage casino interests to locate at the site of the former naval base in south phila, close to I-95 ramps and a possible

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3. Despite Casino proposals which downplay impact of traffic congestion, in light of the surge of condominium and high rise activity, as well as awareness of existing traffic conditions along Columbus Blvd, adding casino traffic puts undue burden on the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

I, Ray K. Metzger 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: ERIC FIEDLER

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: FRIENDS OF PENN TREATY PARK

Employer: Taylor and Francis

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

I believe that casinos in or around Fishtown will lead to increased traffic, crime and social issues. This blue-collar area can not thrive if residents become addicted to gambling. I do not think casinos are good for long-term quality of living issues in our community. As a member of the friends of Penn Treaty Park, I am also concerned about the impact casinos will have on that historic part and the waterfront in general.

I, Eric Fiedler 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: Rosemary Campbell

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

Casinos in Gettysburg is ridiculous
we have no parking now. The traffic
is already too much from I 95.
NO CASINOS.

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

Paula Gansky

May 30, 2006

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

To Whom It May Concern:

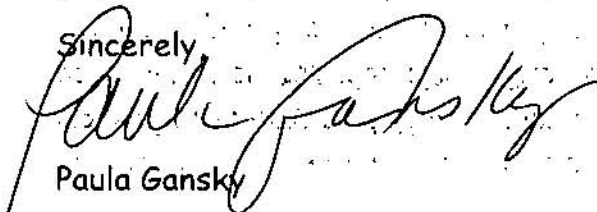
I live in Northern Liberties, just 5 blocks from Delaware Avenue. As a resident of Philadelphia, I demand that the PA Gaming Control Board extend the deadline for Written Comments beyond June 2nd, to a date no more than 60 days prior to the licensing of Philadelphia's Category II facilities. Many residents of Philadelphia require more time to review the potential impact of the multiple gaming facilities proposed in and near my community.

In addition, I would like to add that I DO NOT KNOW ONE PERSON who lives or works in the city that thinks that casinos will benefit Philadelphia. I see casinos as a disaster for the city. They will bring an increase in people with gambling addiction problems, an increase in prostitution, an increase in crime. Most of all, they will create traffic problems like we have not seen before.

The plan for Riverwalk Casino at Delaware and Spring Garden Street would be an absolute nightmare for the city. The representative for Riverwalk attended the Northern Liberties general meeting to promote Riverwalk, and suggested that because it is only one block from the el stop, that there would be no traffic problems. What planet does he live on? There will be thousands of cars at that intersection every day. Thousands! They will back up to the expressway, I-95, snake through my neighborhood, and through the historic sections of center city.

If the Riverwalk Casino is accepted, I will move from the city. Many of my neighbors have expressed the same.

Sincerely,



Paula Gansky



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

Name: Thomas A. Campbell

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: _____

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

I have lived here in Easttown all my life - but Casinos would drive me away. Why should I have to leave? We were here first. I do not want Casinos near our home.

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



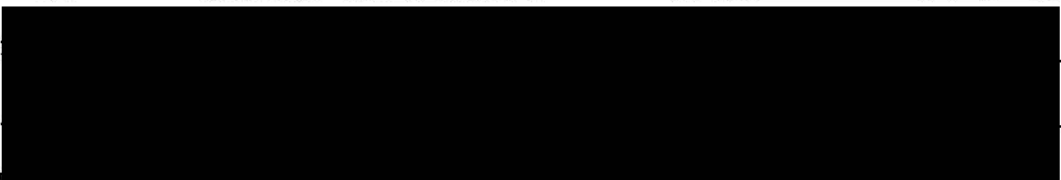
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Name: KENNETH N. STAAS

Address: 

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: CONCERNED NEIGHBOR

Employer: _____

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

To Whom it may concern:

I do not understand why the Gaming Control Board would consider placing Casinos in the most historic area of our city. This area of fishtown is where William Penn founded our great city. I have lived in fishtown for over 20-years. I have waited for some long needed improvements. The riverfront is a place that should be treasured and preserved. Casinos will not improve our area, they will destroy it. I think the area has been destroyed enough. When I-95 was constructed hundreds of beautiful historic homes were torn down. With Casinos will come more destruction. Sugarhouse Casino and Riverwalk Casino are very small pieces of property. I am sure that these properties could be developed in a more beneficial way.

What will happen to our quiet safe neighborhoods? The casinos would like to make us believe that they will give our community great benefits, like job opportunities. What about Crime? What about Traffic? What about property values?

Please do not allow our neighborhoods to be destroyed. I urge you not to award licenses to the casino companies in Fishtown.

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



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Name: Patricia Bentz

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Self-employed

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

I am opposed to locating a casino in the area along Delaware Avenue, particularly south of Port Richmond. This area that is proposed (Lead + Delaware Avenue) is already a congested location. Of major concern is the adverse impact that a casino will have on the area as a whole. Traffic is already a major concern, parking, pollution, and an increase in crime are also major concerns.

This type of business will not have a favorable impact on the local area.

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Neighborhoods.

Can't we be creative and come up with other revenue generating options for developing along the waterfront? This seems like such a scope out.

~~I'm also offended by the fact that~~
local politicians personally benefit from casinos that will be built here.

If a casino has to be located in PA, then don't put it in or near congested residential neighborhoods.

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

P. A. Bentz



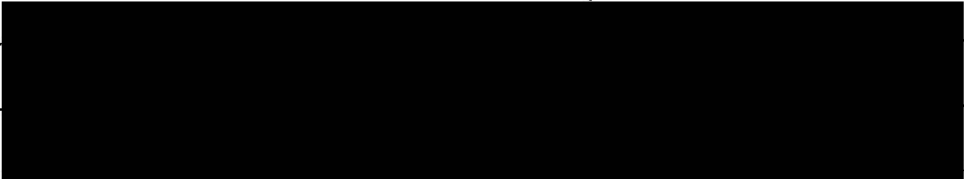
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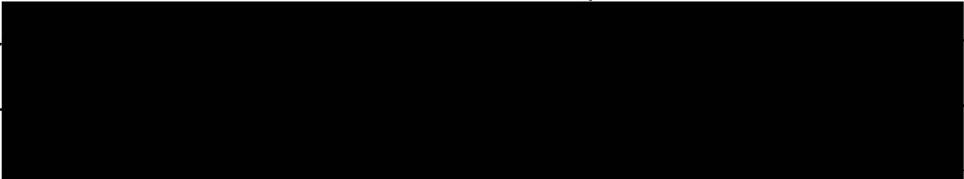


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: BARBARA KAY TARNOFF

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: FISHTOWN NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

Employer: CITY OF PHILADELPHIA — D.H.S.

Fishtown neither needs nor wants casinos in our neighborhood. People live in Fishtown because of the "small town" feel of the area. They appreciate and enjoy the burgeoning artistic community and the feeling of safety engendered by the small streets and limited traffic access.

A casino on our waterfront would totally destroy the ambience of our community. Our children would lose their play space due to all of the traffic fighting to reach the waterfront and clogging our narrow streets. Or, they could just take their chances and play in front of their homes anyway and hope a drunk driver leaving the casino doesn't hit them.

The social devastation of gambling addiction, increased alcoholism, drug related crime, including, but not limited to muggings, prostitution and crimes using guns, will tear apart the fabric of our community. No amount of promised jobs or donations to civic organizations will balance out that "quality of life" account sheet.

Please reconsider this very ill-conceived idea for casino gambling in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and, in particular, in Fishtown.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

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



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Name: Aaron Mostowitz

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Biomedical Research & Education Foundation.

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

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

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

increase in people coming to my neighborhood will increase traffic, pollution, noise, crime, decrease parking along side streets. A casino would ruin the image of Philadelphia. Casinos along the Delaware would ruin the chance of Philadelphia from ever having a nice waterfront. Placing Casinos in residential areas will make the neighborhoods less enjoyable and decrease property values. There is already too much building in the area. With so many new condos and high rises not yet complete we are not ready to even consider casino development.

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I, Aaron Moskowitz 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: David A. Scherneck

Address

Telephone


E-mail:

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

I am a 6th generation resident and homeowner in my parish (St. Philip Neri) in Queen Village in South Philadelphia. **I do not support the awarding of licenses for slot operators anywhere along the Delaware River Waterfront especially in South Philadelphia.** I do not support slot parlors in these areas because I believe that traffic, congestion, parking, and crime will increase while quality of life and real estate values will decrease.

I am also "on the fence" when it comes to confidence in local elected officials to do what is best for the neighborhoods that will be impacted by slot parlors. I can walk one block from my home and see Interstate 95, which displaced families from their homes, destroyed historical homes from the 1600s and 1700s, and destroyed many neighborhoods. Forty (40) years later these neighborhoods have resurrected to the point where they are the most popular places to live in Philadelphia. I hope and pray that we do not make another mistake and destroy some of Philadelphia's finest neighborhoods by putting slot parlors where they are not needed nor wanted by vibrant communities.

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


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Name: MARK DE SOUZA AND INGRID LUX

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: JP MORGAN CHASE

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

WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED COLUMBUS AVENUE SITE FOR A CASINO, MY FAMILY IS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THIS LOCATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA AND SPECIFICALLY ON COLUMBUS AVE. ARE ALREADY HORRENDOUS. ALL THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS SEEM UTTERLY INADEQUATE TO PREVENT THEM FROM WORSENING.
2. THIS SITE IS NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
3. THIS AREA HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED GROWTH THAT IT IS FINDING HARD TO HANDLE WITH NEW APARTMENTS AND

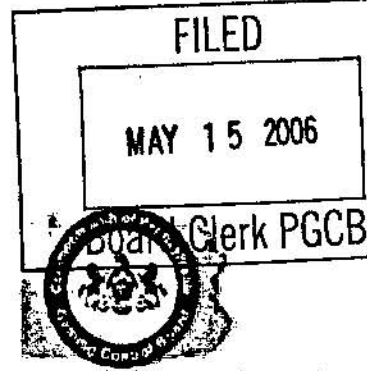
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4. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS ALREADY HAVING A PROBLEM WITH CRIME ON THE INCREASE AND A CASINO WILL FURTHER EXACERBATE THAT BASED ON THE EXPERIENCES OF WINDSOR, ONTARIO AND DETROIT, MI, WHERE I USED TO LIVE. ALSO, IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS WE HAVE HAD BOTH OUR CAR AND OUR HOUSE BROKEN INTO.

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



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

Name: Lara Long

Address: 

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: Resident of Fishtown, member Fishtown Ne

Employer: Self Member Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront A

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

See enclosed

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

Lara Long

May 8, 2006

Fishtown Resident

Member NABR - Neighbors Allied for the Best Riverfront

Member FNA Casino Committee

Philadelphia County

Individual citizen addressing all of the proposed casino projects in Philadelphia

To The Gaming Control Board-

I would like to enter the following letter as my public comment on the issue of casinos in Philadelphia: I am writing to express my opposition to having a casino, or quite possibly two casinos built in my community. With the exception of two years I spent living in San Francisco in my early twenties, I am a lifelong Philadelphian. I was born and raised in Center City. My Father and Grandfather converted an apartment building to condos on Rittenhouse Square in the early Seventies where I lived until I was 10. My family moved to Delancey Place until I went to college. I attended Drexel, graduated from Temple, and returned to do a Post Baccalaureate degree at Moore in my late twenties. I have always had a great love for this city. The changes that have taken place in my lifetime have been incredible. The city has come a long way from the Philthadelphia t-shirts that were popular when I was a kid, to become a world class city today.

At this point, I have lived in almost every section of the city. A few years ago I purchased a former auto repair shop in Fishtown, which my husband and I converted to our home. While we would have preferred Center City or Northern Liberties, our decision was based primarily in economics, so our choice was Fishtown. When we bought our building three years ago, the neighborhood was abuzz with talk of revitalization. It was being called the next artist community, Northern Liberties heights, and even the new Williamsburg. We have seen a lot of changes in the neighborhood since we moved here, primarily in the real estate prices. While there are a lot of struggles with quality of life issues such as vandalism, trash and graffiti, we have also found here an amazing community with great people, a strong sense of pride and many unique characteristics.

I was a strong supporter of Rendell as mayor and I feel he did a lot of things that were great for Philadelphia, but I never understood his desire to bring gambling to this city. When he proposed riverboat gambling, my reaction was mainly that of confusion. I felt that of all the politicians I experienced in my lifetime, he had the most vision. Politicians in Philadelphia seem to be extremely shortsighted as a rule, and I couldn't see riverboat gambling as anything other than a quick fix solution to financial problems in



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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: Adam Krom

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC

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

Placing gambling facilities in Philadelphia is a mistake. However, placing them on the waterfront is an enormous city planning blunder. And if this mistake is made going forward, we certainly must do all we can to mitigate the consequences. I have seen the designs for the Philadelphia casino proposals, and the waterfront designs in particular **MUST** be modified to avoid wasting a precious Commonwealth resource that belongs to all of us.

Waterfronts represent one of the great potential resources for economic development in the knowledge economy. The waterfront is a prime site for development of housing and entertainment that will spur investment in the City of Philadelphia. It is also a public resource that must be carefully managed for the benefit of all citizens. The waterfront has terrific recreation potential and can be a great tourist attraction, but not if the waterfront experience is destroyed by insensitive development.

I am a planner and urban designer who works on waterfront planning for a living. I study precedents of successful waterfront development from around the world. Moreover, I moved to Philadelphia only a few years ago from Colorado, specifically for quality of life reasons that are threatened by casino development. Here are the key issues in my opinion:



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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: Mami Hara

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Organization, if any: _____

Employer: Wallace Roberts a& Todd, LLC

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

I am a professional urban planner/designer, specializing in civic projects, particularly waterfronts. I have practiced waterfront design for almost 20 years throughout the US and abroad.

The potential physical impacts of placing casinos on the Philadelphia waterfront will have significant negative impacts to the public realm that cannot be avoided given the design practices of casino development. Traffic, parking, public access and public uses at the waterfront, walkability within abutting neighborhoods, visual quality and the overall image of Philadelphia will be negatively impacted.

In general, I am opposed to gambling in Pennsylvania, the lack of public participation in determining this use, the development of the state policy foisting such development upon the residents of Philadelphia but I am particularly opposed to the use of the southernmost site under consideration - what is currently the Foxwoods site. Beyond being a deplorable design in itself, the potential negative impacts of the proposal are vast. Look at the relative density of population in South Philadelphia between the river and Broad Street. Compare that density with other areas abutting the waterfront and you will find that even including as yet undeveloped, proposed residential development, the population of the southern area is four times greater. The positive social and residential development climate of that area may prove to be extremely fragile under the influence of casino development. For example, my family and our significant tax contribution will probably leave the neighborhood and the city if the southernmost site is developed.

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The negative impacts of casino development, in combination with the poor level of recreation service and the unacceptable condition of the public school system would be, in my eyes, enough to reverse the trend of upper-middle income people opting to live in Center City over the suburbs. Towns like Collingswood and other residential pockets along convenient public transit lines in NJ will become increasingly attractive to Center City residents as the impacts of the casinos become felt.

I have heard Foxwoods representatives claim that the majority of residents near their site are in favor of their development - this ridiculous and unfounded statement only belies the profound lack of public inclusion in the process. Claims like that may be made because there has been no public process and no supportable assessment of public input, so any assertion may be fabricated.

Please consider these objections.

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

X Mami Hard

June 1, 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: ZOA Schisler

Address: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Organization, if any: Don't be afraid of power and money Don't sell us out!

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

WE CAN'T TAKE 400 more cars in Fishtown much less 4000! Too much development, too many condos YOU ARE KILLING ANOTHER HISTORIC AREA!! We must have direct I 95 access to ANY CASINO if any casino is built! It'll still get hurried traffic. You'll only plunder - NOT MURDER - our neighborhood. Streets here at not 15' wide! Our seniors sit on the stoops, our kids play on the sidewalks! Should you destroy our lives for a few pennies?

ZOA SCHISLER 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: Suzanne L. Haney

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any: Southwark Historic District Committee

Employer: Retired

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

Historic Southward, [Pennsport and Queen Village] are Philadelphia's *original* waterfront. All existing homes [and other buildings] (excluding new construction) are Colonial or Federal period structures.

Many of these homes, courtyards, other buildings, in this neighborhood have been historically certified and/or registered, though virtually *all* older construction (excluding new construction) is intrinsically so eligible, to so apply for certification based on date of original construction.

It would *not* be appropriate to place a casino in such close proximity to these historic properties [within the one mile impact zone of the proposed location at Delaware Avenue and Reed Street (i.e. Foxwoods)]

The ramifications of such a placement decision would be *disastrous* in such a historic community.

We therefore most strongly urge the Pennsylvania Gaming Board *not* award a license to this particular site.

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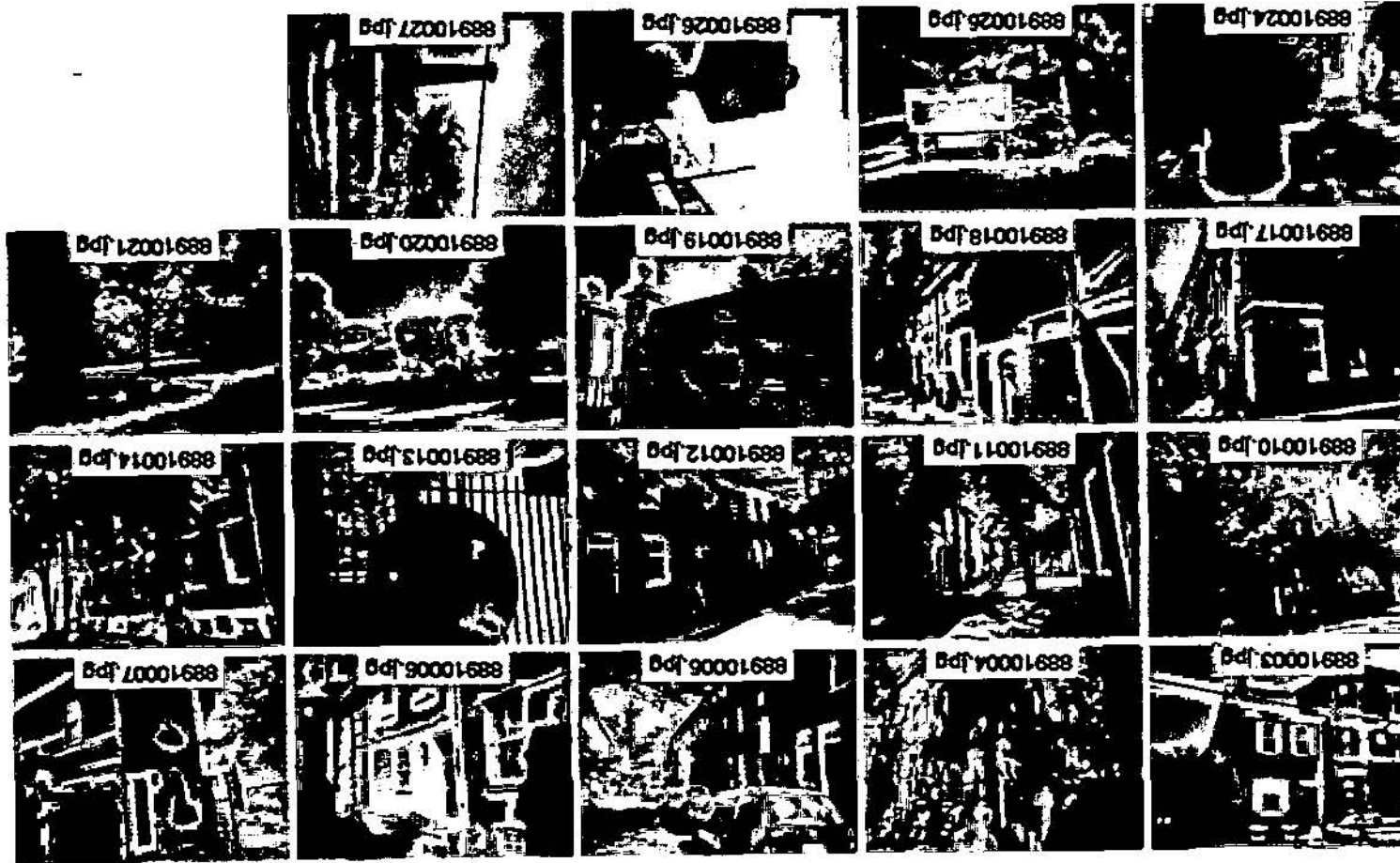
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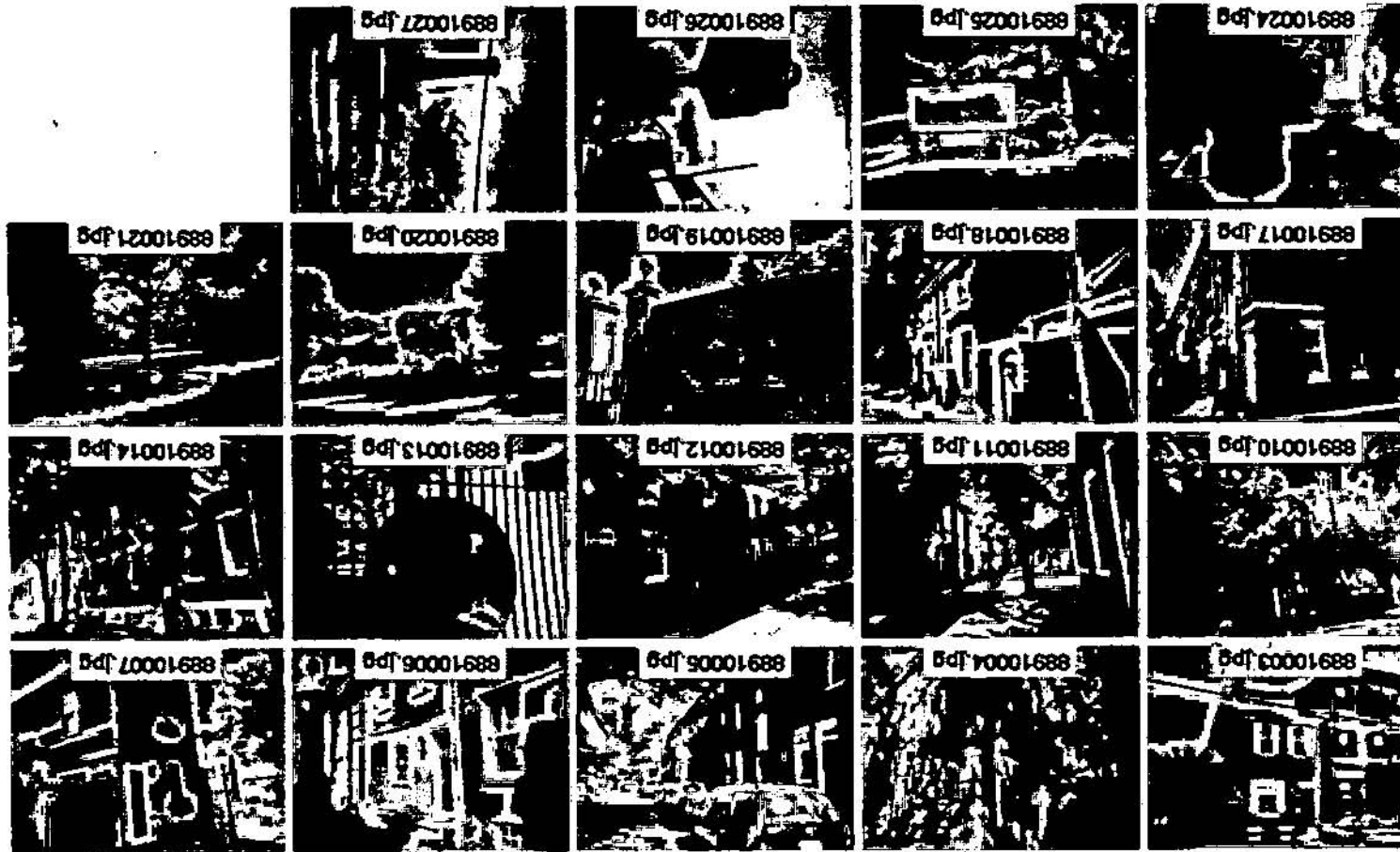
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6. 808, 811, 813, and 815 South Hancock Street.
7. 802 South Hancock Street, Historic Registry.
8. 100 Block Catherine Street, Historical marker.
9. 111 and 113 Catherine Street, Historical marker.
10. 760 and 758 South Front Street, Historic Registry.
11. 100 Block Fitzwater Street, Historical marker.
12. 104, 106 and 108 Fitzwater Street, Historical marker.
13. 744 South Front Street, Workman Place.
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100 Block Pemberton Street, Historic registry.
16. 806 and 808 South Front Street, Historic registry.
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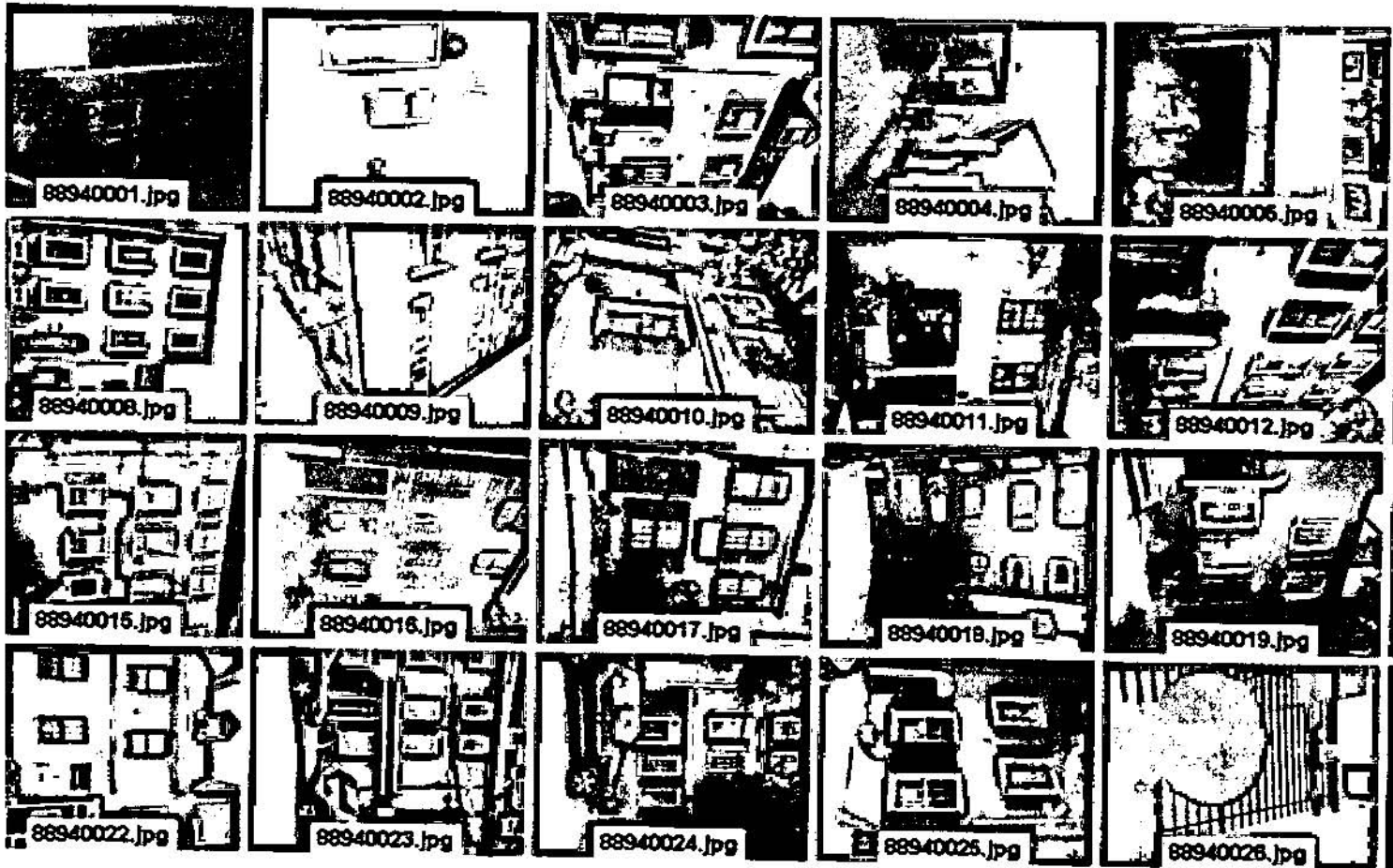
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7. 120 Federal Street, built by Henry Shippen, Historical Marker
8. 112 Federal Federal Period Home of Sea Captain.
9. SouthWark House, Early Federal, Civil War Underground RailWar Tavern.
10. 123 League Street, built 1781 Historical Registry.
11. 123 League Street, original Clapboard Construction.
12. 921 South 2nd Street.
13. 141 Carpenter Street, built by Jesse Williamson, Master Carpenter 1814.
14. 806 and 808 South Front Street.
15. 928 South 2nd Street, Civil War Hospital, Historic marker.
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20. 104 and 106 Fitzwater Street, Historic marker
21. 109 Kenelworth Street Home of 1st Mayor of Philadelphia, Built 1757.
22. 123 Kenelworth Street. Historic Fire Company Marker.
23. 106 Kenelworth Street, Historic marker.
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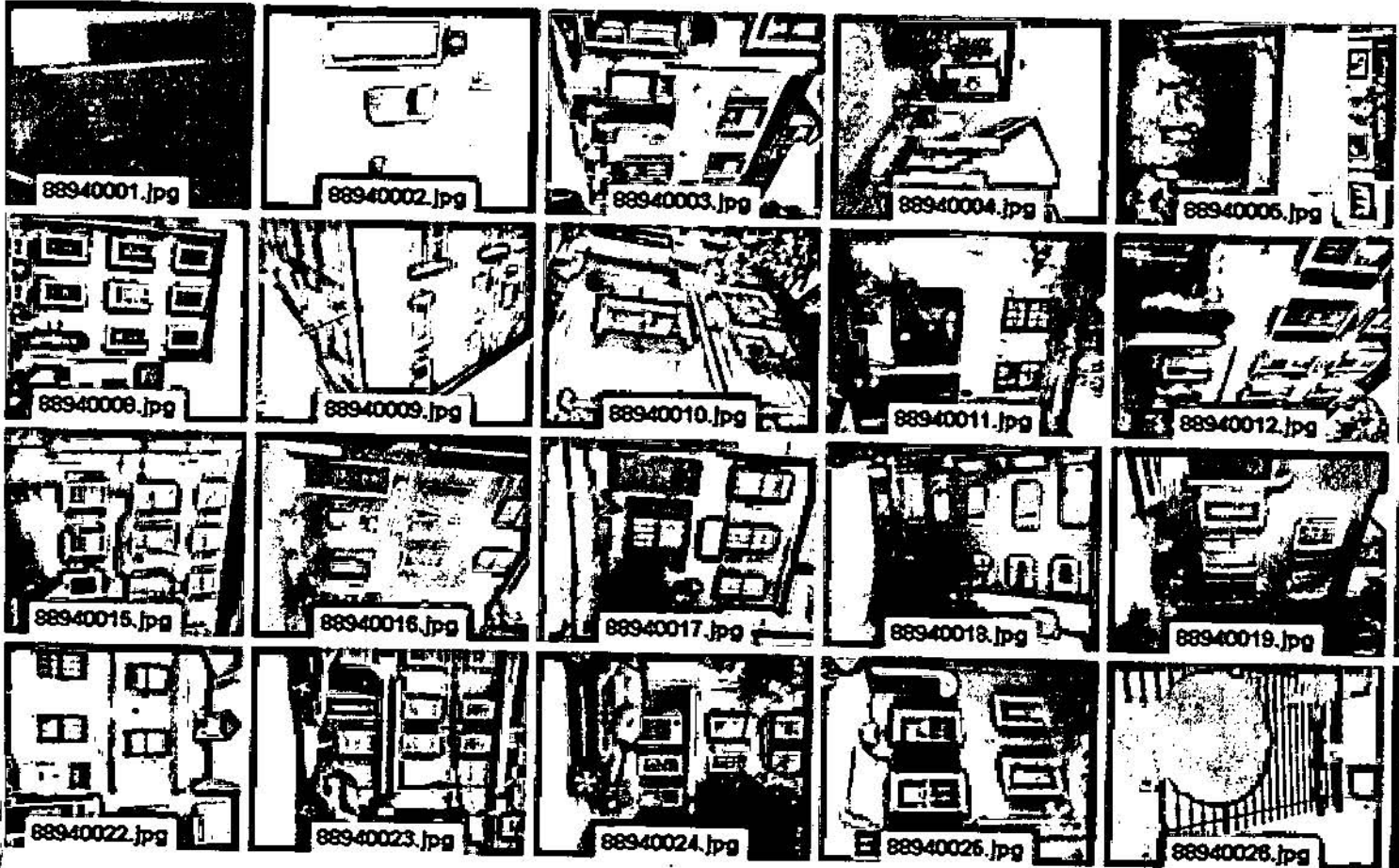
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