



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: Stephen Rosenzweig

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Concorde, Inc

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

*See attached document*

I have been a resident of Queen Village since August 1980. My family and I were pioneers, the first inhabited house on the 700 block of Passyunk Avenue. We and other residents of Queen Village have made a considerable investment of money, resources and time to reclaim this area and convert it from low revenue generating tax base to a high one. With the opening of all of the businesses on Columbus Boulevard including IKEA, Home Depot, Best Buys and many others, the traffic congestion on Columbus Boulevard is becoming more than a nuisance. There is only a single exit of I-95 to Columbus Boulevard in the Society Hill/Queen Village/Pennsport area. It is already over taxed with traffic and the trip home has been markedly extended for residents of these areas. The addition of gambling in this highly congested residential area will create the following problems:

1. A lowering of property values
2. A safety issue for our children with more traffic on the streets and a lack of City of Philadelphia resources to provide more police traffic management during peak periods.
3. Significant additional congestion and a lack of parking for local residents in an area already crunched by the influx of new residential construction. The current roads are not adequate for the expected increase in traffic. The impact of South Street on weekends has already created parking issues for Society Hill and Queen Village residents and the additional draw it will receive from gambling patrons will make the area unlivable.

In addition to these logistical issues there are other, more fundamental issues that gambling creates in a residential community. We only have to look across to New Jersey to see the experience of the residents living close to the boardwalk. Gambling creates pawn shops, prostitution, and violent crime and becomes a magnet for the homeless and panhandlers. It will also increase property crime in an area that already has its share.

There are other areas of the City of Philadelphia that would be better suited for gambling. These include (1) the Sports Complex. There is plenty of parking and a great deal of down time when these lots are not used. This site has a ready customer base of Eagles, Phillies and Flyers fans who might be eager to have a place to go after a game; (2) The Naval Shipyard. It has parking, is under utilized and could be the beginning of hotel development, a true cruise ship port and entertainment center for cruise visitors to Philadelphia. Moreover, ship sizes would not be impacted by the Walt Whitman Bridge. Both of these sites have good access to I-95, I-76, Delaware, New Jersey and all of the five county Philadelphia area. There is SEPTA service to the sports complex with the prospect of shuttle buses or even a subway extension to the Naval Shipyard site.

It appears that site selection is being influenced by people who have a financial interest in real estate rather than the social, economic and environmental impact on the residential communities in the proposed Reed Street site.

My family and I strongly oppose any attempt to harm the sense of community and neighborhood for which Philadelphia has stood out among first class US cities. If gambling is necessary, and I don't believe that it is given our proximity to Atlantic City, then in the interest of the public, it should be placed in an area that has the smallest impact on quality of life. Delaware and Reed is not such a site.

Stephen Rosenzweig



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(See attached document)

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



*Gregory J. Pagano, P.C.*

ATTORNEY AT LAW

May 31, 2006

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

**RE: COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY  
RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

Dear Members of the Board:

I was born and raised in this fine City and went on to raise my five children here, graduated Temple Law and now practice in a center city law firm. I believe in Due Process and in Rules of Order. The people of Philadelphia have not had the right to exercise either.

I enjoy the walk after work to my home in Pennsport. I particularly treasure passing our incredibly impressive historic area. In the early spring through the fall tourists are lined up for tours all day long and into the evening. They can be seen standing and staring in awe at our great monuments. It is Philadelphia: History, heritage, America.

Casinos will offer nothing to this city but a new culture of tourists bringing with it traffic gridlock and increased crime. Philadelphia is not an appropriate town to host such an industry. Those of us who have worked hard to make this city great do not want them here.

My oldest son, his wife and two of my eleven grandchildren also live in Pennsport. It is a joy to have them so close and a daily part of my life. Our homes are less than one tenth of a mile from the proposed Foxwoods site. If construction proceeds as planned our quality of life will undoubtedly change significantly. This will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

*Barbara L. Montgomery*  
Barbara L. Montgomery, Esquire



Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board

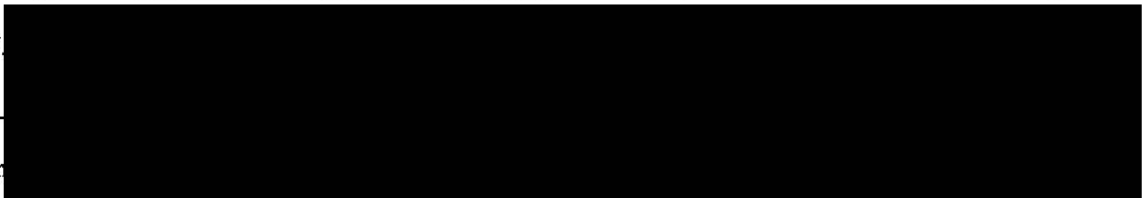


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Donna L. Pancari

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Washington Twp High School

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

The proposed site of Columbus Avenue and Reed Street is a preposterous place for a casino. This site borders a thriving neighborhood and would only add traffic and congestion to an area already crowded with retail. There is absolutely nothing positive a slot parlor can bring to this neighborhood. Philadelphia as a city is seeing a remarkable revitalization of many center city neighborhoods. Why would the state want to jeopardize such continued growth by showing such disrespect for the quality of life in these very neighborhoods? Atlantic City should serve as a sad example of what casinos can do to a city. Philadelphia has so much more to lose - priceless

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historical sites, a thriving restaurant scene, numerous nationally recognized cultural institutions and a pedestrian friendly layout. You may not have an opportunity to rectify your mistake once such a foolish decision is made. Casinos are a terrible idea for Philadelphia — and most certainly ridiculously unworkable at Columbus Avenue and Reed street. Consider the thousands of hard working Philadelphia residents who live ~~in~~ in this neighborhood — many of whom moved in when the area was not so desirable and worked hard to improve it.

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

Donna L. Pancari



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Gaming Control Board**

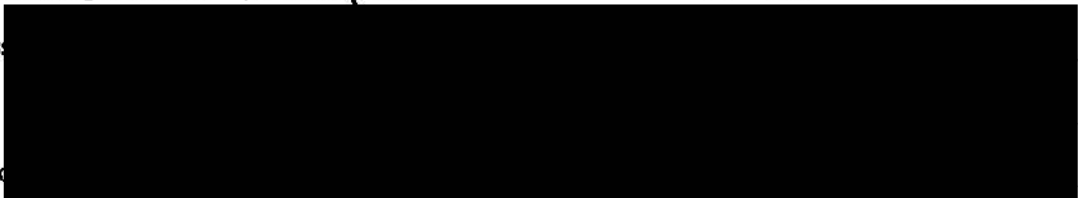


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I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Maxine Maefel

Address:



Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Thomas Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience

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

Please make it known that I am against the Foxwoods casino plans for the location on Columbus Blvd. between Tasker + Reed Streets in Philadelphia.

Thank you,  
Maxine Maefel





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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: JERRY L. NICHOLS

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Organization, if any: [REDACTED]

Employer: CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

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

I and my family greatly oppose  
the Foxwoods casino proposal  
on Columbus Blvd between  
Tasker and Reed Streets in  
Philadelphia.

This will negatively affect the  
community by causing major  
traffic congestion and parking  
issues.

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

[REDACTED]  
May 30, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Post Office Box 69060  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-9060

Attn: Public Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of South Philadelphia my whole life, and more particularly, a resident of the waterfront area of Philadelphia for over eighteen (18) years, you are advised that I am in opposition of the proposed casino site at Columbus Boulevard and Reed Streets, known as the proposed "Foxwoods" casino.

You must, with all due respect, reject the proposal of Foxwoods and their backers. I and my neighbors do not want a Casino in our backyard. This casino is proposed to be constructed approximately four (4) blocks from my beautiful home in my upscale neighborhood. Homes in my neighborhood are selling for approximately \$400,000, and more specifically, new construction's asking price only one half (1/2) block from my home is \$699,999 and over. Thus, it must be concluded that Foxwoods' credo that my neighborhood and area are a blighted one is distorted and frankly erroneous and/or misleading. This categorization is a strategy to get approval for their casino by making the claim that they will enhance our neighborhood. You are advised that our neighborhood does not need enhancing, at least that prescribed by Foxwoods. A viable comparison would be to ask the question: "What type of enhancing has been done for the residents of Atlantic City – none"!

I hope you realize that my letter constitutes thousands of letters for those individuals who cannot voice their opinions and requests in writing, but have had their desires expressed in person and during some of our recent protests.

My neighbors and I do not want a Casino built in South Philadelphia, and more specifically, in our neighborhood, where "everything is dumped" – movie theatres – sporting stadiums, etc. Enough is enough. Gridlock is starting to be a real problem with the construction of the Ikea and Lowes facilities in the newly-created malls, on Columbus Boulevard, coupled with the previous constructions of the home improvement centers.

Quality of life particularly in today's environment is so crucial to all of us in this country. We strive to achieve a better life – a life free of drugs, altercations, murders and just a better well-rounded life style – just like the life-style that my sisters and brother enjoy in the Charlottesville, Virginia area and in the suburbs of Indiana and Long Island, New York. I want the same life-style that they enjoy; to build a casino in my neighborhood

will destroy my quality of life and those of my children and my neighbors. Prostitution and drugs will be rampant; altercations and armed robberies will prevail.

For once, government must honor the desires of those they govern, particularly when it is a viable, meaningful and life-enhancing request.

Therefore, with all due respect, what do we need to do to have you respect our wishes? Are our letters and petitions enough? Please advise what is needed to stop this action of building a casino in South Philadelphia on Columbus Boulevard, and I will garner our neighbors to take the necessary action required.

With all due respect, I am,

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Braciale



Pennsylvania  
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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: Janet S. Kole

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer: Flaster Greenberg, PC

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

I have lived in Philadelphia, close to the Delaware River, since 1977. The mix of small businesses along South Street, the wonderful small neighborhood restaurants, and well-maintained houses give Philadelphia its unique appealing character. To allow a casino, such as the proposed Foxwoods casino, on Delaware Avenue will destroy the neighborhoods along the Delaware. The residential character of the area will change. The traffic will be abysmal.  
Don't allow it.

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

Janet S. Kole



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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: LINDA PELEN

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: 47th STREET CONDO ASSOCIATION

Employer: POUNTS & COMPANY, INC.

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

To all it may concern:

Regarding Foxwoods Casino on Delaware & Reed  
I vote to oppose. To add ANYTHING else to  
this section of Delaware Avenue would be  
making a bad situation worse.

All anyone has to do is try to drive in this area

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easily see. It is already a parking lot!

To add this much more traffic will cripple the area. I am all for the casinos, but

~~take them to an area that can handle the traffic~~

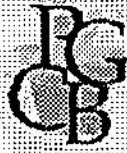
With all the large stores already there, it is enough!

Don't forget all the festivals, parades & such that Delaware Avenue hosts also.

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

Linda Peden





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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: Julie McDonald

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Saint Joseph's University

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

I strongly oppose the granting of a license to Foxwoods for a casino in South Philadelphia along Columbus Blvd. No casino should be located here unless and until the city of Phila. undertakes a comprehensive riverfront development plan. Without such a plan, we local residents

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for example, I have seen several traffic studies for <sup>proposed</sup> projects along Columbus Blvd. Each project (new condos, the Foxwoods Casino project) assume that its project alone should be entered as a variable in the traffic studies.

None of these traffic studies bothers to acknowledge other traffic studies for other proposed riverfront projects.

Thus in the absence of overall & comprehensive planning, no development on the Riverfront should proceed.

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

Julie M. McDonald

  
31 May 2006



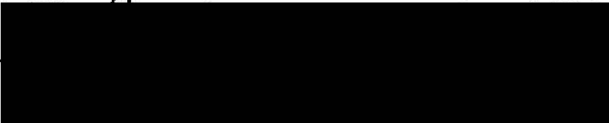
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Name: Margot Vinen

Address: 

Telephone: 

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

Employer: AstraZeneca

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

May 30, 20

I am very much against the Foxwoods casino on Delaware Ave & Reed St.

As a resident\* of nearby Queen Village - I am very concerned about the addition of traffic volume, potential for increased crime, drunk driving and prostitution in the nearby neighborhoods.

Please register my objection to the casino being built. Thank you

M. Vinen

WILLIAM F. KELLER, MEMBER

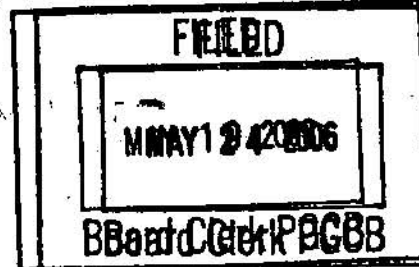


House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

May 22, 2006

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Mr. Frank Donaghue  
Chief Counsel  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Mr. Donaghue:

I am writing to you to express my strong and unwavering opposition to the granting of the proposal by Philadelphia Entertainment and Development Partners, LP (Foxwoods Casino Philadelphia) to build a 16-acre casino and entertainment facility on South Columbus Boulevard, between Tasker and Reed Streets.

I have received numerous letters and telephone calls from the residents of the neighborhoods which would be affected by this proposal. These residents are very much concerned about the negative traffic implications during construction, the social costs of the project, the impact the traffic and overdevelopment will have on their homes and neighborhoods and the adverse affect upon the existing businesses. Additionally, a recent study has shown that this proposal would generate less tax revenue than the other sites in consideration. I must unequivocally state that I am opposed to the development of this area in this manner.

Again, I cannot express to you strongly enough my opposition to this plan. As one who has spent a lifetime living and working in the neighborhoods that will bear the brunt of this proposed casino development, I urge this Board to reject Foxwoods' proposal. The location they have chosen simply cannot adequately sustain such a venture, and in the end, the taxpayers will fail to see the fruits of the legislation we worked long and hard to craft in their favor.

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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William F. Keller



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Board Clerk PC

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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: Joseph Matie

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: Bruce Brook & ASSOCIATES Engineering

Employer:

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

I am writing to voice my concerns towards the Foxwoods Gaming Casino site which has applied for one of the Philadelphia licenses. The site is located in my neighborhood on Reed St and Columbus Boulevard. Although I was unable to attend the public hearings on the proposals, I did want to write because the direction of the debate focused on traffic issues has in my opinion taken an unfortunate turn.

Through interpretations of materials made public on the casino proposals, I gather that large portions of money must be spent dealing with traffic issues brought about by the casinos themselves. It is unfortunate that the solutions all deal with adding traffic lanes to existing streets and building new exit ramps from Interstate into my neighborhood. The problem is that this neighborhood was

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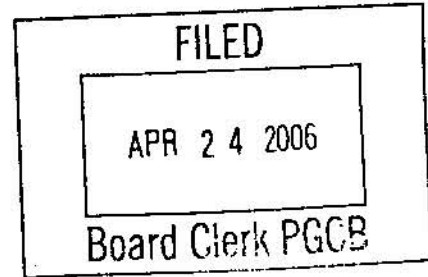
residents when less cars are present. That does not mean that this casino proposal will not work on the Reed Street site. I believe that public mass transit upgrades in lieu of traffic based upgrades will better serve both the casino and the neighborhood. New bus lanes and bus shelters are not included with any plans I have seen, despite having this site already served by multiple Septa bus routes. Buses alone would not be a solution for all traffic issues, but I will also point out that a rail service right-of-way already exists down the center of Christopher Columbus Boulevard.

In closing I urge the board to put more emphasis on public transit solutions to the increased density. It was bad planning that put I-95 in our neighborhood to begin with, and the Philadelphia waterfront still has not recovered. Future traffic planning should move away from those types of decisions, not add to them.

I, Joseph Matje 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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JEFFREY M. LEVINSOHN & ERICA J. GLOSS



April 18, 2006

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

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a statement of opposition to the proposed slot parlor on Christopher Columbus Blvd. and Reed Streets in Philadelphia. The Foxwood Casino Development Company should not be allowed to develop this facility at that location.

The development of this gaming facility at that location will increase the amount of traffic in surrounding residential neighborhoods. It is estimated that 70,000 cars would travel on Columbus Blvd. every day. This will result in cars and busses traveling to and from the west using Washington Avenue and Christian Streets, which are already extremely crowded and have limited parking.

Additionally, there are many schools, playgrounds and religious facilities in very close proximity. Parents who do not wish to expose their children to gambling will not have that choice.

We urge you to prohibit the Foxwood Casino Development Company from building this facility on Columbus Blvd. and Reed Streets.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Levinsohn & Erica Gloss

to Office of Clerk



Board Clerk PGCB

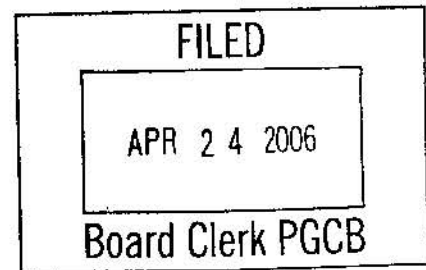
PA Gaming Control Board  
Box 69060  
Harrisburg PA 17106

No CASINO  
at Delaware Ave  
& Reed Street





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



April 10 2006

Dear Gaming Control Board:

I object to any proposal by Foxwood Casino Development Company to build a large slot parlor at Delaware Avenue (Columbus Boulevard ) and Reed Street in Philadelphia.

This development will severely increase automobile and bus traffic and traffic congestion; elevate pollution levels; make neighborhoods less safe for families and children; and lower property values. A large scale casino development such as the one proposed by Foxwood will negatively impact on adjacent South Philadelphia neighborhoods including my own.

I urge the Gaming Board not to approve locations for slot parlors which will result in damage to Philadelphia's residential neighborhoods.

Yours sincerely,

James Dickinson



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Board Clerk PGCB

Floyd Platton  
Pat Milliken

April 12, 2006

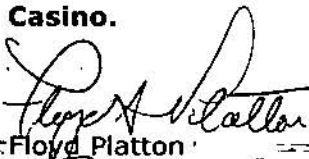
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Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

We, the undersigned, live in the neighborhood which will be affected by the proposed placement of the Foxwood Casino. We strongly oppose it.

In recent years, a shopping complex was built on Christopher Columbus Blvd., between Snyder Avenue and Oregon Avenue which more than doubled the traffic on Columbus Blvd., which had already been swelled by previously-constructed strip malls with a Super Fresh market, a Home Depot, an Old Navy and a Wal-Mart.

At any time of day or evening, any day of the week, traffic on Christopher Columbus Blvd., an essential artery for anyone traveling from Center City to South Philadelphia, is reduced to an agonizing crawl. Placement of a casino at Reed Street, with accompanying access ramps to I-95, would be disastrous.

**This is a residential neighborhood. We cannot accomodate the additional stress put on our community by the proposed placement of the Foxwood Casino.**

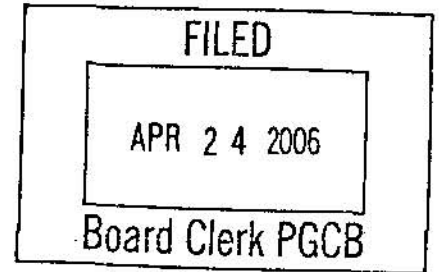
  
Floyd Platton

  
Pat Milliken

Arleen Weinstein [REDACTED]

April 10, 2006

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



Dear Board Members:

South Philadelphia is a densely populated area of two and three storey row houses. Block after block, the houses shelter families with children, the needy, the infirm and the elderly.

Please, please, please, we do not want, we do not need slot machines.

We need streets that are safe to cross, and clear enough for the firemen and ambulances.

Please come to visit our neighborhood. We have no lawns, we have no side yards, we have no place to park our cars, let alone a casino.

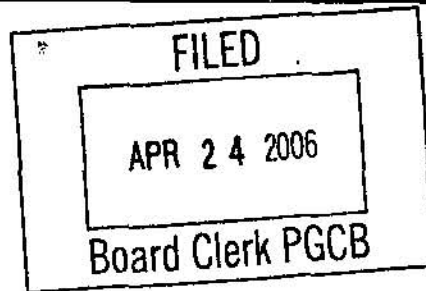
I urge each of you to vote "no" for the proposed casino at Columbus Blvd. and Reed Street in South Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

Arleen Weinstein

RICHARD L. BEHR, CLU

JOAN H. BEHR



April 11, 2006

To: Gaming Commission  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

From: Joan and Richard Behr

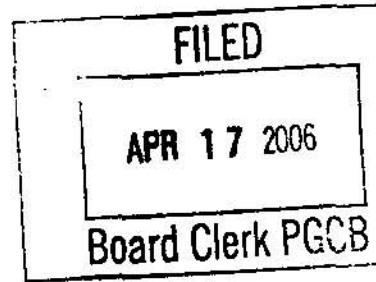
Commissioners, as residents of South Philadelphia we are strongly opposed to locating any sort of slot parlor at Columbus Blvd. and Reed Street. One primary concern is the increase in traffic that such a facility would create--many more buses and perhaps 70,000 cars traveling Columbus Blvd. every day. The idea of another ramp from I-95 to Front Street in that area is counterproductive for an already overdriven, overtraveled, overpopulated neighborhood.

Not only would such an enterprise be inappropriate in a residential area, but also the negative effect on property values clearly make this an ill-conceived proposal.

There are many other more appropriate and attractive sites along the Delaware River. For example, the Jack Frost Sugar Factory site is ideal - an already existing plant, situated along the waterfront, and zoned for commercial use. Nicetown residents are eager to have a casino, so why consider the Reed Street area, the residents of which strongly oppose casino development in their neighborhood.

We urge you to consider our opposition to the Foxwood proposal in your decision on locations for Philadelphia casinos.

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



April 10, 2006


This letter is to inform the PA Gaming Commission that we are against the proposed development of a Casino at Delaware Avenue and Reed Street, Philadelphia, PA.

We live in and own a home near the intersection of 9th and Fitzwater with our baby daughter. The proposed casino would increase traffic, crime, noise and general congestion in our family-based neighborhood.

We have worked long and hard to transform this neighborhood into one which is safe and pleasant for the families who have chosen to make it home, rather than leaving for the suburbs. We will continue to fight to ensure that developments in this neighborhood align with our goal of continuing to create a neighborhood that is clean, safe and child friendly.

We will not be deterred. We protest the proposed development of a slot parlor at Delaware and Reed Streets as well as the plan for another ramp from I-95 onto Front Street.

Sincerely,

  
Lauri A. Brunton  
Christopher Dardaris





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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: Diana Rodriguez Wallach

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: Resident

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please see attached letter.*

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Please see attached letter.

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

10/21/2016

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

June 1, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I own a home in Queen Village, blocks from where Foxwoods has proposed building a casino (on Columbus Blvd. between Tasker and Reed Streets). We moved to the neighborhood three years ago, primarily drawn to its quaint family atmosphere and quiet streets. We have greatly enjoyed our home and our neighbors over the years, and have been lucky enough to see our property significantly increase in value. However, we fear the addition of a casino in our backyard would wash away the charm that has made this neighborhood so attractive, and would ultimately cause many of the young professionals that occupy its blocks to flee the city.

I'm sure you've received hundreds of letters about the gridlock traffic, chaos and crime that we would incur should the proposed casino be built. And I'm sure you appreciate the value of these arguments. But my opposition to the casino isn't based on these gloom-and-doom theoreticals, it's based on my previous experience. My husband and I lived in Manhattan for three years, one of them in a high-rise apartment in Times Square.

As you probably know, Times Square is located on one of Manhattan largest streets and is home to many of the city's most famous venues. It's exciting, and entertaining, and absolutely maddening to live near. The amount of tourists clogging the streets and sidewalks on a daily basis make it difficult and frustrating for residents to simply walk to work. The blare of car horns and police sirens constantly filled our apartment—even on the 35<sup>th</sup> floor—and forced us to always keep our windows shut. The clientele at night was suspect at best, with strippers and drug dealers as present as the Broadway performers. The doorman in our building was an utter necessity to maintain safety. And I rarely felt safe walking anywhere alone after dark.

Queen Village and its surrounding communities are nothing like Times Square. Our sidewalks only occupy the occasional neighbors walking dogs, our streets are never filled with traffic, I feel completely comfortable walking to my gym at 9 o'clock at night, and I love to enjoy the fresh air through my windows in the summer. A casino would undoubtedly destroy all of this.

Columbus Boulevard is already home to several strip clubs. Right now, luckily, they don't cause a problem for the residents. But I am certain that adding a casino across the street from these venues would attract a dangerous clientele. It would degrade our neighborhood, devastate our property values, and ruin our quality of life.

I can only hope that you recognize how a casino on Columbus Blvd. between Tasker and Reed Streets does not appeal to its locals. I hope that you realize the value of the inconvenience you will be putting upon us, and that you ask yourselves this question before making your decision: If all of the current families, professionals and retirees flee this community, who will take their place?

I sincerely hope you do what's best for Philadelphia and vote down the proposed Foxwoods casino in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Diana R. Wallach





**Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board**



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Name: MATTHEW C. WEBER

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

*PLEASE SEE ATTACHED .*

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Please allow me to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed site of a casino along the Delaware River in South Philadelphia, the site known as **Foxwoods Casino**. I am on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and I have lived in this area for many years, however, I am **very concerned about the future of my community**. This is the worst possible choice for a casino for many reasons. First, the South Philadelphia neighborhood near this site **does not need revitalization**, it is already **booming** with new construction and rehabilitation of existing homes. A casino will only **hurt** the widespread development that is already occurring, and it will most likely depress property values. Second, **traffic congestion**, which is already a nightmare, will certainly become nearly **impossible** at certain times, mainly on the **weekends**. I am aware that traffic studies have been done, and the casino has proposed additional lanes and ramps, but their **studies are very shortsighted**. First, their traffic studies have **not been done** during the **peak summer season** when traffic and congestion dramatically increases. Second, these studies have not taken into account the tremendous increase in traffic that will automatically occur with the further development of this neighborhood. **High rise condominiums** and townhouse **development** is already under construction or is in the preconstruction phase throughout this area. We already have traffic problems, a casino can only add to them.

Lastly, rather than list all the other **negatives** surrounding **Foxwoods** casino, let me briefly describe a better use of this land. The **City of Philadelphia Planning Commission** has proposed two **visions** for the development of the riverfront. The first is the "**RIVER GREENWAY**" development plan in which the rivers surrounding the city be zoned for "**unrestricted public access to the river's edge**". This includes a waterfront setback with a minimum of 50 feet for public use. Currently, **Center City Philadelphia and South Philadelphia has no large green spaces along the Delaware River**. Second, the planning commission has proposed the "**New River City**" initiative, which encompasses development along the Delaware riverfront to include urban housing, retail and **waterfront recreation**, including a network of trails and open space. Therefore, a much, much better use of this land would be for a **riverfront park**, a large open space for the residents of South Philadelphia to enjoy. With the further development of the high rise condominiums and townhouses, residents will need a place to go for a walk (walk their dogs), meet with their neighbors, jog or play,

and just sit and enjoy the waterfront. **Please don't take away our waterfront.**

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

Matthew C. Weber



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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: DAVID SANDERS

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: INDIVIDUAL

Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED

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

I HAVE LIVED IN PHILADELPHIA'S QUEEN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR SOME 15 YEARS, AND I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO BRINGING THE FOXWOODS CASINO TO THIS AREA. QUEEN VILLAGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IS A QUIET, HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS ALREADY SUFFERING FROM EXCESSIVE NEW DEVELOPMENT -- LACK OF PARKING, AND TERRIBLE TRAFFIC, INCLUDING GRID-LOCK ON COLUMBUS AVE AND SMALLER NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS. THE DESTRUCTIVE IMPACT OF ADDING A CASINO IS VERY CONCERNING TO IMAGINE. THIS IS ONE OF PHILADELPHIA'S OLDEST AND MOST HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS. ITS SCALE IS SMALL AND INTIMATE YET IT IS ALREADY BECOMING DENSELY DEVELOPED. IT DOES NOT NEED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR CASINO COMPLEX FOR ITS ECONOMIC HEALTH -- IN FACT, IT WILL SUFFER GREATLY UNDER THE STRAIN OF A CASINO. OF ALL THE PROPOSED THE FOXWOODS PROPOSAL APPEARS TO DO THE GREATEST HARM A

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

David Sanders



Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



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Name: PETER HECHT

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: SELF

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

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

Peter Hecht

May 30, 2006

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

RE: Proposed Slots Casino Site on Columbus Blvd/Delaware Ave at Reed Street in Philadelphia, PA

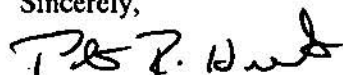
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to raise concerns in regard to a proposed Slots Casino on Columbus Blvd/Delaware Ave at Reed Street in Philadelphia, PA. The site is along a major arterial that has seen tremendous growth in traffic in the past half dozen years to the point where traffic is already spilling over into the adjacent residential neighborhoods as drivers try to avoid slow, stop and go movement along the Boulevard. Putting a slots casino at this location would further aggravate traffic along the Boulevard, impacting the level of service for vehicles and further degrading the ability of residents to walk to destinations along the Boulevard. It will also add considerably more traffic in the adjacent residential neighborhoods as drivers try to avoid the congestion along the Boulevard. There is no benefit to the adjacent neighborhoods to be had from this location.

In addition to traffic impacts the proposed site would have other detrimental impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods. Bus parking would be an immediate problem along with increased air pollution in a densely populated urban neighborhood and its attendant impact upon respiratory diseases. This will impact the young and old disproportionately. This area is also not equipped for the types of ancillary businesses and activities that go with a major gambling location, both the licit or illicit activities. There will be a significant and detrimental impact upon the quality of life and the provision of city services (both everyday and emergency services) if this proposed site were to be used for a slots casino.

This site can be summarized as ill-advised and detrimental to the health and well-being of existing active and healthy neighborhoods in the South Philadelphia area. It should be rejected out of hand for areas that are less densely populated and with better capacity to absorb the increased vehicular and human activities from a slots casino.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Hecht





**Comment on Proposed Gaming Sites:  
Philadelphia Entertainment & Development Partners**

Given: Gaming has been approved for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with 2 sites in Philadelphia. There is nothing we can do about this now. So, let's work together to make the best of a bad situation.

I find it difficult to understand that the PGCB holds exclusive rights to determine where the casinos are placed no matter the input from the City of Philadelphia and the neighborhoods which will be directly affected by these decisions. Residents in the neighborhoods surrounding any proposed site deserve a voice equal to that of the developer and licensee. We live in the neighborhoods. It's the quality of our lives that will be significantly impacted for decades after the developers and licensees complete their project, leave town and sell to be next licensee.

Granting a license for the proposed site at 10<sup>th</sup> & Reed is simply not a good idea. There is simply not enough space. There are simply not enough roads and capacity to handle the estimated volume of people and cars. There is simply no reason to build a casino IN a thriving neighborhood.

Our neighborhoods are a treasured asset of Philadelphia. Families have been raised in the neighborhoods surrounding 10<sup>th</sup> & Reed for up to 200 years. Children, parents, grandparents. The fabric of our community will suffer significantly. Traffic. Congestion. Crime. Safety. Would you want to raise your children within blocks of a casino?

If Philadelphia must have 2 casinos, other sites located in previously industrial areas away from neighborhoods are a better choice.

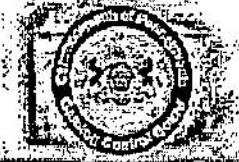
Do not destroy what makes Philadelphia a great city.

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

Shirley J. Cook 5/29/06



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:

LIZ DAILEY

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

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Employer:

SELF

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

Casinos will ruin the fabric of the neighborhood. The traffic will be a nightmare. No economic value to city at all. Only Foxwood owners/partners will get wealthy. Crime, alcohol and ugly developments are of no value to this city.

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

12/1/00



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Name: WILLIAM AND MARILYN JALBERT

Address: 

Telephone: 

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

Employer: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY (WILLIAM); PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL (MARILYN)

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

See attached

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

Dear Gaming Board members:

As a resident of South Philadelphia, I am very alarmed at the decision to offer our neighborhood as a casino site, without considering the concerns of the area residents. Please consider carefully the impact of adding a casino to South Columbus Boulevard, and try to envision this happening in close proximity to your home.

- Inserting a huge, limited appeal, entertainment complex into a residential & retail zone shows little consideration for urban design & planning. The negatives obviously outweigh the positives, which can be determined by reviewing the impact study (Final Report, Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force, 10/27/05, pp.111 – 112). [http://www.phila.gov/gamingadvisory/pdfs/PGATF\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.phila.gov/gamingadvisory/pdfs/PGATF_Final_Report.pdf) One item in this report identifies this site as being less than desirable because of its distance from other entertainment zones. What influences a decision to ignore this data? Is it the beautiful view of South Camden's decrepit waterfront that makes this site so attractive?
- This area has recently become very congested following the opening of the newest retail complex below Snyder Ave. Regardless of the modifications proposed by the developers, the volume of traffic will bring congestion, air quality, noise and litter to unacceptable levels. If one of the by products of development is improved quality of life, this type of development is the wrong approach.
- The increased volume of traffic has the potential to force residents away from this area, which will eventually have a negative impact on the retail outlets situated nearby. Statistical data also shows casino traffic is accompanied by increases in speeding and DUI violations. Considering the recent increase in violent crime, the Philadelphia Police Department cannot afford to be burdened by an increase in workload of any type.
- The proximity to residential neighborhoods is inappropriate and ill-advised. When the new civic center was built, the location was chosen for its proximity to other entertainment and commercial areas. While the proposed casino is adjacent to retail outlets, how many casino patrons are anticipated to top off their day of gaming with a shopping trip to Home Depot? As far as other retailers feeling any benefit, most casino operations include a variety of retail outlets under their roof, in order to capture every possible dollar. That deprives the established retailers of revenue.
- Many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods chose to live here because it was removed from this type of environment. Allowing a casino to invade this environment is a betrayal of the taxpayers of this city and state.
- While the casinos promise employment, they will draw from the entire region, adding to the volume of traffic and congestion in this area. To assume that the surrounding neighborhoods would realize any noticeable economic or aesthetic benefits from the addition of a casino is foolhardy and ridiculous.

In closing, I would ask each of to honestly consider how willing would you be to live within 4 blocks of a casino? Personally, if that's where I wanted to live, I would have moved to Nevada. Except, I don't think in Nevada you can live that close to a casino because of their zoning restrictions.

Sincerely,  
A very concerned voter & taxpayer  
Bill Jalbert


  
*Bill Jalbert*

5/29/06

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Name: Isaac C. Mell

Address: 

Telephone: 

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

Employer: SELF

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING TO STRONGLY OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF CASINO ON COLUMBUS BLVD AT REED ST - OR ANYWHERE NEAR THE RIVER, FOR THAT MATTER. MY NEIGHBORHOOD, MY FAMILY, AND THE RIVER WOULD NOT BENEFIT IN ANY WAY FROM SUCH A VENTURE, AS THE FOLLOWING WOULD OCCUR  $\Rightarrow$  ALL OF WHICH ARE SERIOUS PROBS.

- A NEW RAMP OFF OF I-95 @ FRONT & DICKE
  - THIS WOULD BRING AN ADDITIONAL 70,000 PER DAY INTO OUR ALREADY CONGESTED STREETS
  - IT WOULD ALSO BRING IN MORE BUSES/CARS THAT WOULD COMPETE FOR PARKING.

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QUALITY OF THE ENTIRE REGION: MORE  
POLLUTION & NOISE - WHICH HAS NOT BEEN  
STUDIED OR CONSIDERED.

- A CASINO WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT  
ON QUALITY OF LIFE:

- AN INCREASE IN CRIME
- LESS SAFETY ON OUR STREETS
- A DECREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES
- NEGATIVE MESSAGES FOR MY FAMILY

I COULD GO ON - BUT IT WOULD BE MORE OF THE SAME  
HERE IF A STRONG COALITION HERE WHO ARE OPPOSED  
AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

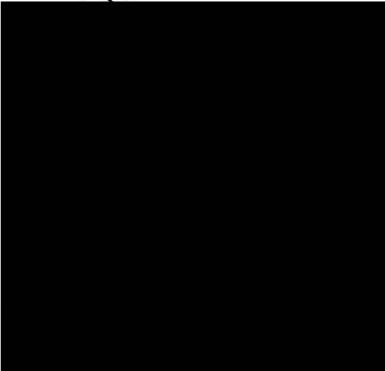
REGARDLESS OF HOW "SELF-CONTAINED" FOXWOODS  
ATTEMPTS THEIR CASINO TO BE, THERE WILL BE "SPILL-  
OVER" PROBLEMS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF ITS PRESENCE.

I URGE YOU TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF THE  
~~COMMUNITIES ALONG THE DELAWARE RIVER, AND~~  
WITHDRAW THIS PROPOSAL. WHAT SOMEONE WANTS TO  
DO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT (I.E. NEVADA) IS BAD ENOUGH.  
→ COMMUNITY IS NOT A GAMBLE.

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

Lisa C. Mell 5/29/06

WILLIAM F. KELLER, MEMBER



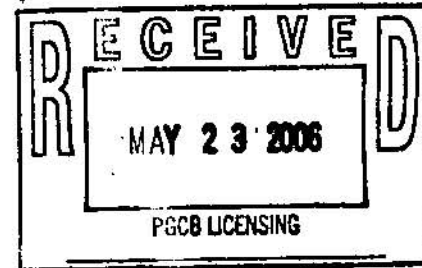
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HARRISBURG

May 22, 2006

Ms. Susan Hensel  
Director of Licensing  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060



CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Ms. Hensel:

I am writing to you to express my strong and unwavering opposition to the granting of the proposal by Philadelphia Entertainment and Development Partners, LP (Foxwoods Casino Philadelphia) to build a 16-acre casino and entertainment facility on South Columbus Boulevard, between Tasker and Reed Streets.

I have received numerous letters and telephone calls from the residents of the neighborhoods which would be affected by this proposal. These residents are very much concerned about the negative traffic implications during construction, the social costs of the project, the impact the traffic and overdevelopment will have on their homes and neighborhoods and the adverse affect upon the existing businesses. Additionally, a recent study has shown that this proposal would generate less tax revenue than the other sites in consideration. I must unequivocally state that I am opposed to the development of this area in this manner.

Again, I cannot express to you strongly enough my opposition to this plan. As one who has spent a lifetime living and working in the neighborhoods that will bear the brunt of this proposed casino development, I urge this Board to reject Foxwoods' proposal. The location they have chosen simply cannot adequately sustain such a venture, and in the end, the taxpayers will fail to see the fruits of the legislation we worked long and hard to craft in their favor.

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. F. Keller".

William F. Keller

April 10, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this memo to voice my concerns regarding the Casino project on Columbus Avenue in South Philadelphia. I live in Bella Vista and would not appreciate this project in my neighborhood. Isn't that why Atlantic City is only 1 hour away? Please pass this on to the powers that be and thank you all for all your hard work in rallying for NO Casinos. Thank you.

Judy Maira







# Bella Vista

United Civic Association



April 19, 2006

Mr. Tad Decker, Chairman  
Penna. Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

**Re: Opposition to Foxwood Casino Proposal at Columbus Blvd and Reed Street**

Dear Chairman Decker:

The members of the Bella Vista United Civic Association (BVUCA) are opposed to the proposed plan to build a casino at Columbus Boulevard and Reed Streets in Philadelphia. Accordingly, we have joined with the other surrounding community associations and are part of Riverfront United.

Unfortunately, BVUCA was not given notice of the proposal and only learned of it and the hearings in early April 2006. As all of our board members volunteer their time and have other demands of work and family, we were unable to participate personally to voice our opposition at the hearings. However, we incorporate and echo the remarks made on behalf of BVUCA by the representatives of Riverfront United who testified at the hearings.

In addition, in the past few days, we have circulated petitions for residents to sign who are opposed to a casino at Columbus Blvd. and Reed Street. The attached petitions represent only a few days of efforts. We plan to continue such efforts and to work with Riverfront United in opposition to the Foxwood Proposal.

Sincerely,

Brett T. Mapp, President, on behalf of  
Bella Vista United Community Association

Enclosures

cc (w/enclosures)\*: Governor Edward G. Rendell  
Penna. State Senator Vincent J. Fumo  
Penna. State Representative Babette Josephs  
Phila. Councilman Frank DiCicco  
Philadelphia Gaming Advisory Task Force  
Riverfront United

**\*The enclosed petitions contained private and confidential information and are not to be distributed, copied or used for public use, or used for any other purpose than in connection with opposition to a casino located near Reed Street and Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia PA.**

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*Please print requested information then add your signature*

NAME	ADDRESS/ZIP CODE	PHONE	EMAIL
<u>Carolyn Verdi</u>			
<u>Josephine Motta</u>			
<u>Megan Steelman #12</u>			
<u>Tara Thompson</u>			
<u>Deise Marino</u>			
<u>YOLANDA LOUHAN-DANIS</u>			

BVUCA

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**NAME**                      **ADDRESS/ZIP CODE**                      **PHONE**                      **EMAIL**

PAULA LARSON 730

Marie Sessa

Philomena Mungiole

Michel Bulky

Jeffrey DeVetto

Sage Biello

GRACE NOTARFRANCESCO

Pauline Valent

Rachel Trommelen

Sheila Bullen

Joan Sage

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NAME	ADDRESS/ZIP CODE	PHONE	EMAIL
<u>Pam Skir</u>	<u>7331</u>		
<u>Estelle Bronstom</u>	<u>725</u>		
<u>Marian Reed</u>	<u>729</u>		
<u>Marian Reed II</u>	<u>729</u>		
<u>Melissa Reed</u>	<u>8</u>		
<u>Orville Mungiole</u>			
<u>Lisa Laura</u>			
<u>Doug Pearce</u>			
<u>SUNRA D. Cataldi</u>			
<u>Richard Cataldi</u>			
<u>Raymond Ropiak</u>			
<u>Caroline Weston</u>			

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MARGARET MARINCOLA

Rebecca Britt

Tracey Dokin

Please print requested information then add your signature

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**NAME                                      ADDRESS/ZIP CODE                                      PHONE                                      EMAIL**

Patty Hansen 26

Trina Hatmark

Dorothy Fox

Samantha Dougherty

Marianne Squillacott

Christopher Capertaro



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<u>LUCY YOTSKO</u>			
<u>MICHAEL J. YOTSKO JR.</u>			
<u>IRVING FREEMAN</u>			
<u>JOE RIGG</u>			
<u>BRIDGET MOONEY</u>			

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**NAME**

**ADDRESS / ZIP CODE**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL**

FATRICIA ROSSELLI

JOSEPH BLACKBURN

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Please print requested information then add your signature

**NAME**                      **ADDRESS/ZIP CODE**                      **PHONE**                      **EMAIL**

Paul Ceech Sr.

Elisabeth Colbath

JOSIE THEODORE

Celeste Talamo

Ann Morrill

Melissa Church

Thomas Church

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NAME	ADDRESS/ZIP CODE	PHONE	EMAIL
Rae Landau			
Virginia Constantino			
IDA MOLITOR			
Henry Guarini			
Anna Guarini			
Theresa Bianco			

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Mr. + Mrs. John VillardJourna Schepin 806 FitzwaterKevin McHoneMARCUS KROHNERAngela PalumboLarry AitaANTOINETTE AITABouquet CruzNOEMI CruzAna CruzAMELDA BOARDOJ. Hottel

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**NAME**

**ADDRESS/ZIP CODE**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL**

Stacy Giles

Ms. Patricia Steele



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May 23, 2006

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter in opposition to the proposed casino at Reed Street and Columbus Boulevard.

As a long time resident of Philadelphia, specifically the Pennsport section of South Philadelphia, I am troubled by the negative forces that would impact my community as a result of the casinos.

The anticipated influx of traffic will overwhelm an already congested area, causing an increase in air pollution and crime. It is wrong to unfairly burden the community with these influences and lower the quality of life for the children and the elderly in our community.

The price that our neighborhood children and adults will pay for the building of these casinos far outweighs the benefits for the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your anticipated concern for the South Philadelphia communities that will surely benefit from your consideration in regards to the building of the proposed casinos.

Sincerely,



Patricia Steele

*Ms. Leigh-Ann C. Deissroth*

May 23, 2006

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter in opposition to the proposed casino at Reed Street and Columbus Boulevard.

As a former resident of the Whitman area and a new homeowner and taxpayer in the Pennsport section of South Philadelphia, as well as a public high school teacher, I am outraged by the proposal for a casino at Reed Street and Columbus Boulevard.

The children of our city are already exposed to far too much crime, addiction and financial burden without being subjected to the negative influences that are sure to arise as a result of a casino in the community. Our children are maturing into productive citizens and contributing members of society despite the negative influences that already surround them and do not need the unnecessary burden of temptation a casino will bring.

The negative impact a casino would have on our children is just one of the issues surrounding the proposal. Our community, which is primarily residential, would be exposed to an overwhelming influx of traffic and reduced parking, which is already limited, as a result of a casino. Moreover, it is unfair to subject our community to the increased crime rate and social decline that will follow the building of a casino.

Thank you for your anticipated careful consideration of the casino proposal and the resulting impact your decision will have on the children and communities of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,



Leigh-Ann C. Deissroth





# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: Judith Sachs and Anthony Bruno

Address

Telephone

Organization, if any: Bruno/Sachs

Employer: Self-employed

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

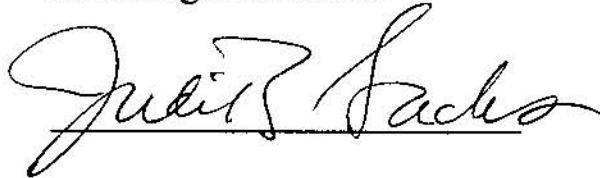
We strongly protest the recommendation to use the Delaware-Reed Street Site for a slots casino. Both of us live and work in Queen Village and are well aware of the many problems that such a casino would incur.

1. Traffic. The congestion, speed, and potential for drunk drivers will increase phenomenally. Having an off-ramp from 95 into Queen Village will ruin quality of-life and be a hazard to pedestrians.
2. Parking. There is a dearth of parking currently in this neighborhood. The influx of buses and cars would be highly detrimental and would take needed space away from those who live and work in the area.
3. Crime. We have a relatively safe neighborhood where we are able to recognize one another. With thousands of strangers mobbing the streets, coming only to gamble, there will be an increased incidence of robbery, theft and sexual harassment crimes.

4. Influence on the young people. Queen Village is a residential neighborhood with parks, schools, and churches as the mainstay of family and community life. We do not want our teens to be drawn into the seamy side of casino gambling.

Please take our recommendation to keep the slot gambling (and any other kind) out of our neighborhood.

We, Judith Sachs and Anthony Bruno, verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of our 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: Micah Ford

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any: None

Employer: Backfield Group

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

Dear PGCB,

I live 4 blocks away from the proposed Foxwoods Casino. I am vehemently opposed to this location. I also feel that the state should not have taken the city's control of the zoning for these sites. We know the areas better than anyone in Harrisburg and our communities could have and should have been able to provide our valuable insight during the zoning of these areas. We should have the right to help decide the fate of our communities.

With regard to the planned development of the Foxwoods location, I see the following issues as being insurmountable if this site is chosen.

1. Traffic. Our area already experiences grid locked traffic conditions and this development is planning to increase the traffic by an estimated 50%. To make matters worse, they have yet to show a full, workable and detailed plan to alleviate the increased traffic. This increased traffic will strangle our developing shopping district, doing damage to not only the existing business, but also any future business that would plan on moving here. Additionally this traffic would be devastating to the quality of life for the adjacent residential communities.

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2. This location is too close to a thriving residential community. Some people have said that I-95 will form a protective barrier for the neighborhood. I completely disagree. The portion of I-95 in this area is a Viaduct (bridge) and will provide zero protection to the community. Drunken drivers and drunken pedestrians will be free to enter our community.
3. This location does not have access to enough public transportation (i.e. Mass Transit Lines).
4. This casino would not be the most profitable site for such a development. Other current proposals are more profitable.
5. I feel that this development will have a negative impact on property values and this location would inflict the most property value damage because of the large concentration of residential properties located near it.

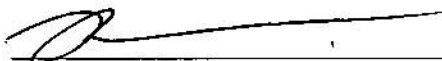
I hope (and also believe) that this Board will try to do what is best for Philadelphia and it's voting public. Please say "NO" to the casino at Reed St and Columbus Blvd.

Sincerely,



Micah Ford

I, Micah Ford 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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Office of the Clerk  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Re: NO Casino on Reed & Columbus Blvd.

Dear Sir:

I am a resident of the above-captioned site. I strongly oppose the building of the casino. It is a threat to the neighborhood. Presently, we are already overwhelmed with heavy traffic on Columbus Blvd. Any given day, you will find numerous tour buses going through our neighborhood and parking on the shopping lots all day. The limos also congest the neighborhood mostly going to the "gentlemen's club" for bachelor parties, etc. The people of this neighborhood have worked hard to keep this a safe one. Now, with the casinos coming our quality of life will be comprised as well as our safety. I work for the City of Philadelphia and am not permitted to move out of the city like some of my neighbors are planning to do. Please register this comment in the evidentiary record.

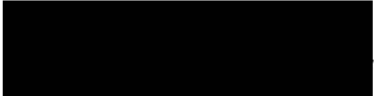
Sincerely,



Maureen Wootten

Edward J. Wootten III



  
May 26, 2006

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Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106

To Whom It May Concern:

Somewhere I have read that those people objecting to a casino on the Delaware at Reed and Columbus Boulevard are in the minority, and that Firefox (or whatever the concern's name is) has been negotiating with residents who are encouraging of the project. If YOU have heard such a thing, please keep in mind that it is a bald-faced lie. The residents of all the neighborhoods in and near South Philadelphia are OPPOSED to such a casino, and will do everything in their power to prevent it.

It is madness to put an enterprise whose goal is to solicit thousands of patrons daily to an area that is already saturated with residents, buildings and traffic, into an area which is increasingly congested because of new, and continuing residential building. The area in question has also just built a large shopping center that attracts numerous people from outside the neighborhood, and there is simply no room for any other traffic-bringing project. NO ROOM!!!

Harrisburg has no right to impose its choice of location for any of these casinos. It is Philadelphia, and Philadelphians, who have to live with the traffic, noise and litter (if not worse) that they will create, and therefore it should be Philadelphia and Philadelphians who decide where they should go. Why John Street and the City Council have not REFUSED these plans is beyond me. There is a perfectly good site in South Philadelphia: the Naval Shipyard. There is another good city site: the one considered not long ago for the baseball field. Maybe there are other good sites, but they are not the ones Harrisburg has chosen.

Not the ones, no; but the one at Reed and Columbus is beyond simply "not the one". It is OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Thank you.

  
Ruth K. Crispin



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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: VERN ANASTASIO, ESQ

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*See attached*

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vern Anastasio", written over a horizontal line.



My name is Vern Anastasio. I am a founding board member of Bella Vista United Civic Association, a resident organization representing a neighborhood that begins a mere six blocks from the Delaware River. I am a real estate attorney who primarily focuses on large commercial and residential development. I am father of two small children. I am a homeowner; a former member of Philadelphia's Gaming Task Force and its Site Selection Committee and a life-long resident of Philadelphia.

I submit this testimony because I love my city. And therefore, I will speak on just one site: Foxwoods' proposed casino at Columbus and Reed Street.

Everyone knows casinos will generate revenue and create jobs. Everyone knows that the State's share of casino revenue will permit Philadelphia's wage tax to fall dramatically. Everyone knows the possibilities.

But, as someone who owns a home within one mile of Columbus and Reed, let me say this - I don't care how many construction jobs will be created or how much revenue will be generated if a reckless casino development ruins my neighborhood and causes property values to drop. Let me be clear - there is no single site that will do more damage to more people than the Foxwoods site at Columbus and Reed.

Now let me tell you why.

First, there's the proposal for an I-95 on-ramp - or as I call it Operation Eminent Domain. Let me be crystal clear - this part of the Foxwoods proposals is an eminent domain nightmare for Philadelphia's middle class homeowners. And frankly, we don't need concrete on-ramps as much as we need middle class taxpayers.

In the wake of the Supreme Court's Kelo decision, there aren't too many elected leaders in the city of Philadelphia or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who will recklessly use eminent domain for a casino development. It could take more than a decade for Foxwoods to realize its dream of an off-ramp. And honestly, it could end up costing more than anyone ever imagined. Faced with these hard realities, Foxwoods could scrap this proposal, leaving many of the new cars heading to the casino on our city's streets.

And that leads me to my second point-- the traffic. Conservative traffic studies tell us that approximately 50,000 cars travel Columbus Boulevard on any given day. If you lived anywhere near the river, you'd know these numbers are accurate. Density, congestion and mile-long traffic jams are the norm. And all of this is before a Foxwoods casino comes to the area.

Now, imagine a massive casino smack dab in the middle of this mess. That means an additional 10,000 to 25,000 cars on any given day. More congestion, more density and more noise.

And here's the kicker - while Columbus boulevard is a wide highway, many of these vehicles will travel through small, narrow residential streets that were created for horses and buggies -- not greyhound busses and SUVs - just to get to Columbus Boulevard and the Foxwoods casino development.

And finally, I will respectfully submit that there are other potential sites that are more appropriate than Columbus and Reed.

For instance, the Trump site in the Allegheny West community is being embraced by many in the community because it will create jobs, spur development and lead to much-needed amenities like a supermarket and a school. The Trump casino can ignite economic recovery for an area that has seen little prosperity in the past decade. The same cannot be said for Columbus and Reed. Additionally, the Jack Frost site on North Delaware Avenue is the farthest from people's homes than any other Delaware Avenue site. With a risk of property values dropping up to ten percent

as a result of these casinos, this is a site that will have little or no negative impact on residential property value. The same cannot be said for the Foxwoods casino at Columbus and Reed. For all these reasons and for the many reasons so many of my friends and neighbors stipulated in the three days of public testimony, I respectfully request that you choose not to place a casino at Columbus and Reed Streets. Our city and its people are at your mercy. Choose wisely



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Name: CHARLES PETRONIS

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

DEAR SIR, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CASINO AT DELAWARE AVE. AND REEDS STS.

1. THE TRAFFIC THE MOVIE DRAWS IS VERY HIGH.: CASINO -FORGET ABOUT IT. DELAWARE AVE. IS ALREADY A MESS PRACTICALLY ALL DAY LONG.
2. THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY STRANGERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE THE MOVIE WAS PUT IN. SCARY, A LOT OF DAMAGE IS DONE LATE AT NIGHT WHEN THE MOVIE LETS OUT
3. TRASH IS RAMPANT IN THE MOVIE AREA ON THE STREETS WHICH THEY DON'T BOTHER TO CLEAN. THERE WILL BE MORE TRASH WHEN AND IF THE CASINO GETS IN. IF THEY WERE SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT THEY SAY THEN WHY ARE THEY LEAVING THE AREA LOOKING LIKE A CRAP HOUSE. IF YOU HAVE GOOD INTENTS CLEAN IT UP A LITTLE.

I, Charles Petronis 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: Susan Ciambra

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Thomson

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

I am opposed to the development of  
the Foxwoods Casinos Philadelphia for many  
reasons, but here are two. The neighbors  
along the Christian-Tasker Corridor of Colum  
Blvd are thriving. Traffic along the

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Christian-Tasker Corridor is too congested.

Flouring, residential communities exist in this over-developed region. It is not focus on locations where a gambling complex can spread out, offer lots of parking, and bring much need economic development to under-served neighborhoods?

As traffic jams are an existing problem Columbus Blvd, especially from Christian to T development efforts for this region should focus on pedestrian-oriented projects.

A urge you to consider what is best for Philadelphia neighborhoods.

I, Susan Ciambra 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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Hello

I am writing to tell you that I am OPPOSED to a casino at Columbus Blvd & Reed Streets in Philadelphia PA.

I am opposed to casinos any where on the Del River water front but especially at Col Blvd & Reed St because of the horrible impact it will have on the neighborhood.

Very truly yours  
Marilyn Johnson



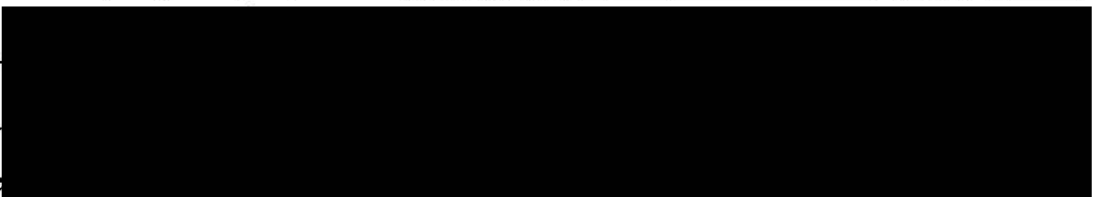
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Name: ELISSA TORRE-Lewis

Address: 

Telephone: 

Organization, if any: Queen Village Neighborhood Association

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please do not allow a casino to be built (Foxwoods) in our neighborhood. All it will bring is more traffic, crime & undesirable to our area. We have some wonderful sections here; Queen Village, Pennsport, Society Hill... We don't want what a casino will bring. Why not choose a site where there are no "neighborhoods"? Or somewhere in rural PA? Oh so now I get it then it would be in your backyard and you don't want that, do you?*



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Name: Barry F. Lewis

Address:

Telephone:

Organization, if any:

Employer:

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

Why, just when our neighborhoods are beginning to prosper as never before, do you want to destroy them with all of the negatives that come along with casinos. Take the promise of "economic prosperity" and the "multiplier effect" if you so strongly believe in such empty words, to an area where they are needed --- not to South Philadelphia. I completely oppose the Foxwoods Casino Project and know that it will not be the anchor for a "world





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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: Ani Maitin

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Employer: Greater Philadelphia Health Action

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

Signatures of Spanish speakers, mostly Mexican, who live in the area near the proposed Foxwoods site at Columbus & Reed. Signatures are in opposition to having a casino in the vicinity.

# No al casino en Reed y Columbus Boulevard

## Yo, me opongo al casino en Reed y Columbus Boulevard

**Trafico:** Columbus Boulevard actualmente ya esta congestionado con el tráfico. La actual infraestructura de vehículos. Los aplicantes calculan que va a traer más de 80,000 vehículos por día en Columbus Boulevard. Se recomienda agregar vías de acceso adicionales al I-95 de Front Street. La construcción podría interrumpir la vida de la comunidad en un 84% a los vecindarios residenciales.

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La compañía ha declarado que su enfoque son las comunidades minoritarias y planean enfocarse en las comunidades Afroamericanas y Asian para juegos de azhar y gastar su dinero en el casino.

Favor escribir la información solicitada y agregue su firma.

Nombre	Domicilio/codigo postal	Telefono	Correo	Electrónico
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<u>John Lee</u>				
<u>Geandett</u>				
<u>Alfredo Cruz</u>				
<u>Candencia Paulista</u>				
<u>Syleman Sanchez</u>				
<u>Hilda Moreno</u>				
<u>Daniel Rodriguez</u>				
<u>Orsini M. M...</u>				
<u>INGRID ORAMPO</u>				
<u>JOSE A. SERRANO</u>				

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Nombre                      Domicilio/codigo postal                      Telefono                      Correo                      Electrónico

Augustina R.  
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Leonor de la Cruz G.

Oscar Hernandez M

Leopoldo Zamora

Mary De Santiago

Rafael Romero 161461

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Rafael Pérez				
ROSAJO BONA				
ANITA BERMEJO				
Alicia Jimenez				
María Gallo				
Rosco Ximil				
Margarita H				
Gerardo				
BEN HURTIG				

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**Favor escribir la información solicitada y agregue su firma**

**Nombre                      Domicilio/codigo postal                      Telefono                      Correo                      Electrónico**

Jesus Marcon  
Ana Cruz

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Submitted by Ani Martini  
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**ENGLISH TRANSLATION:**

**NO CASINO on Reed and Columbus Blvd.**

**I am OPPOSED to a Casino on Reed and Columbus  
BECAUSE:**

**Traffic:** Columbus Boulevard is already congested with traffic. The current infrastructure cannot handle the influx of vehicles. The applicant estimates the traffic will peak over 80,000 vehicles per day on Columbus Boulevard. Foxwoods Casino recommended adding additional access ramps to I95 from Front Street. The construction would disrupt the community channeling traffic into an 84% residential neighborhood.

**Social Impact:** Increased crime, trash and numerous social problems including addiction, financial decline, family neglect, will cost our neighborhoods, families, schools, children and institutions dearly. Our community cannot handle the damage this casino will cause.

*Please print requested information then add your signature.*

**NAME**

**ADDRESS/ZIP CODE**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL**

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