

# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



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

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

Name: Mr. Dino Rossi	31	
Address:		
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Telephor		
Organization, if any: The CSEEP C	Collaborative	,
Employer:		

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

#### COMMUNITY SELF EMPOWERMENT & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CSEEP)

**JUNE 2, 2006** 

Ms. Nicole Sprague C/O KB Consultants

Dear Ms. Sprague,

The CSEEP Collaborative, which is made up of forty-two Faith Based, Non-Profit and Businesses here in South Philadelphia very strongly supports the proposed Foxwoods Corporation Casino and Entertainment Complex on South Columbus Boulevard for the following reasons:

- 1-Foxwoods will bring life and vitality to a valuable area of South Philadelphia that has been dead for too many years
- 2-Beginning with the nine hundred and fifty in the first cycle, Foxwoods will bring many high quality, well paying, and very much-needed jobs to a South Philadelphia Community where the unemployment rate is still an unacceptable fourteen percent
- 3-In our few but very important meetings so far, Foxwoods has shown that not only are they a very fine Entertainment Corporation with a solid track record, but also they will be a very good Corporate Neighbor because they already are in tune with the real issues and needs of the South Philadelphia Community
- 4-Foxwoods will only improve the Business Climate of South Philadelphia for many years to come as told to us by numerous employers

Respectfully.

Dino L. Rossi

Chairman

Vincent I Termini Sr

Fr. Gary Pacitti

## THE FOLLOWING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT THE FOXWOODS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

#### **FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1-ABVM Parish Community
- 2-Saint Nicholas Parish Community
- 3-Saint Charles Parish Community
- 4-South Philadelphia Baptist Churches Association (17 Members)

#### COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZXATIONS

1-CSEEP, Inc

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- 2-Sunrise, Inc
- 3-CORPP, Inc
- 4-Philadelphia Consumer Council
- 5-United Way of Southeast PA

#### **BUSINES COMMUNITY**

- 1-Termini Gold Medal Pastry
- 2-Mr. Joe's Café
- 3-Methodist Hospital
- 4-PNC Bank
- 5-Hudson United Bank
- 6-TD Banknorth
- 7-Citizens Bank
- 8-Adavanced AV Systems Integration
- 9-7/11
- 10-Modells Sporting Goods
- 11-Beneficial Savings Bank

12-CVS

13-Bayada Nurses

13-Rite Aid

14-Walgreen

15-Bank of America

16-Parish Based Businesses

The CSEEP Collaborative represents approximately 350 , 000 people from the Greater Philadelphia Region

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Thank you

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Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am a resident of South Philadelphia and the proposed Foxwoods Resort Casino will be sited in my community. I look at it this way: this is a commercial site – something will be built here. Foxwoods is proposing a Special Services District, jobs and a plan to help alleviate our traffic nightmares. Who else is going to come in and do all of that?

I look forward to having Foxwoods as a neighbor in South Philadelphia

Sincerely,

Carol DelMastro

May 26, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board P.O. Box 69060 Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I am writing to voice my support of Foxwoods Casino Philadelphia for a casino license.

As a Philadelphian, I am excited about the promise of new restaurants and entertainment options coming to the city. As a resident of South Philadelphia, I believe my community would benefit by having a proven operator like Foxwoods, who will do this project right. We've already seen evidence of this in their approach to traffic mitigation.

Foxwoods has promised to address the traffic issues that have plagued our area for years. They recognize the need to resolve these problems – not just to be a good neighbor, but also because it makes good business sense. If their customers are frustrated driving to the casino and have to wait in traffic, they're not going to come back. Foxwoods has presented a number of ways to help solve these problems, which will benefit all of us.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion on this issue, which will greatly impact both the City and my community. In closing, I think the Foxwoods facility in Connecticut is one of the best on the world, and I would like the Philadelphia casino to be of the same caliber.

Sincerely,

Mark Newell

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

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

I live in South Philadelphia and have heard both sides of the Foxwoods Casino Philadelphia argument. I believe there will be more traffic, but I also believe that Foxwoods has a plan to deal with it – they have to if they want to have repeat customers.

Foxwoods has a great reputation as a casino operator and has an incredible resort in Connecticut. Why not bring that same quality to South Philadelphia? Enough of the IKEAs and Home Depots. The last thing we need is another big box retailer on that site.

Gambling is coming to Philadelphia and Foxwoods is offering some great benefits. We can decide whether we want to accept them as a neighbor – including their offer to financially support the neighborhood through traffic mitigation, senior citizens programs, more city services and new jobs, or we can keep looking at the eyesore that now sits on Columbus Boulevard and wonder what could have been.

Sincerely,

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