

RESOLUTION NO. 5484

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A NEW SOUTH SUBURBAN CASINO

WHEREAS, during the 1980s the Joliet area lost several major employers and had unemployment rates that were among the highest in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Riverboat Gambling Act (230 ILCS 10/1 et seq.) was enacted by the Illinois General Assembly to promote economic development in areas of Illinois that suffered from high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Empress Casino and Harrahs Joliet has provided several thousand new jobs to area workers and has triggered millions of dollars in new business investments in the Joliet City Center and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the gaming and admission tax revenues generated by Empress Casino and Harrahs Joliet are used to support local schools and social service agencies and to fund major economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, the approval of a new south suburban casino would result in job losses for the people of Joliet and would reduce or eliminate City financial assistance provided to students attending local schools and persons served by local social service agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, AS FOLLOWS:

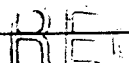
The Mayor and City Council hereby declare their opposition to the approval of a new casino in the southern suburbs of Chicago, including the proposed casino in Lynwood, Illinois, and request that all State and Federal officials representing the Joliet area actively oppose the approval of a new south suburban casino.

PASSED this 4th day of October, 2004.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: MAYOR SCHULTZ and COUNCILMEN BROPHY, GIARRANTE, HACKER, LEDESMA, SHETINA, TURK and UREMOVIC.

VOTING NO: NONE. 

NOT VOTING: COUNCILMAN DORRIS (absent).

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