

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF
OF A GAMBLING CASINO IN THE VILLAGE OF LYNWOOD, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS; the Village of Lansing has a long history of being committed to family values; and

WHEREAS, several years ago, Rosemont and Calumet City were attempting to locate gambling boats within their respective communities, and as an inducement for surrounding communities to show support for these developments Rosemont and Calumet City offered a revenue share agreement and the Village of Lansing chose not to participate in those revenue share agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing has aggressively fought to keep adult-use oriented businesses out of our community, by waging a spirited and successful fight to close a former strip club and adopting an adult-use zoning ordinance that is now a model for other municipalities which restricts adult-use businesses from locating near or residences, churches, schools, parks, and strategic commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing in recent months took a proactive stance by adopting a similar ordinance that further restricts Quasi-adult businesses, such as tattoo parlors from locating near our residences, churches, school, parks and strategic commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Tribe of Wisconsin has publicly announced their intentions to open a land-based casino in the neighboring Village of Lynwood; and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that in order for this land-based casino to be realized, the land in Lynwood must be placed in trust by the Federal Government and a compact must be negotiated with the Governor of Illinois and the Village of Lansing, together with other municipalities, has no jurisdiction in the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Lansing has on numerous occasions received written literature and verbal input from citizens who are opposed to the casino facility currently under consideration in Lynwood, and this information supports the belief that casinos have negative effects upon the communities in which they are located and their surrounding communities and that there is evidence gambling leads to increases in divorce, financial hardships, addictions, crime rates and may have a negative impact on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Lansing has worked extremely hard to promote true economic development within the Village and deems it necessary to protect our economic interests; and

WHEREAS, for many years the Village of Lansing has worked to promote the development of the Lansing Municipal Airport by promoting its status as a reliever airport, and by participating in numerous grants from the Illinois Division of Aeronautics which have resulted in millions of federal and state dollars and improved infrastructure at the airport; and

WHEREAS, these efforts at developing the Lansing Municipal Airport have been realized in the recent past with the construction of new North-South runway, hosting the first overnight stop on the historic 2003 recreation of the National Air Tour, assisting the transportation of national celebrities and being named by the Illinois Division of Aeronautics as the 2003 reliever airport of the year; and

WHEREAS, this attention, coupled with the closing of Meigs field has resulted in more aviation traffic and economic development at the Lansing Municipal Airport, as evidenced by recent lease agreements, requests for proposals, T-hangar construction and business inquiries; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Municipal Airport is housed on approximately 600 acres, and approximately 500 of these acres are in the Village of Lynwood; and

WHEREAS, much of the future economic development on the Lansing Municipal Airport will take place on property that is in the Village of Lynwood, which will necessitate the granting of permits, inspections and planning, zoning, and development approval from the Village of Lynwood; and

WHEREAS, development that occurs on airport property that is in Lynwood has many economic benefits to Lansing, in the form of land lease agreements that are paid directly to the Village of Lansing, and the even greater benefit of true economic development, the result of which is jobs and wages that are reinvested in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Municipal Airport is but one example of a long standing history of cooperation and partnership that the Villages of Lansing and Lynwood share together, and which also includes mutual aid for police, fire and public works; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing, notwithstanding any position taken on the proposed casino in Lynwood, is desirous of maintaining a positive relationship with the Village of Lynwood so that the aforementioned examples of cooperation and partnership may continue; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lansing recently hosted a town hall meeting during which legal counsel of the Ho-Chunk Tribe stated that in the event a casino is built and operated in the Village of Lynwood, the Ho-Chunk Tribe would honor a hold harmless agreement for municipal services and would execute a Municipal Services Agreement, pursuant to which it would reimburse the Village of Lansing for any costs incurred as a result of the casino, including, but not limited to, infrastructure and public safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the Village of Lansing will continue honoring its long standing commitment and support of family values.

Section 2: That the Village of Lansing will continue to promote economic development within all areas of the Village, and specifically, at the Lansing Municipal Airport and that the promotion of such development at the Lansing Municipal Airport would best be served if the level of cooperation and partnership with the Village of Lynwood continues in the same positive manner that currently exists.

Section 3: That the Village of Lansing does not offer our support for the development of a land-based casino in Lynwood.

Section 4: That in the event the land in question is placed in trust by the federal government and the Governor of Illinois agrees to a gambling compact with the Ho-Chunk Tribe, and a casino is built and operated in the Village of Lynwood, the Village of Lansing, in order to protect its financial interests, will pursue all avenues available to offset the expected impact on infrastructure and public safety and welfare.

Section 5: That the Village Board does not cast judgment or condemn any individual, special interest group, municipality, or other governing authority with a different viewpoint, but fully supports the rights for individuals, citizen groups, or churches to express their opinions for or against this proposed development.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing, Illinois on the 16th day of November, 2004.

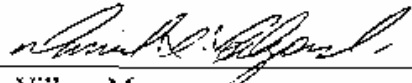
PASSED this 16th day of November, 2004.

AYES: 6 - Ryan, Sciackitano, Eidam, DeLaurentis, Foster, Hoekstra

NAYS: 0

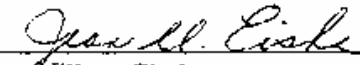
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APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2004.



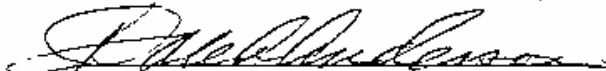
Village Mayor

ATTEST:



Village Clerk

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Village Attorney