

VanDeursen Builders Inc

Business Name

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State

Zip Code

A RESOLUTION AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HO-CHUNK SOUTHLAND ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX IN THE VILLAGE OF LYNWOOD

**WHEREAS**, the Ho-Chunk tribe of Wisconsin, a Federally recognized American Indian Tribe, (hereinafter referred to as "the tribe", has not established the legal requirement of historical presence in Northeast Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has purchased land, or is in the process of purchasing land for the stated purpose of starting class II of class III gambling; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tribe has publicly announced their intentions to open gambling facilities in the community without due process of public hearings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tribe has enlisted the support of U.S. Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., without having said congressman consult, or in any other way ascertaining the position of the community at large, either by public hearings, public meetings, or other normal and customary open-government methods used in obtaining citizen comment and ascent for large scale developments which have the potential to permanently disrupt the fabric of our larger community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tribe has conducted meeting with officials of surrounding communities to garner support without the knowledge and consent of those governed by said officials, thereby effectively shutting off opportunities for citizen, corporate and business input; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tribe's proposed facility will operate a large-scale, highly disruptive development, which has the potential to leave the communities affected no avenue for local control or regulation whatsoever; and,

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have shown the detrimental effects that gambling has on families, businesses, communities, and with the advent of gambling and casinos to a community comes increased crime and burdens to the surrounding communities as well; and,

**WHEREAS**, VanDeursen Builders, and its Board of Directors, after hearing and reviewing information presented to it from people who are opposed to the casino facility currently under consideration by local and federal officials, and who have presented information showing that this or any other casino would damage the community, negatively affect surrounding businesses and corporations, including ours, and would not be beneficial to the extent of the representations made by the tribe or their representatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, VanDeursen Builders, and its Board of Directors have formed the

opinion that the aforementioned proposed casino and entertainment complex would not be in the best interests of this corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Van Deursen Builders, and its Board of Directors, duly assembled, resolves as follows:

1. That no casino, gaming facility, or any other gambling operation either Class II, or Class III, as proposed by the Ho-Chunk tribe, or any other entity, be constructed or allowed to operate in the Village of Lynwood.

2. That no license or permit be issued by the United States of America, or the State of Illinois that would allow the tribe or other entities to open a proposed gambling facility in the town of Lynwood.

3. That the Board of Directors of, Van Deursen Builders, now hereby authorizes its corporate secretary to, and hereby directs said corporate secretary to immediately forward copies of this Resolution by U.S. Mail to the following:

- The President of the United States of America
- Governor Rod Blagojevich of the State of Illinois
- U.S Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert
- U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
- U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald
- U.S. Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr.
- The Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Illinois Senate President Emil Jones
- Illinois Speaker of the House Mike Madigan
- Each member of the Cook County Board
- Village of Lynwood
- Village, Town or City of South Holland, IL

(each business location)

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20 day of Sept., 2004

APPROVED

Norm Van Deursen

President

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