

From: [Effie Campbell](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:07:40 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am vehemently opposed to a casino in Nassau County. A casino will negatively impact Uniondale and the surrounding communities. A casino will bring crime, human trafficking and drunk driving to the area as well as increase traffic on our congested roads. I do not support giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County is a beautiful and desirable place to live. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over our property. Please do not give the Sands a lease which paves the way to bring a casino to our County.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Nassau County and its residents.

Sincerely,

Effie Neofitos Campbell
Garden City

From: [Pat Coviello](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: casino We do not need any vice in our county. We dont need more congestion in the county this brings illegal activity into our county
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:03:44 PM

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From: [Joanne Pomponio](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Coliseum
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:09:46 PM

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I do not want Sands to come here- crime is up and this will cause Nassau county to become a crime infested place
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bernadine Brown](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Goodbye , Sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:55:34 PM

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Do not be bullied by County Executive

Blackman into signing the lease to bring Sands into Nassau County. It seems that he has persuaded a number of Nassau County officials to forge ahead with his ill conceived and illegal ban on trans athletes use of county facilities. Do not support his stubborn insistence on having a disreputable Corporation sucking money from hard-working Nassau residents. Sands can pay the county millions because they will be pulling in billions from vulnerable folks , many of whom will become addicted and potentially lose their homes and incomes. Moreover, all country residents, already burdened by traffic jams , will suffer the inevitable consequence of air pollution, a drain on water resources, and the crime that always follows casinos . Do not gamble with our futures . Say no to the casino or we will say no to you on Election Day.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Peter Clark](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:59:16 PM

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As a resident of East Meadow in close proximity to the proposed casino, I adamantly oppose this plan. I was stationed in Las Vegas for 6 years and saw first hand the type of people and problems the smaller casinos brought into the surrounding communities. East Meadow is a quiet, safe and family first type of community. This casino will bring in drugs, dangerous roads (DUI/DWI), prostitution and other elements our community does not deserve to deal with.

I vote NO

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Hasteadt](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:32:55 PM

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No casino. Brings crime and people lose control. It milks the middle class. No casino or NO you. You are fired.

J. R. Hasteadt

Wantagh

From: [Russell Martilla](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:48:47 PM

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We in Nassau County don't need or want this. We don't need the crime, drugs or excess traffic.

Russell Martilla
Hicksville NY 11801

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

From: [Syed Bukhari](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino in our neighborhood
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:46:14 AM

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Hello,

I have been a resident of Nassau County, Town of Hempstead for several years, I have two kids and one of them is studying at Hofstra University. I am deeply concerned about the proposed casino project in our community and I oppose the idea of casino in our neighborhood.

A casino in this suburban area poses numerous risks. Its proximity to educational institutions like Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and Kellenberg High School is alarming. These environments should be safe and conducive to learning, not exposed to the temptations of gambling.

Moreover, the introduction of a casino is likely to lead to a surge in criminal activities associated with gambling, such as drunk driving, drug trafficking, and various forms of personal and property crime. Our neighborhoods, already facing heavy traffic, will struggle with increased congestion, exacerbating air pollution and disrupting daily life.

Local businesses could suffer as the casino draws patrons away, potentially leading to economic decline in the area. Additionally, the long-term financial implications could burden taxpayers as the costs of managing these impacts rise.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose the establishment of a casino in our county. We must protect our community and Say No to the Casino.

Sincerely,
Syed Bukhari

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Victoria Demerliotis](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino!
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:50:45 PM

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We do not need this in Nassau county, the traffic is already abysmal and it's not smart to put it next to two colleges and a health care facility. It will bring more crime and lower property values in the area. I am completely against this casino.
Victoria

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Cassino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:37:13 AM

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Hello,

My family and I have lived in Nassau County for over 30 years. The possibility of a casino coming to us would cause many severe problems affecting everyone who lives here.

The suburban location is extremely close to schools such as Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and Kellenberg High School, targeting students to partake in activities such as gambling. A casino will increase the likelihood of crime due to gambling, such as drunk driving, drug trafficking, personal assaults, gang activity, home burglary, etc. Traffic will increase in an already densely populated area, disrupting lives and increasing air pollution as well. The casino will create economic loss for local businesses and eventually increase costs to taxpayers.

This is why I oppose this lease, we must Say No To The Casino.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [limeo](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:18:44 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a life long resident of Long Island and I opposed a gambling casino. I am concerned of traffic, crime, prostitution, gambling addictions, drugs, and poverty that is evident in other areas like Atlantic City and Vegas.

Just don't.

Thanks

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Danielle Kunz](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:37:33 AM

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed casino in our community. I believe it will have negative impacts on our area, including increased crime rates, social problems, and economic disadvantages.

Casinos often lead to higher rates of crime and addiction, which threaten our community's safety. I am a mother of three small children who live directly in the area. The increase crime rate and DWI's is most alarming to me. Not to mention the increased traffic and overall congestion on Stewart Ave and Old Country Road is already a nightmare. Consequently, I would avoid that area and would not want to shop local.

Moreover, a casino does not align with our community's character and values. We should prioritize the long-term well-being and integrity of our community over short-term financial gains.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Danielle Kunz
Mother & Garden City Resident

From: [Ed Balady](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO THE CASINO IN NASSAU COUNTY
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 4:17:44 PM
Importance: High

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Please do not put a casino in Nassau County.

There are many reason to not place a Casino anywhere in the central Nassau area.

- 1- Gambling destroys families.
- 2- It contributes to poverty.
- 3- It will bring criminals, drugs and prostitution to the area and to all the surrounding neighborhoods.
- 4- It will add enormous traffic to an already overwhelmingly busy traffic area.
- 5- It will create more pollution.
- 6- It will draw down our services and resources whether in energy consumption, water consumption, garbage collection and all other civic services.
- 7-CASINOS DESTROY NEIGHBORHOODS.

A CASINO WILL

DEESTROY NASSAU!

Ed Balady,
A Nassau Resident,
Husband,
Father,

Business Owner,
And a Standup Citizen who worries about the well-being and future of his
family and community.



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From: [laurie burke](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO!
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:03:47 PM

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As a lifelong Garden City resident, I have seen many changes to our beautiful beloved community. The worst change I have ever witnessed is your proposed lease and disgusting low level casino . . . It does not belong here; none of us want your dirty betting business ruining the upscale , wholesome lifestyles we continue to work so hard to preserve. There is a tremendous yet too quiet majority ready to combat your nefarious intention of bringing in unhealthy casino lifestyles and a criminal element certain to harm our children. Cease and desist your war against Garden City; your plans are not good for the hard earned lives we have built for decades...You are not our friends and we know it!

Sincerely, Laurie Colahan Burke
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anum Quadri](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say no to casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:31:02 PM

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This is why I oppose this lease, we must Say No To The Casino.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sabra Haque](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:43:38 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new casino in Nassau County. As a concerned resident of over 25 years, I believe that the introduction of a casino would have detrimental effects on our community's well-being and quality of life.

Firstly, the presence of a casino is likely to increase the rates of gambling addiction among our residents. This can lead to severe financial and personal hardships for individuals and families, ultimately straining our local social services and support systems. The long-term impact on mental health and community cohesion cannot be overlooked.

Additionally, I am worried about the potential increase in crime rates and traffic congestion that often accompany such establishments. Our town prides itself on being a safe and peaceful place to live, and the introduction of a casino could compromise this. I urge you and the other county officials to consider these significant concerns and to prioritize the well-being of our residents. There are other, more sustainable ways to foster economic growth in our town that do not carry such high social costs.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I hope you will join me in opposing this proposal and preserving the character and integrity of our community.

Say No To The Casino

Sabra Haque
East Meadow
NY 11554.

From: [Rizwan Haque](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:40:56 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to build a casino in Nassau County. As a resident of Nassau County for 30 years, I firmly believe a casino would cause numerous severe problems affecting not only myself but the entire community.

The potential casino's suburban location, close to schools such as Hofstra University, California Avenue Elementary School, Nassau Community College, and Kellenburg High School, is particularly troubling. Close proximity could lead to issues such as increased gambling, drunk driving incidents, drug activity, and gang activity.

A casino's presence would inevitably lead to a surge in traffic in the area, which is already densely populated. This increase in traffic would disrupt the lives of everyday Nassau County residents due to extended commute times, noise pollution, and air pollution.

Local businesses near the casino may experience economic losses due to the diversion of customers away from their establishments and towards the casino. Moreover, the casino's operations would lead to increased costs for taxpayers, further burdening the community.

This is why I am firmly opposed to this lease and stand with the campaign to reject the casino, "Say No To The Casino".

Sincerely,
a concerned resident of Nassau County.

Rizwan Haque
East Meadow,
NY 11554.

From: [Marc A. Aracena](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say NO to the casino
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:05:54 PM

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To our elected officials,
Do not allow the development of a casino in our community or near the vicinity of our community.

We don't need that kind of low class vice in our neighborhood. It attracts crime, drug activity, turf wars among gangs and dealers, etc. I understand it will bring jobs however it shouldn't come at the expense of the community's well being and sanctity.

The casino will tax our water and power resources. The traffic alone will be unwelcome and congest our small streets. Will their casino generate its own power!?

And you want to lease the land for 100 years! With what conditions and oversight? What will disqualify the lease if they don't meet certain guidelines and safeguards for the community???

These need to be answered. Don't sell out to Sands. If they hurt our community WE guarantee it will hurt you at the polls.

The Aracena Family
East Meadow NY

From: [Hamza Haque](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:00:10 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new casino in Nassau County. As a concerned resident of over 20 years, I believe that the introduction of a casino would have detrimental effects on our community's well-being and quality of life.

Firstly, the presence of a casino is likely to increase the rates of gambling addiction among our residents. This can lead to severe financial and personal hardships for individuals and families, ultimately straining our local social services and support systems. The long-term impact on mental health and community cohesion cannot be overlooked.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I hope you will join me in opposing this proposal and preserving the character and integrity of our community.

Say No To The Casino

From: [Arthur Mackey](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:07:57 AM

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NO TO CASINO AT COLISEUM SITE!!!: The proposed construction of a casino at the site of Nassau Veterans Coliseum in the predominantly Black and Brown community of Uniondale, New York, would be a destructive decision that could negatively impact neighboring Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Nassau. Casinos have long-term colleagues such as gambling addiction, crime, and prostitution, that are not in the best interest of the residents of Nassau County, the students at Hofstra University, and Nassau Community College. As well as the struggling cancer patients at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Nassau. This effort could rob, rape, and ruin the lives of many broken, battered, and bruised Nassau County residents, students from home and abroad, and cancer patients, fighting the forward fight to survive.

Efforts to weaken the Black and Brown vote through redistricting in America's largest township, the Town of Hempstead, and one of America's richest counties, Nassau County, literally adds insult to injury. The corrupt trinity of environmental racism, classism, and sexism, baptized in pure greed wants possession of the very soul of our beloved township and county. The concerned residents of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County must stand up, speak up, and seriously fight the forward fight for our future and survival.

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Pastor Arthur L. Mackey Jr.
Senior Pastor
Mount Sinai Baptist Church Cathedral
[REDACTED]
Roosevelt, New York, 11575
[REDACTED] #NoToCasinoAtColiseumSite
Catch The Vision of Victory & Never Give Up!!!

From: [Laura Fitzgerald](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 4:24:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Laura Fitzgerald

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alicia Marciano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:44:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Alicia Marciano

From: [Tom Marasco](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino Lease
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:53:04 AM
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To all whom it may concern,
Nassau County Officials:

Please note that as a Nassau County resident and local homeowner, I am vehemently opposed to a lease agreement being granted for a casino in Uniondale (or anywhere else in Nassau County)!

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

Sincerely,
Tommaso Marasco
Westbury NY



TOM MARASCO
Managing Partner



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From: [Frances Posillico](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino Lease
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:54:23 AM

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Sincerely,
Frances Posillico
Westbury NY
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Sands Casino Lease
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:56:06 AM

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Sincerely,
Franca Marasco
Westbury NY

From: [JoAnne Thacker](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Operating Lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:13:11 PM

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Sincerely,
JoAnne Thacker

[REDACTED]

From: [wong kenni](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No to the Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:55:56 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am firmly against granting Las Vegas Sands a 42-year operating lease that would give them "site control" over the 72-acre County-owned property that includes the Coliseum. This lease would allow Sands to shut down the Coliseum after just two years, which appears to be a clear attempt to tie up the property and eliminate any development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents do not support the idea of a casino, nor do we want to hand over control of our property to Las Vegas Sands.

From: [Andy Wong](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:54:44 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to granting Las Vegas Sands a 42-year operating lease that would grant them "site control" over the 72-acre parcel of County-owned land, including the Coliseum. This lease would allow Sands to close the Coliseum after just two years, which seems to be a blatant attempt to monopolize the property and block all other development options aside from a casino. The residents of Nassau County do not want a casino, nor do we want to cede control of our property to Las Vegas Sands.

From: [Anita Tufano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 5:23:13 PM

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Sincerely,

Ralph & Anita Tufano

[REDACTED]
East Meadow, NY

From: [maria shore](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No to the Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:25:26 PM

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There are too many negatives if a casino is allowed here. Most significantly is that too many college students nearby will be attracted to gambling, and our area will be less attractive to homebuyers, reducing the value of our homes. There are only two negatives about the casino among many other problems that will arise.

Maria Shore
[REDACTED]

From: [Michele King](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No to the Casino!!!!
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:30:18 PM

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Sincerely,

Michele King

From: [Dwayne Thacker](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Saying "NO" to the Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:33:12 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

As a concerned citizen of Nassau County and a homeowner in East Meadow, just blocks away from the Nassau Coliseum, I want to tell you I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42-year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72-acre parcel of County-owned land that includes the Coliseum. The proposed lease allows Sands to close the Coliseum after only two years. This appears to be a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents do not want a casino near their homes and their children's schools. We do not want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Please vote your conscience; would you want to raise your kids next to a casino?

Sincerely,
Dwayne Thacker
East Meadow

From: [Meta Mereday](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Cc: [Meta Mereday](#)
Subject: SAYING NO TO THE CASINO!!
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:47:07 AM

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My Public Comment for June 20th Hearing

Although it is clear that the political fix seems to be in and the idea that over-stretched tax payers in Nassau County – and not paid operatives and misinformed residents with no skin or blood, sweat and tears in this game - would be able to appeal to the Planning Commission to request a more conducive secondary plan that would benefit the county and its residents versus the proposed project with a casino that would only exacerbate growing conditions in this area from gambling and drug addiction to trafficking and child neglect.

If you have not picked up my feelings by now, I am making them plain - I AM AGAINST THE CASINO! I am also tired of the nepotism, patronage and cronyism with the back room deals that are permeating this county in particular and choking the life out of good people who just want to live here and get some benefit from the high property taxes we pay. Instead, we have projects that we need that cannot be built on time or on budget – (Family Court Building) and infrastructure that is already compromised with no real repairs in site (3 sets of sink holes in Baldwin and Oceanside) and let's talk about the spread of the Grumman plume and its toxic meeting point with the tainted waters rife with Dioxane right at the site for this fiasco, oops, I mean casino.

Think about the theft and corruption with the Sandy funds and the clear misuse of ARP funds.

Nassau County surpasses major cities including Chicago and New Orleans with the number of political officials who are or were in jail! This is a plan that will fail and we will have to pay the price. Just ask the families on the South Shore still paying for homes that are not finished post-Sandy and the developers living large on their money!

It is a sad joke to believe that the voices of the opposition will be heard when the big boss in Westbury has already deemed this casino to be the next cash cow for the party leadership and their friends. I cannot waste my time by showing up so you all can make a side show of a serious matter because the facts that support this casino NOT BEING BUILT in Uniondale are clear and significant, but that does not matter. Losing lawsuits at the expense of taxpayers means nothing to the person at the top at 1550 but he too is not in charge. Spreading misinformation about the benefits of a casino and its purported boost to the county's coffers is laughable because the alleged "\$100,000 jobs line for all" isn't true when the median income for casino workers is less than \$40,000. Those few who would be making the high-end

dollars are already selected from the family members of the patrons and donors. Everyone else will still be living in someone's illegal basement apartment or with their parents barely getting by. That is the reality of casino enterprises. Please show me a community near a casino with an empowered middle class versus low to middle income residents barely getting by or living in an area that DOES NOT have the high taxes or cost of living as we have in Nassau County. But then Nassau County underpays its veteran service officers so if we cannot pay those who help our military heroes and sheroes I cannot expect much difference for casino workers.

The added strain on our police department will only increase costs for overtime and increase the stresses that many of our law enforcement are already facing which is causing them to seek alternatives such as drugs and alcohol and, in increasing number, suicide!

But your vote is already cast, and you are going through the motions for the show. You have bought the super sweet Kool-Aid and we will be stuck with another lemon and major "OOPS" moment as we are waiting for the final tally for this cricket tournament that will include the police overtime, additional security, property damage and underestimated revenue and probable lawsuits for injuries caused on an inadequate pitch for the games themselves. Again, Nassau County was overcharged and under-served at the expense of the taxpayers. The ever-increasing litigation fund is beginning to surpass the revenue of many countries! And while the cricket match was set up in rapid time, an essential park in Roosevelt probably won't be finished BEFORE THE summer is over. So, those residents will be without a facility for recreation while the County Executive touts how he is interested in bringing tourists to the County.

Again, I am AGAINST THE CASINO, but never against development that would create jobs, housing and inclusive opportunities and real jobs for all! Healthcare is the number one industry on Long Island. We are home to the largest veteran population in this region and manufacturing, research and bio tech are key drivers for the future - NOT TAKING MONEY FOR GAMBLING! You will get more high paying jobs in R&D, Technology and Healthcare in addition to addressing a need that will keep our young people here.

I started by saying that your votes have already been decided and this may be a waste of time but at the end of the day it is like Henry Ford who said, " When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." So here I am adding my two cents as a proud, second generation alum of Hofstra University! The Blue and Gold took the fight to the courts and won! No surprise, because Nassau County's track record with lawsuits are abysmal, but when your friends, who may have their licenses revoked but can still consult for law firms, can still benefit at the hands of the hard working taxpayers.

Lastly, what a sad testament to our veterans for whom the original coliseum was built. Many

of them would not be able to go to the casino because of the PTSD that this country has failed to effectively address thus the rise in suicides among our veteran population which is now at 44 A DAY! Telling the public that a monument would be put up in the facility as a tribute to our veterans is just another slap in the face of those who paid the ultimate price. But that is how it is done here in Nassau County. Our hard working veteran services agency operates in a space that resembles a double wide trailer cut in half and sitting side to side. That is an embarrassment that should be rectified immediately versus spending more time and money for a project that is an economical, environmental, logistical NIGHTMARE!

So, I am SAYING NO TO THE CASINO! And you should too! Think about the people who will be harmed now and well into the future! It starts with you! It is up to you to get it right.

In the interest of real public comment and community empowerment,

Meta J. Mereday

From: [bernt49](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Stop Casino Development
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 2:22:04 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission, I am bitterly opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away “site control” for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Sincerely,

Taormina family

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Stop lease to Sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:40:15 PM

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Sincerely,

Patrick Dowden

[REDACTED]
Garden City, NY 11530

From: jos76 (null)
To: ncpc
Subject: Casino
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 1:13:56 PM

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Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

Sincerely,
Jeanne O'Sullivan

From: [Patricia hayes](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:28:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Patricia Hayes

[REDACTED]
Stewart Manor, NY 11530
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCPC](#)
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Dear NCPC,

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 41 year operating lease that gives away site control for the 72 acre parcel of county owned land that includes the coliseum. The lease allows the sands to close the coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino.

Nassau county residents don't want a casino and we don't give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Sincerely,

Gerri & Lou Balestrieri

From: [ios76 \(null\)](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
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Members of the Planning Commission,

Let me first say that I do not envy your position. The decision to support or to oppose the largest development project in Nassau County's history — with generational consequences for our safety, the values of our homes, the air we breathe and more — is a massive responsibility.

There is no doubt extreme pressure from special interest groups (the "few") working hard to drown out to voices of the millions who would be directly and negatively impacted by the Casino (the "many").

I write today in strong opposition to the development of the massive Sands casino adjacent to several vulnerable communities surrounding the "Nassau Hub". Those communities include the residential areas of Uniondale, Roosevelt and Hempstead with well documented issues of poor air quality and what I believe to be Nassau County's "Educational Hub" including Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Kellenberg High School, Uniondale High School among others.

I think all would agree that it would be unconscionable for the Nassau County to support such a project if the majority of our local community opposes it. Based on the scoping work collected by the Town of Hempstead, 90% of our community opposes this project.

My opposition to the Sands casino rests on several points:

Sands Casino would be a horrible deal for Nassau County and the ToH. The casino of this magnitude (23,000 visitors a day / 365) undoubtedly brings incremental crime, horrific traffic and other long term negative externalities to the county (gambling addiction, drug addiction, DUIs etc). The presence of casino-related negative externalities are supported by empirical data. The only counter argument to pursuing such a project is that the "benefits outweigh the costs". For Nassau County, a thriving residential, academic and commercial community with ~3.0% unemployment, the increase in tax revenue and perhaps employment would neither stand alone as a justification for the casino, nor offset the long term increases in costs borne from the consequences of such an under-taking in terms of direct costs (public safety, infrastructure) and longer term implications (services to treat drug, alcohol, gambling addition, etc)

Sands will take from the (mostly) poor, pay taxes (mostly) to New York State and leave the majority of the baggage (pollution, DUIs, gambling addition impacting our friends and family members etc) on our nearby communities.

Proposed site in Nassau county is an irresponsible and predatory location for a casino. Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Kellenberg, Uniondale High Schools all

stand in close proximity to the proposed Casino site. This area of Nassau County is literally where we allow our children and young people to learn and grow and yet the highest risk for gambling addiction is young people ages 18-24.

How could we expose the most easily influenced segments of our population to such a negative influence? Is this the definition of “investing in our future” that our elected officials want to be associated with as they seek reelection in future years? Additionally, it has been documented that the poorest air quality in the county sits in surrounding areas to the proposed Casino site including areas such as Uniondale and Roosevelt. It is predatory to expose these lower income communities to the impacts of further degraded air quality.

Allowing Sands to build their predatory Casino in the Nassau Hub would be a horrible deal for now and for the future of Nassau County.

Jeanne O’Sullivan

From: [Jodi Luce](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:17:54 AM

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Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

Sincerely,

Jodi Luce

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From: [Patricia Vallely](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:05:51 AM

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Sincerely,
Patricia Vallely Ramos

From: [Emily Kramer](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:24:08 PM

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Sincerely,

Emily Kramer
Sent from my iPhone

From: [John Michael Clark](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino comments
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:08:59 AM

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Dear Messrs. Shapiro, Greenfield and Lewis, Chairs, NCPC:

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Sincerely,
John M Clark

[REDACTED]
Wantagh, NY 11793
[REDACTED]

From: [Noreen Norcini](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino lease
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 8:30:51 AM

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Sincerely,

Noreen Norcini

From: [Kristin Danko](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Opposition
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:41:47 AM

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Sincerely,
Kristin Danko

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From: [Allison Stone](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino opposition
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Sincerely, Allison Stone

From: [Carol Giordano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Coliseum
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:36:28 AM

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Sincerely
Carol Giordano

From: [GK LK](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Coliseum Lease
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 3:24:50 PM

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Please accept this comment in opposition to the proposed lease agreement between the county and LV Sands for the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. LV Sands stated goal is to construct an enormous casino at this site and I am against any measure that brings them closer to that goal.

That the county would allow, much less support, a mega casino being built in a wholly unsuitable location given it's immediate proximity to Hofstra, NCC, a proposed medical center, a standing cancer treatment center, and a suburban neighborhood is absurd. That our county would do so without an economic impact study to determine the true long-term costs to our community is a malpractice of governance. The county will be paid millions allowing LV Sands to extract billions from our local economy.

Please put an end to this insanity now and make a negative recommendation to the county legislature.

Yours truly,
George Krug
[REDACTED]
Garden City, NY 11530

From: [Phyllis Nielsen](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Coliseum
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 8:19:26 AM

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Nielsen

[REDACTED]
Malverne, NY. 11565
[REDACTED]

From: [Rich Catalano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposed Lease with Las Vegas Sands
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:54:03 PM

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

Before you vote on this lease agreement, I request each of the members to ask themselves some very important questions.

1) The Sands casino plans to take in more than \$2 billion a year in gambling losses. That is \$2 billion dollars that will no longer be spent in our local restaurants and downtowns. Have you considered the negative implications to our local businesses from this massive diversion of discretionary dollars?

2) Have you read the Spectrum Consulting report that NYS had prepared to assess the economic impact of opening three new casinos? The report concluded that \$1.7 billion of gambling losses would come from "latent demand". That is a fancy consulting term that means if you make a casino more accessible, more people will lose more of their hard earned dollars. And more people will become problem gamblers.

3) Most of those gambling losses will be Nassau County residents and a large portion of those losses will come from problem gamblers based on multiple studies. Is this the way you want the County to raise tax revenues - on the backs of problem gamblers?

4) All vices create jobs - whether it be drug trafficking, selling alcohol, human trafficking or gambling. Ask yourself, are these the types of jobs you want to create for the next generation of Long Islanders?

5) Have any of you read even one economic study on the potential impacts of this casino on our community? While casino proponents highlight the jobs that are created, we currently do not have a shortage of jobs, we have a shortage of labor – our unemployment rate is at a record low of 3% - that is considered full employment by all economists, you cannot go much lower. Casinos may possibly make sense for very economically depressed communities like Bethlehem PA, but that is not Nassau County.

6) Have any of you visited the nocasinonassau.org website to learn about the many harmful aspects a casino would bring to our community?

7) Finally, each of you knows that casinos sell lots of alcohol onsite and often give free drinks to many of its visitors. Are you prepared for the morning you wake up to read in Newsday about innocent lives being lost by a drunk driver leaving the mega casino? Won't you think "I could have prevented this tragedy if only I had the guts to vote NO back in summer of 2024"?

Thank you for listening and I hope you will consider the questions I have posed to you and vote NO on the lease at your next meeting.

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Rich Catalano, resident of Garden City

From: [Lynn Krug](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Comments on the Proposed Lease to LV SANDS
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:30:13 PM

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To: Members of the Nassau County Planning Commission

Though the lease at hand is “only” for LV Sands (“LVS”) to control and operate the Nassau Coliseum, it’s clearly intended to reinforce LVS’s position to apply for a casino license. It’s in that context that I am writing to you.

As our Planning Commission, Nassau County residents rely on you for your expertise and vision to ensure that publicly-owned property is put to its best use and highest purpose. If Planning Commission members were asked years ago whether “highest purpose” included the country’s second-largest casino, I doubt that any of you would have agreed.

The Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum is surrounded by reasons why a casino doesn’t belong there: A university, a community college, a cancer treatment center, a densely populated suburban neighborhood, a nature preserve, a beautiful county park, and a museum row catering to children and families surround this space. A high school is also a short walk away. A huge hospital is being planned for the adjacent property. Each of these adjoining entities on their own is reason enough that an establishment that glorifies gambling is wholly inappropriate for that space.

Furthermore, I am opposed to giving this lease to LVS for the following reasons:

1. Why does the lease give LVS the right to control the property for 42 years but LVS can cancel the lease whenever they want? No lease agreement ever gives one party a unilateral right to cancel a lease agreement.
2. What does the phrase "Transition Payments" mean? Doesn't this phrase tell you that this lease is meant to "transition" to another lease where Sands can operate a massive casino?
3. The objective of this lease is to help LVS win a casino license since LVS could claim to the Location Board that they control the property. If the Planning Commission approves this lease, the Commission would be aiding and abetting LVS in winning a casino license. Nassau County should not be assisting any corporation in winning a casino license especially given that the environmental impact study is nowhere near completion.

Casino operations have a history of underperforming financially as reported by our NY State Comptroller. Just this month, the New York Post editorial board

recommended strongly against any new casinos being built in the state since they are known to be financial and social burdens to their communities. In their words, new casino licenses are “among the worst ideas yet to come from our legislative overlords”.

I ask members of our Planning Commission to show vision and political courage. This is the wrong project for that site. I urge you to recommend against this obvious giveaway and to protect the residents of this County.

Submitted by:

Lynn Krug



From: [Dana Eaton](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Completely Against The CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:46:20 PM

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Digested Resident,

Dana Eaton
Certified Real Estate Appraiser
Nassau Appraisal Services, Inc.

[REDACTED]

From: [Hoesl, Gregory](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: FW: NC Planning Commission meeting on 6/20/2024 -Casino Lease
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:36:29 AM

See below.

Greg Hoesl
Dept. of Public Works, Planning Division
1194 Prospect Ave., Westbury, N.Y. 11590
GHoesl@nassaucountyny.gov
(516) 571-1752

From: Peter Gaffney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Hoesl, Gregory <GHoesl@nassaucountyny.gov>
Subject: NC Planning Commission meeting on 6/20/2024 -Casino Lease

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Hi Greg,

At last weeks NC Planning Commission meeting on 6/20/2024, several commission members were not present, when I provided my two cents worth regarding their potential Casino lease vote,

Please pass along to all commissioners; they need to consider the past history of Las Vegas Sands Corporation business. When it does not meet their requirements, all of their companies tenancy is to bail and sell off legal obligations.

This does not make LV Sands Corporation a good tenant.

Remember, Las Vegas Sands Corporation is a publicly traded company and works for the shareholders and the Adelson family only. **Not** Nassau County residents.

Thanks,

Pete

Pete Gaffney
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Fw: Sands Casino Lease
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Sincerely,
Francesco Marasco
Westbury NY

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Fw: Sands Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:17:45 PM

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Sincerely,
Margaret & Philip Volz

[REDACTED]
Garden City, NY 11530

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[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

From: [Vasu Krishnamurthy](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: I am opposed to casinos in Nassau County
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:39:56 PM

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am a long time resident of Manhasset. I would like to register my strong opposition to the approval of any casinos in Nassau County.

Research is unambiguous that casinos hurt local economies:

1. Average salaries in casinos are less than \$50,000. This is well below Nassau county average.
2. Most gambling activity is done by local residents and the billions of dollars of losses they incur will suck spending out of the local economy.
3. Casinos hurt local restaurants and other retail establishments

Research is also very clear that casinos lead to higher crime, addiction, and sex trafficking. The increase in traffic will be terrible for our environment.

These negative consequences are not what we need in proximity to our family friendly communities across the county.

Please use your wise judgement to turn down this proposal being advanced by special interests that do not care about the residents of Nassau County.

Regards,

Vasu Krishnamurthy

From: [Cristina Kilberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: I Oppose the plan for a Casino in Nassau County
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:00:33 PM

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I don’t understand why this seems to be the only plan right now - Nassau county can come up with new innovative ideas that don’t rely on casino monies. Please respect the feelings of the people who live in this area.

Sincerely,
Cristina Kilberg
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Las Vegas sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:29:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Alison Brita

From: [Laura Nuzzi](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Las Vegas Sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:46:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Laura Nuzzi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: LAS VEGAS SANDS LEASE will be a DISASTER
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:19:06 AM

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To Nassau County Decision makers.

As a resident of Nassau County in close proximity to the Nassau Coliseum site, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed lease transfer to the LAS VEGAS SANDS corporation.

This is a public company that is concerned first and foremost with PROFITS.

If this corporations intentions and success ratios were so positive then how come they have not expanded or developed further in the US.

Apparently they have 7 properties worldwide : 5 in Macao 1 in Singapore and the original in Las Vegas Nevada.

They are all monstrous properties, integrated resorts or as they call it a city within a city. [Properties - New Resort Hotel Developments | Las Vegas Sands](#)

This would be fine out in rural Suffolk or Upstate NY, but Nassau County does NOT need another city in it's already congested, overburdened streets.

The scale of their projects is just TOO big for the property size.

Why was the lease not put out for public bid for other companies to bid on it?

Isn't that a legal requirement for municipalities?

Signing a lease agreement with this company that has NOT proven itself anywhere else in the US, is NOT in the best interest of the Nassau residents that voted you in to office.

Do the right thing, even if that means going against your party affiliations and don't be bought off. Stick by your conscience.

Sincerely

Patricia White

**Properties - New Resort Hotel Developments |
Las Vegas Sands**

Our properties around the world have transformed the regions where we operate by accelerating tourism and contri...

From: [Alexandra Fiore](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Las Vegas Sands Opposition
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:33:42 PM

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Sincerely,

Alex Monte
[REDACTED]

From: [Maureen Liantonio](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Lease agreement
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 10:44:50 AM

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Sincerely,
Maureen Liantonio

From: [melanie fitzgerald](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Lease for the Sands
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:20:19 AM

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Good morning,

As a lifelong resident of Nassau County I send this email to advise you of my opposition to giving Las Vegas Sands ("Sands") a 42 year operating lease that gives away site control for that 72 acre parcel of land currently owned by Nassau County. This parcel includes the site of the Coliseum.

The lease as presented allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after 2 years.

What is the benefit of that? How do the residents of Nassau County benefit from this?

This appears to be a thinly veiled attempt to tie up the property and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Why should the Sands have CONTROL over this property?

Why is Nassau County a party to this?

I hope you listen to the residents of Nassau County- we pay our taxes and we deserve honestly, clarity and transparency in this process.

Thank you.
Melanie A. FitzGerald

From: [Gilda Taormina](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Nassau Coliseum
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:40:12 PM

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Sincerely, Mr & Mrs Harris Taormina

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christine Fiore](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Nassau Coliseum -Proposed Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 10:01:01 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

My first question is will you read this email? My second question is are you in any way being influenced by the amount of money exchanging hands for this operating lease to be approved? Corruption is everywhere and if you are it will eventually become public knowledge. Not to mention the consequences you and your families will endure. Are you for the residents that care and who will most widely effected ?

I am totally opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease on the Nassau Coliseum. The proposed lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after two years and build a gambling casino. This in my opinion stymies all ideas to alternative development.

Nassau County residents don't want a gambling casino. Leave it in Atlantic City and Las Vegas where it belongs.

Sincerely,

Louis Fiore

Sent from my iPad

From: [Steven Weinberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Nassau County / Sands Casino Lease Agreement
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 3:24:24 PM
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I understand that today is the deadline for public comment to the proposed lease agreement between the County and Sands Casino. As a resident of Nassau County, I urge the NCPC to reject the proposed uses for the proposed Nassau County / Sands Casino Lease Agreement.

First and foremost, this is not the best use of the Nassau Coliseum site that is central to the heart of Nassau County. The health and economic consequences to and impact of crime on the residents of the immediate neighboring communities in the vicinity of casinos are directly consequential and apparent when the NCPC looks at the neighborhoods affected by casinos elsewhere in New York and neighboring states such as Connecticut and New Jersey.

The winner for generations to come will be the Casino. The consideration to be paid by Sands should be weighed against the tangible and intangible economic costs to the residents of the neighboring communities and the costs to the County for the health, socio-economic and criminal costs of gambling especially upon low or moderate income neighborhoods that who's residents may least afford the negative impacts of a casino.

I would urge the NCPC to look at and consider the projections casino companies have made and the actual job creation, sales tax revenue stream, health consequences of gambling addiction, crime, and the actual economic effect on communities and their residents where casinos have been established before determining whether such a permitted use should be allowed for the Sands Casino and the neighboring communities in Nassau County.

Thank you,



Steven Weinberg

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From: [Eliz McCoy](#)
To: [Nassau Hub](#)
Subject: [Nassau Hub](#)
Date: [Friday, June 28, 2024 4:38:28 PM](#)

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commissioners:

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- Neal Lewis, 3rd Vice-Chair
- Dana Durso
- Ronald J. Elerbe
- Murray Forman
- Denise Gold
- Khandan Kalaty
- Reid Sakowich
- William Nirmo, Deputy Commissioner

I would like to provide my insight as to why I believe allowing the Las Vegas Sands to build a Casino at the Nassau Hub is a bad idea for our County in Nassau

1) Allowing the LV Sands to obtain a 42 year operating lease will give them the rights to determine what is and what is not suitable to build on that 72 acre parcel. We the residents of Nassau County do not want to lose control or give away our rights in the decision making of what we feel is best suitable for the Nassau Hub.

2) Are you aware LV Sands built a Casino in [Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA](#)? It opened on May 22, 2009 and then it was sold to an affiliate of Alabama's Poarch Band of Creek Indians on or around May 31st, 2019 for 1.3 billion. The Sands' only owned the Casino for approx. 10 years. What would happen if they did the same thing in Nassau County? Would they just be able to sell the casino to some other company without any input or objection from the taxpayers? What would happen to all the land? Would the Sands have the ability to donate land to other corporations for their specific use? According to what I have heard, the LV Sands plans to initially build the Casino with the rest of the so-called hotel and entertainment center to be built later on. At Wind Creek, the LV Sands originally planned to open an event center on its own in May 2009, but those plans were scuttled. Instead, Sands partnered with Live Nation, and the 3,500-person facility opened in May 2012. This is exactly what I'm talking about - The LV Sands would be allowed to have control to bring in another corporation without any recourse?

https://www.bethlehemlive.com/bethlehem/2018/03/the_history_of_bethlehems_casino.html#:~:text=In%20May%202009%2C%20the%20groundbreaking,was%20for%20the%20group.&wme=The%20casino%20opened%20on%20May%2022%2C%202009

<https://www.pennlive.com/news-releases/las-vegas-sands-close-1-3-billion-sale-of-sands-bethlehem-300818992.html>

3) The other concern is that the casino would be built between 2 colleges, Hofstra University and Nassau Community College. In PA Leigh High Valley's Northampton Community College students were enrolled in 10 week casino classes in order to land jobs at the Wind Creek Sands Resort Casino. Salaries ranged from \$38K - \$40k a year or approximately an average salary of \$17.98/hr. Personally - this is not what we go to college to learn. Students should go to college to better themselves and further their education. Use the time to engage in meaningful courses that will allow them to grow. The LV Sands will tell you they can use these casino certifications towards hospitality jobs. Currently Wind Creek Hospitality employees make an average \$35,949K and stay for an average of 4.2 years. These salaries will not provide students with the option to grow and command more money.

<https://www.stippia.com/wind-creek-hospitality-careers-14455/demographics/>

4) The LV Sands has been promoting themselves as a company that will build community and fund organizations by donating monies to their cause. If you receive the The Herald News, you will always find a 4 page insert depicting how the LV Sands is working with communities to make a name for themselves. So, is the LV Sands allowed to buy their way into Nassau County in order to secure a lease for the casino?

5) Some people in Nassau are under the impression the casino will lower their taxes. LV Sands has Never made any statement to that fact. LV Sands said they will give \$50 Million to Nassau County and \$50 Million to the Town of Hempstead. That is a drop in the bucket to what it costs to run the county and the town.

6) Carpenters unions are urged to vote for the Sands lease because it will give them job opportunities. What does it matter what they build? As long as they are working. Can't we decide to build something sustainable? Something that will make the residents of this county proud? My crazy thought is ... The LV Sands will build the casino first. Why? So that they can recoup some of the money they are investing. Worst-case scenario is the casino will get built and then the Sands will offer the construction workers all these perks to come to the casino to gamble. So now all the money they made will go back to the casino!!

7) According to [Nasdaq.com](#) - "high debt and stiff competition remain a concern. Shares of the company have declined 26.1% in the past year compared with the Zacks [Gaming](#) industry's fall of 7.5%. High Debt: As of Mar 31, 2024, total debt outstanding (excluding finance leases and financed purchases) was \$13.94 billion compared with \$14.01 billion as of Dec 31, 2023. As of the first quarter of 2024, unrestricted cash balances amounted to \$4.96 billion, down from \$5.11 billion reported in the previous quarter. Although the debt level was sequentially lower, it is still on the higher side compared to Las Vegas Sands' cash balance."

<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/las-vegas-sands-ny-macao-business-said-said-high-debt>

8) I would like to see NYU Langone develop the hospital on the grounds of Nassau Community College. Hopefully they can work with the current Medical Center to bring world renowned medical care to our community and around the world. I believe NYU Langone's \$3 Billion project would also give the schools and colleges a boost. To me the deciding factor is - do you want to build something that saves lives and continues to technologically grow? Or do you want to build something that can potentially destroy lives?

In conclusion, do we really need another casino? Isn't Jake 58 and Resorts World Casino enough? Not to mention all the on-line gambling going on? The Tropicana in Las Vegas was recently imploded to make way for a Sports Center. Las Vegas also has the Sphere. Why can't we update, refurbish, create a new Nassau Coliseum? Sports is becoming Big Time! If the recent cricket game is any example - sports is booming. You can also watch it as a family. Casinos have no place for family.

Please reject the lease for a casino. No matter the LV Sands or any other gaming company.

Regards,

Elizabeth McCoy - resident of Nassau County for almost 60 years

[REDACTED]
East Nassau, NY 11554

From: [Brandon P](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casini
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:17:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Brandon

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From: [Eileen Henke](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:11:18 AM

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Sincerely,
Eileen Henke

From: [Joan Watson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:59:39 AM

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Sincerely,
Joan Watson
Garden City, NY

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From: [Kelly Feil](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
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Sincerely,
Kelly Feil

From: [Evangelos Vasilakos](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
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Sincerely, Evangelos Vasilakos
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ploumou Scricca](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO casino
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From: [Ben Pulice](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
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Sincerely,

Ben Pulice

[REDACTED]
East Meadow NY 11554
[REDACTED]

From: [Ron Brinn](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
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Nassau County needs Fair Housing, good Education, quality Healthcare and Economic Development.

Not a Casino Complex.

Good Governance Matters!

Ronald Brinn

Great Neck

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elisa B. Hinken](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino in Nassau County
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 10:45:32 AM

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We have a casino within 20 miles west of the subject property and one 29 miles east. These two casinos are underutilized, therefore warrants no need for an additional casino situated in Nassau County.

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county. We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County. Slowly but surely, Nassau County has become an extension of New York City with the amount of overdevelopment and lack of public space to enjoy by the public. Meanwhile, our property taxes have continued to rise.

Sincerely,

Elisa B. Hinken, LPN
CEO, Managing Member, Hinken Associates, LLC
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Christine Trabulsi](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino!
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I have been a resident of Nassau County my entire life. The development of the land around the Coliseum has been the focus of debate for many years. I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property. Surely there is a use for the property that will better serve County residents and enhance quality of life here. We deserve better than minimum wage jobs and young people addicted to gambling (which has already reached troubling heights). Please don't let this happen.

Sincerely,

Christine Trabulsi

[REDACTED]
Malverne, NY

From: [REDACTED]
To: [iCDC](#)
Subject: No Casino!
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:58:04 AM

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Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

There is no need for a casino to be directly across the street from a university! The plan that Wang had years ago should have been implemented, or you should have built UBS arena there. Terrible leadership continually making bad decisions.

Sincerely,

Christina Casella
Merrick, NY

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From: [Erin Cicalese](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino!
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:34:14 AM

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Sincerely,

Erin A. Cicalese

[REDACTED]
Merrick, NY 11566
[REDACTED]

From: [PATTY HARRIS](#)
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: No Lease to the Sands Casino Is
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:35:52 AM

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Mrs. Patty Harris

[REDACTED]

Uniondale, N.Y. 11553

June 20, 2024

Nassau Co. Planning Commission
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

To Whom It May Concern:

I don't approve of the Las Vegas Sands purchasing the Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum. Especially, before Governor Kathy Hochul announce who shall receive a casino license.

This location needs to benefit Uniondale and bring in the surrounding communities for everyone to enjoy the change of scenery. Uniondale and surrounding communities had made great suggestions for family oriented surrounding, housing, amusement park, a needed new library, a real community center, outdoor events establishment and etc. There is many more ideas but differently NOT a casino.

Please, Vote NO. Here is a question for you. Would you want a casino in your neighborhood or across the street and if you do.

Speak up we can help your community push for it.

Sincerely,
Patty Harris

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sal Pulice](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO CASINO and SANDS
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 5:18:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Salvatore Pulice

[REDACTED]
East Meadow

From: [E. C.](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to Sands Casino
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:29:54 PM

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From: [Nancy Trabulsi](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO THE CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:38:00 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

We moved to Garden City in 1997 and had there been a casino where the Coliseum is currently located, we NEVER would have purchased our home!!!!!!

We are extremely opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino.

Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Robert Trabulsi

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From: [Christopher Maier](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Land Transfer
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:21:58 AM

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Chris

From: [Michelle Farkas](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:27:00 AM

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NO NO NO
PLEASE PRESERVE BEAUTIFUL LONG ISLAND AND THE WONDERFUL
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

IT WILL NEVER LAST. IT IS A BAD DECISION BASED ON MONEY AND NOT THE
WELLBEING OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

From: [John Cantwell](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Oppose the Sands Lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:58:22 PM

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Dear Nassau Planning Commission,

I'm writing in opposition to the lease transfer to the Sands corporation. It is completely inappropriate to transfer this property to a Casino without first making the property available and allowing open bidding by developers to develop that land. Any development of that property would bring jobs. There is no reason to suggest that it needs to be a Casino to create jobs. A Casino will be a drain on this county's residents and should not be supported.

Thank you,
John Cantwell

[REDACTED]

From: [Monica Kiely](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposed to new lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:29:52 PM

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Monica Kiely

From: [Melissa Modica](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to Casino
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:48:36 AM

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Sincerely,

Melissa Swiatocha

From: [Kelly Brusalis](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to Las Vegas Sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:17:31 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

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We bought in this area (Garden City) before this was a consideration and we likely would have selected Westchester (as I imagine many others will now).

The lease looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Best,
Kelly Brusalis

From: [Maureen Leggett](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to Sands Lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:33:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Maureen Leggett

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pennie Tirsch-Azran](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Casino
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 12:41:16 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that as a Nassau County resident I am vehemently opposed to a lease agreement being granted for a casino in Uniondale (or anywhere else in Nassau County)! The area cannot sustain the added traffic and congestion or the damage to the character of the neighborhood. And it is horrible that the county would consider bringing gambling and its element so close to Hofstra University and its surrounds.

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

Sincerely,

Pennie Tirsch Azran

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to the lease transfer from Nassau County to the Sands Corporation
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 5:35:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Lori Fravert

From: [Thomas Tittmann](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed Nassau County casino project
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:00:08 PM

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Hello

I've outlined some of the ill effects that this proposed project will bring to our area in 2 blog posts.

My key points are also included below and in the post link at the end.

Part 1: JOBS

Part 2: Shifty SANDS: Playing Sleight-of-Hand with the Public & our Officials

Part 3: CASINO GAMBLING DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS THE POOR

Part 4: GAMBLING PAIN: ADDICTION - EVEN AMONG CHILDREN

PART 5: LOCAL UNIVERSITY OPPOSES CASINO

PART 6: ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Casinos: Short-term gain...Long-term pain
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Casinos: Short-term gain...Long-term pain
asoulinwonder.com

Thank you
Thomas Tittmann

[REDACTED]
West Hempstead, NY 11552



From: [Elaine Priester](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Proposed Lease Transfer for Nassau Coliseum
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:44:13 PM

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To The Nassau County Planning Commission,

I was unable to attend the June 20th Planning Commission meeting, however I watched it online. I want to express my opposition to having the Lease Transfer given to Las Vegas Sands. The proposed lease that Las Vegas Sands is trying to acquire is perplexing, leading many residents such as myself to question the true motive of Las Vegas Sands. We all know their true end goal is to build a mega resort complex with a casino at the Nassau Coliseum site.

The majority of the support of the casino project is from labor unions in particular construction and trade workers. They often speak of how this project is critical to them maintaining employment, however they fail to mention that there are dozens of mega construction projects currently in progress or scheduled to begin in the near future throughout Long Island. Just have a look at the multitude of apartment complexes that have been erected on Long Island in the past few years with many more being planned to be built.

Nassau County is the richest County in all of New York State. The idea that we need investment from Sands for our County to survive is preposterous. All Nassau County needs is for our elected officials to exercise responsible fiscal spending with our taxpayer's money for proper and fair investment in all our communities throughout Nassau County. I concur wholeheartedly with Richard Catalano's public comment when he stated "Nothing should ever be built that would harm our communities in Nassau County".

Sincerely,
Elaine Priester
Uniondale

From: [Joseph O'Rourke](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission Regarding Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:40:09 AM

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I am writing to say NO to the proposal to build a gambling casino at the current site of the Nassau Coliseum. As I do not expect to be able to make the hearing, I want my voice to be heard in writing.

Please do not take my opposition as just another NIMBY resident, rather I want to see the site developed which all citizens of the county can enjoy.

For years now I have seen plan after plan put forward for the site all to be rejected. I have constantly heard that nothing can be built there because of the traffic it would cause and yet we are expected to believe that a casino will somehow not contribute to this. I voted for the lighthouse project and I have voted and continue to vote against those who pushed back against it because of how important I believe it is to our community.

As a young professional who has lived on this island their whole life, I have seen this County squander away and mismanage so many opportunities that would truly benefit us. Least in point, the monthly mailers I receive to try and justify and appeal to actual NIMBY-ists, that play politics, that these flyers bragging about keeping areas around commuter points from being developed and from keeping homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their property. Most of all, from preventing affordable housing from being built in an area like where the Coliseum is, which would generate much more money in our local community to independently owned restaurants and shops, along with all the possible sales tax revenue being lost, shows me that our current government is not actually interested in making our wonderful County any better, but are just the next waves of Ed Manganos. With the close proximity to public transport, the Hempstead plains preserve and the Long Island Greenway/Greenbelt, the site could offer us residents so much more, including green and other third places

As the property is County land and thus public lands I do not believe it should fall into the hands of a private corporation with only a single business model. A business model that often preys on people's addictions, that often struggle and that often deprive the population living around it from a quality of life. The permanent jobs that come with casinos are often low wage and thus do not provide a benefit to anyone relying on that income, especially with the high cost of living here on the island. We are likely to see the surrounding area struggle even more.

I can only imagine how residents will now be paying taxes to make up for the tax breaks and shortcomings.

I can't help but believe that the reason why this has been so hastily put forth is because of this Administration's willingness to please Miriam Adelson and tap into her wealth as the fourth richest woman and Republican party Mega donor. I would have hoped that our local politicians would actually represent their local constituents instead of just being typical

politicians. Furthermore I do not hesitate to believe that the opportunity for exploitation by the Las Vegas Sands is not a coincidence knowing how Bruce Blakeman previously negotiated a property deal involving relocating Canon to their current Melville headquarters.

I will remember this, all of this, along with much else Nassau County has done and not done come election time, and this will be one of many factors in my decision of who I will vote for come that time.

Sincerely,
Joseph O'Rourke

From: [James Jacobs](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Nassau Coliseum Lease Agreement
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:39:34 PM

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The Sands Corporation has a practice of selling off properties when profit margins are not met; as members of the Nassau County Planning Commission each and everyone on this board needs to give this practice serious consideration.

Las Vegas Sands Corp. LVS completed the planned sellout of Sands Bethlehem, PA, to Wind Creek Hospitality, an affiliate of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama. The latter purchased Sands Bethlehem for \$1.3 billion.

Notably, on Mar 8, 2018, Las Vegas Sands announced plans for selling Sands Bethlehem. In fact, the agreement with Wind Creek Hospitality was made after MGM Resorts MGM dropped its plan to acquire the casino. Also, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board approved the sale of Bethlehem.

Sands Reaches Agreement to sell Las Vegas Properties for \$6.25 billion
Company Focused on Reinvestment in Asia and High Growth Opportunities in New Markets
This occurred in March of 2021.

Our long-held strategy of reinvesting in our Asian operations and returning capital to our shareholders will be enhanced through this transaction. Additionally, as our industry continues to evolve, particularly as it relates to the digital marketplace, we are committed to exploring those possibilities," said Patrick Dumont, the company's president and chief operating officer.

Notice a pattern??

James B. Jacobs
Uniondale Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: Sands application for a license
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:32:29 PM

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I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42-year operating lease that gives away “site control” for the 72-acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Sands gave a \$54 million up-front payment to Nassau County when the now voided lease was signed. Nassau County did not return the \$54M. So, in good faith, Sands is “paying“ \$10M a year rent as a credit toward reducing the \$54 debt! In other words, they are forgiving the \$54 M at \$10M per year!

That is an exorbitant amount for an underutilized Coliseum. We see it for what it is. A cash advance to shove an unwanted casino down our throat. Why are they willing to offer so much up front? To encourage us to ignore the emerging research which confirms casinos are a dying business. Over time, once casinos are no longer new, they contribute less than 1% to State economies. Lotteries, meanwhile, only contribute 2%.

Governor Hochul, Executive Blakeman, Legislator Bynoe, and the whole club are sweeping up these magical dollars offered up front without considering the futility of it. Casinos are a dying business which will cost Nassau County more than any promised revenue. Brick and mortar casinos cannot compete with online gambling. Sands will never see the 23,000 visitors per day which they projected before online betting spread across our region.

We were all raised to NOT take candy from strangers. Yet here we are watching those named here, and others, falling prey to easy money advanced by Sands. Their mothers would be ashamed of each of them for selling out as they have.

Casinos are a sinister business. We all know it. Their “revenue” is, in reality, gambling losses of our neighbors. Shifting local currency from our healthy economy, which feeds local merchants, to the bottom line of LV Sands.

As noted above, pay about 0.9% into State economies according to Lucy Dadayan, principal research associate with the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center at the Urban Institute. She presented years of research in a report on February 22, 2024 to NYS Senator Liz Krueger, titled:

The Impact of Casinos on Urban Communities

In the presentation, Ms. Dadayan also noted casinos “create \$3 in social costs for every \$1 they bring in.”

Please reject the application and get on with accepting the proposed NYU / Langone project in cooperation with Nassau Community College. That is a project all of us can support, including the construction unions and other unions ready to get to work. It will enhance our quality of life. Something a casino cannot do.

Thank you,

Steve Rolston

[REDACTED]

Baldwin, NY 11510

Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [Patricia Chester](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to Nassau Coliseum Lease Transfer
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:07:14 AM

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If you were a landlord, wouldn't you check the credit rating, past history of future tenants? They do that with young college students renting for the first time, they do it for measly 2 month sub leases in Manhattan. So why in a million years would Nassau County sign a 42 year lease agreement with a public company, Las Vegas Sands, that has NO favorable business or leasing history in the United States. Their properties are abroad. Per their website, they want to " build integrated resorts, cities within a city". If this is such a successful motive, why have they not built any where else in the US?

Nassau County is already overpopulated, congested and taxing our natural resources (water, clean air without additional pollution). How is adding the waste and pollution from 20,000 daily visitors going to help the community.

I am a CPA and having read the proposed lease , it appears to be written all in the favor of the tenant, not the landlord (Nassau County)

The proposed lease with Las Vegas Sands is being pushed through by the political big wigs that obviously DO NOT have the Nassau County Residents best interests in mind. Approving this lease is boarding on an Errors and Omissions Claim for Ignorance and Stupidity. There is not one good supporting fact for supporting signing this lease.

Do the right thing for your children/grandchildren and all those younger people in Nassau County and VOTE AGAINST THIS LEASE TO LVS

Sincerely,
Patricia M Chester CPA
[REDACTED]
Garden City NY 11530

From: [Julie Berger](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:48:41 PM

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A casino is so wrong for Nassau County and for people in general. Gambling is never a solution for income for the county- the only one that wins is the Sands. Read the literature on the negative impact of gambling on citizens- that's if you care about the citizens. Read the literature on other towns around the country and how they are after a casino has wrecked them. Look at Atlantic City and how it its citizens are doing there.

The traffic is horrible on a good day in this area so adding a 24 hour per day 7 days a week venue will only make it worse. The air quality from the traffic is also negative for us.

You never did the environmental study- I believe our water supply is dwindling and adding this venue would be using up incredible amount of clean water that we need for ourselves. Our aquifers are not an unlimited supply.

A 24 hour venue means 24 hour lights which are bad for the environment, confuses birds, insects, etc.

The money that will be generated will never make it to Nassau County as Blakeman says it will. The money will be distributed through out the state and now more than ever to the MTA due to congestion pricing hold. We taxpayers don't believe that we will see any financial benefits from a casino in our backyard.

The jobs that you say will come about will mostly be the construction jobs to build a venue-any venue. Once a venue is completed those employees move onto the next project. Those hired by the Sands to work in the venue- what promises have the Sands made to pay them enough to afford to live here? Is it in writing? I don't trust the Sands at all, they have spent the past year and a half bribing every organization around to make them look like nice neighbors. Our great Legislator from Glen Cove- Della-Riggi the only one who voted no said she would never want her child to work in a casino and I agree. This is not good for our children, county.

Finally why isn't Blakeman on the hot seat for his pushing this since his brother worked for the Adelmans, the owners of the Sands? This is a true conflict of interest, sounds and smells shady and it is. I am totally against building a casino in Nassau County!!!! This is wrong for us.

How about showing us some of the financial numbers on the cricket tournament that just ended? Who paid for all of the police, the constant helicopters for 12 days, etc. Did any food, retail, etc establishment in East Meadow benefit from it being here?

No to the casino!!!'

Sincerely,
Julie Berger, East Meadow citizen

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gregory Schrubbe](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Proposed Coliseum Lease to Las Vegas Sands and No to the Casino in Nassau County
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:11:47 PM
Attachments: Nevada Placing Bets Away from Casinos_2024-02-06.pdf

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Nassau County Planning Commission:

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County regarding the initiative to place a Casino in the vicinity of the Nassau Hub next to Hofstra University. **I am adamantly opposed to: 1) the proposed agreement to lease the Coliseum to Las Vegas Sands; and 2) having a Casino built in the vicinity of the Coliseum or anywhere in Nassau County. The proposed Coliseum Lease appears to be a blatant attempt to circumvent our environmental laws by improperly segmenting the lease agreement into 2 Contracts.**

You have already been inundated with the obvious reasons for not wanting the Casino (crime, drugs, congestion, etc). I also feel these reasons are extremely important, especially the negative of having 23,000 new people per day draw from the Long Island Aquifer. That will have a huge negative impact to the quality of life and future of Long Island. There have been numerous articles in the NY Times over the last 6 months about industries drawing more from the aquifers than mother nature is able to put into the aquifer and the impending problem that will create to the population. What will you do when you flush your toilet or turn on the water to make a meal, wash your hands or take a shower and there is insufficient water & pressure to deliver that valuable resource? Are you going to call a plumber to fix the problem. **You can't fix a depleted aquifer.**

Who is going to pay for Fire Protection? I don't believe any of the Fire Departments in the Town of Hempstead are trained to fight a fire of the magnitude that could occur in the size (ie., height) of the proposed Casino. That is a recipe for a disaster. Are you going to tax residents who have nothing to do with the Casino for the cost of that coverage? That is not a viable solution.

Why do you think the Casino Companies want to export gambling out of Las Vegas? All you have to do is go to the NY Times Business Section, Tuesday, February 6, 2024 for the answer. I've attached a PDF of the Articles for your reading enjoyment. **Nevada wants to diversify itself away from the Gaming Industry because of the disastrous results that occur when you have thousands of people out of work due to an economic downturn.** Who pays for that? Not only do we then have a Casino that sucks the \$\$ out of Nassau County but we now as taxpayers have to foot the bill for the social services that would be required to help address the problem. That does not sound like a sound investment in the future of Nassau County or Long Island. Having already experienced several economic downturns and the negative impact on Gaming Industry employees, Nevada is investing in industries that provide higher paying jobs than the service industries and jobs that have a mission and opportunities for advancement with the propensity of creating new skills that a gaming service industry is unable to do. Nevada has concluded that Casinos are not the answer to the future of Nevada nor are they the answer to the future of Nassau County

Having a Casino in Nassau County is not an investment in the future of the county. It would only accelerate the demise of the county given the negative impact it would have on our most valuable natural resource (water) and its ability to suck wealth out of the country for investment elsewhere. In effect, it is not providing any value to the future of the County. Employees are stagnant in a service industry, natural resources are consumed with no replacement, and wealth leaves the county faster than you can pull the lever on a slot machine. This is not a sound strategic investment in the Town of Hempstead nor Nassau County.

Is the Political Leadership of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County going to be the type who kicks the can down the road to some other set of politicians to deal with the known problems the Casino will create or is the leadership going to have the backbone to lead and say that Nassau County deserves better and needs the type of investment that will insure the county's growth is

aligned to the fast ever changing technological and biomedical developments that are all around us? I truly hope our Political Leaders have that backbone to invest in a future that puts \$\$ back into the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County instead of investing in the monotonous sound of ringing slot machines across a Casino Floor as the Casino sucks the future out of Nassau County. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Gregory D Schrubbe

[REDACTED]

Garden City, NY 11530

From: [Susan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the proposed Sands lease
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 6:59:05 PM

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To the Nassau County Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any lease agreement with the Sands or any other entity without proper due diligence. There has yet to be a full environmental impact study on what any kind of development would have let alone anything as harmful to the community as a casino. This whole enterprise reeks of cronyism and is not in the best interest of the taxpayers and residents of Nassau County.

Susan Powderly

[REDACTED]
Bellerose Village, NY

From: [Anthony Becker](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO to the Sands Casino
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:36:51 AM

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I cannot be there at the Public Meeting taking comments on the Sands Casion project, but I would very much like to express my comment to NOT build this Casino on Long Island.

Long Island has many, many more infrastructurally necessary tasks at hand and we cannot waste our time and money constructing an environmental catastrophe like this casino. Please do not build it. I have lived on Long Island my whole life, this is my home. There is no other place I would call my home. This project would bring unnecessary congestion to our already strained roadways, it would waste thousands of gallons of water (and leave the question of how this water will be treated once it is drawn up from the aquifer and used), and will socioeconomically cripple the area not only immediately surrounding it but regionally over time. Myself and many, MANY other like-minded Long Islanders oppose this plan and would love to see funds and effort committed in other, much more crucially needed endeavors - like providing cleaner energy, cleaner water, and a cleaner environment for the millions of us who call this beautiful island home.

Please take this comment into consideration, thank you.

Anthony Becker

From: [Chris Jacobs](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Proposed Lease Agreement for Nassau Coliseum
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:18:54 PM

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To The Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to a lease agreement being granted to Las Vegas Sands. It is apparent that their end goal is to build a resort complex with a casino on the property currently occupied by the Nassau Coliseum. The result of building a mega complex of that magnitude at the Coliseum site would have an immediate detrimental effect on the Quality of Life and Health of the residents in the immediate surrounding communities as well as communities throughout Nassau County.

Nassau County is plagued by gridlock traffic daily due to our inadequate road network and lack of alternate roads and routes for vehicles to travel. As a Uniondale resident I experience daily gridlock near the Nassau Coliseum site as well as throughout Nassau County on my daily commute. Not to mention the closest highway to the Nassau Coliseum is the Meadowbrook Parkway which prohibits commercial vehicles. As a result all the large trucks and buses have to navigate through our local roads adding to the traffic congestion on our overburdened roads.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) has identified Uniondale, Hempstead, Roosevelt, and New Cassel (all minority communities) as Disadvantaged Communities due to disproportionately higher than average rate of asthma and respiratory related illnesses among youth and seniors residing in these communities. The NYS DEC reported that the primary cause of these high rates of asthma and respiratory illnesses was caused by a higher concentration of vehicular emissions caused by high traffic in those communities.

It has also been reported many times throughout the past years that Nassau County is also experiencing a water crisis as well as a waste management crisis. Reports show that Nassau County's groundwater aquifers are running dangerously low as the County's increased development has led to our aquifers becoming overburdened. The same factors have also led to the waste management crisis.

My main question has always been; How does building a mega complex of that magnitude and adding a projected 30,000 vehicles daily mitigate our air pollution, traffic, water, waste, and most importantly our high asthma and respiratory issues plaguing our communities?

Thank you in advance for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,
Chris Jacobs
Uniondale

From: [Dominic Valente](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Proposed Sands Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 4:37:26 PM

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The disrespect for the environment, as well as the unfortunate who are wishing to get rich quick (but get poorer quicker), and the neighboring communities, in large part is not surprising when it comes to the selfish, dishonest politicians of the day. My wife and I have decided that if this abomination passes we will never cast another vote in favor of any elected official who votes in favor of this insulting abomination and encourage our friends and family to do the same.

Dominic and Eileen Valente

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From: [Willene Jacobs](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: Nassau Coliseum Lease Agreement
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I attended the Planning Commission's meeting June 20,2024 regarding the Casino Lease. At this meeting I spoke about the negative environmental impact that a casino project of this magnitude would have on minority communities and the health of residents that reside in these communities; especially Uniondale, the host community. The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation's 2022-2023 Environmental Report for Nassau County identified Uniondale, Roosevelt, Hempstead and New Cassel as communities that have been adversely affected by air pollution; the report identifies high traffic volumes and traffic congestion in close proximity to these communities as the primary cause. The asthma rates among minority youth that reside in Uniondale, Roosevelt, Hempstead and New Cassel are four times higher than the asthma rates for youth that reside in other Nassau County communities. How would building a mega casino project operating 24hrs 7days a week along with increasing traffic volumes by 30,000 plus vehicles daily mitigate our current traffic problems, reduce our air pollution problem and drive down asthma rates among minority youths?

Pearl Jacobs
President
Nostrand Gardens Civic Association
Uniondale

From: [Doug Schmid](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Cc: [Steve Rolston](#); [Jane Fasullo](#)
Subject: Sands Casino Lease Agreement Hearing 6/20/24- Comments from the Sierra Club Long Island Group
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:54:08 PM

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The Sierra Club's Long Island Group opposes the construction of this casino in Nassau County due to its significant and negative effects upon our local environment and quality of life. Consequently we believe this proposed lease agreement should not be approved. The following is our position paper on the Sands casino issue.

On October 24, 2013, a New York Times editorial warned of the long-term negative effects casinos have on their surrounding area and the local economy. Ten years later, studies by The Illinois Law Review¹ and other interest groups indicate no better prognosis regarding the presence of a casino in a residential community.

The Long Island Sierra Club has strong concerns about the environmental impacts. Nassau County and Las Vegas Sands (LVS) should have taken more time to do a thorough and independent environmental assessment. Fortunately, the NYS Supreme Court, on November 9th, made the same determination.

Environmental concerns and questions raised by residents and environmentalists across Nassau and Suffolk Counties include:

Noise, light, particulate and chemical pollution from the casino and services to the casino disrupting the natural environment and negatively impacting the quality of life for residents.

Covering the ground with an excessive amount of impermeable surfaces such as roofs and paving will affect groundwater ². The casino will be 3.8 million square feet, the equivalent of 1.65 Roosevelt Fields and parking will be needed for 12,000 or more vehicles, a high number because there is little public transportation to this location. Large amounts of garbage will be generated at a time when most landfills must soon close. Where will the garbage go, how will it get there, and at what environmental and economic cost to the Towns (or off island locations) that accept it?

Road congestion – pollution (CO₂ output, tailpipe oil/gas releases) and increased accident rates and accident-related pollution.

Water waste volume will be high. It should be treated on site and recharge the groundwater but will instead be transported offsite and sent to sea.

The electric energy demand will be very high. This comes at a time when there have been more heat breaking days than ever with 2023 being the warmest year on record. Almost all our electricity is created by burning something, and burning creates more heat than any other means of generating electricity. Unless and until we have non-heat creating electricity generation, a casino does not make sense.

The land was not zoned for this type of use, nor should it be. The land is one of the few places where the vast plains of Long Island still exist. As such, they are a refuge for many animal and plant species and could be developed as a tourist attraction. The casino will be in the Town of Hempstead which is already exceeding the state recommended water withdrawal limits set back in the mid-1900's. That is why the casino will need its own water well. But drawing the large amount of water the casino will need from the aquifer will affect the drinking water south of the casino.³

The Sierra Club agrees with the growing number of residents, as well as the courts, who are demanding that the process slow down and allow for an independent Environmental Review of the LVS proposal. The Sierra Club supports the effort to preserve the balance of nature and responsible growth on Long Island.

Footnotes:

1 - Included in the website, www.stoppredatorygambling.org are several papers issued by the prestigious Illinois Law Review. The best summary of gambling issues, according to National Director, Les Bernal, is a University of Illinois Law Review Volume 2021 Number 5 titled: "Bans on Sports Gambling and Lotteries Would Pump-Prime the U.S. Economic System In The New Age Of Covid".

2 – Covering the ground with impermeable materials prevents rain water from entering the ground below those surfaces. In heavy rains, that water will run off instead of replenishing the underground water supply. The immediate effect will be to flood surrounding lands and roads. The long-term effect will be for streams and ponds to run dry and people to have more water restriction days. Dry wells would increase the amount of water entering the ground but would also increase the amount of poison carried with it. Normally, water entering from the surface is cleaned by surface plants, bacteria, and microbes before it gets into the ground water. Sewered drains would not help with water recharge. Sewers carry water to a treatment plant then out to sea.

From the report [Groundwater Sustainability - Long Island, New York | U.S. Geological Survey \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov/centers/new-york-water-science-center/science/groundwater-sustainability-long-island-new-york#overview) (a.k.a. <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/new-york-water-science-center/science/groundwater-sustainability-long-island-new-york#overview>)

"... if the water table is lowered (or depth to water is increased) from pumping or sewerage, streams and other water bodies can be adversely impacted. In western parts on Long Island, many streams and water bodies have already seen declines in groundwater discharge over the past decades, which is attributed to increased sewerage and groundwater withdrawal ([Busciolano, 2005](#)). These declines have caused reduced streamflow and lake levels, and have affected the overall health of these water bodies."

3 - From a NY Times investigation (August 28, 2023) on groundwater across America:

"Overpumping can have other risks beyond diminishing the supply of water. It can also contaminate aquifers in ways that make the remaining water unsafe or undrinkable.

For example, in coastal areas, overpumping can accelerate "saltwater intrusion," the

movement of ocean water into the freshwater aquifer, making it first unappetizing, then unhealthy.

Saltwater intrusion is happening in the Northeast, the mid-Atlantic states, Florida, the Gulf Coast and California. "It's pretty widespread," said Dr. Cline of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Consider Long Island in New York. Saltwater is encroaching on parts of the aquifers that provide drinking water for the three million people who live east of Queens and Brooklyn. The Suffolk County Water Authority has had to limit pumping at about 60 of its wells, or 10 percent of the total, according to Dan Dubois, a spokesman."

Salt water intrusion happens when the pressure from fresh water running underground from the land decreases allowing the higher-pressure sea water to "backup" into the fresh water basins (aquifers). Its most recognizable along the coasts. This happens when too little rain gets into the ground, the result of too many impermeable surfaces covering the ground such as rooftops and paved parking lots and the water runs off instead of penetrating the ground. It is made worse by road drains that transfer water run-off from the hardened grounds to a waste water treatment plant. Communities to the south of the proposed casino are already dealing with this.

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This Sierra Club Long Island Group position paper, written by our Chairperson, is being submitted by:

Douglas Schmid

Adjunct Professor, Environmental Science, Nassau Community College
Executive Committee/Education Chair, Sierra Club Group Long Island
Science Education Consultant, Nassau & Western Suffolk BOCES
Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island





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From: [Janice Cenzoprano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say NO to the Casino!
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 12:46:10 PM

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I say NO! A strong NO! This will be the downfall of Nassau County. We invest in our children's education, we have the best high schools in the country. We send hundreds and thousands of kids each year to the best universities in the country, and they don't come back! Why? Because there is no future here in Nassau County, no industry here! My children will not come back and make Long Island great because we have a casino. And I, a lifelong resident, will have to leave Long Island to be near them. Long Island used to make things that mattered- we don't do anything that matters anymore. We need to reinvest in the jobs of tomorrow, not a casino.

Noise, light, particulate, and chemical pollution from the casino will disrupt the natural environment and quality of life for residents. Covering the ground with an excessive amount of impermeable surfaces will affect groundwater. Town of Hempstead is already exceeding water withdrawal limits, and drawing so much water will affect drinking water south of the casino. Large amounts of garbage will be generated at a time when most landfills must soon close. Where will the garbage go, how will it get there, and at what cost to the towns that accept it? Waste water volume will be high, it should be treated onsite to recharge groundwater, but will instead be transported off-site and sent to sea. Electric energy demand will be very high, this comes during a climate crisis, with 2023 being the hottest year on record. Land at the Hub wasn't zoned for this use, nor should it be. The land is one of the few places where the vast Hempstead Plains of Long Island's past still exist, as such it is a refuge for many animal and plant species and could be developed as a tourist attraction. Where is the independent environmental review of the Sands proposal.

This site should be redeveloped. It's begging to be redeveloped. It should have been redeveloped a while ago. But a casino is the exact

wrong thing to be putting at that site. Nassau residents and taxpayers deserve a project at the HUB that is thoughtful and in their best interests. Our legislature said no to Charles Wang's multipurpose use HUB many years ago, but now wants to say yes to a casino??? It makes no sense.

Janice Cenzoprano

From: [Richard Williams](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SEQUA and More - Violates the NYS Regs on Segmentation
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:13:57 PM

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To the Commission

It is incredible that Nassau County seeks to violate NYS rules and regulations once again regarding Segmentation and SEQUA [and most likely also ignore a prior court ruling]

The proposal by Sands and the measure before the commission is a *first step in a process* toward a larger goal' i.e. the initial action toward a casino or otherwise development of this huge acreage.. It cannot be separated from the whole!

As such it requires a comprehensive, independent and fair SEQUA assessment *BEFORE the Commission can act on that first step.* Any other action represents a classic example of segmentation - and violates every tenet of the rules and regulations intended to protect us from the kinds of actions before the Commission.

You are urged to reject this blatant, violative action and demand a SEQUA assessment with a comprehensive and thorough set of parameters and structured from an independent format.

Reject the proposed request in its entirety.

R. J. Williams
Garden City

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From: [Bruce Chester](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Lease Transfer to the Sands Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:58:26 PM

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I am adamantly opposed to the transfer of the Nassau Hub Property Lease to the Sands Corporation. The Sands has a history of giving up on their Casino's and properties as soon as they show signs of being unprofitable even if they had been profitable for most of their existence. They closed their Atlantic City Casino in 2006 and their Las Vegas Casino in 2021. They are now concentrating on the Asian market particularly in China. Digital Marketing particularly sports betting is also where they are concentrating their efforts. They are chasing the youth market.

A year and a half ago when they were presenting this to the public they said the Casino and it's Hotel would be an International Destination. They are now backing away from that. Las Vegas Sands Corp. is a publicly traded company that works for its shareholders, they would come before the Nassau residents in any future decision that Sands makes.

I urge the Planning Commission to look elsewhere for another entity that would be more favorable to the Nassau County residents.

Respectfully,
Bruce Chester
Deputy Mayor
Village of Garden City

From: [Kelly Galanek](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Cc: [Ahlia Bethea](#); [Mary Carter Flanagan](#)
Subject: Public Comments from the Incorporated Village of Garden City 06/28/24
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:44:31 PM
Attachments: Public Comments letter to NCPC 062824 including Addendum.pdf

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Nassau County Planning Commission,

Enclosed for your review is the Incorporated Village of Garden City's public comment, submitted for consideration concerning the OSPAC 2-2024 resolution and proposed lease for a portion of the Nassau Coliseum site between Nassau County and LV NY HOLDCO 2, LLC (Las Vegas Sands).

As an addendum to this letter you will also find the Village's letter submitted to the Town of Hempstead on February 19, 2024 with a report by PVE Engineering, further detailing the Village's stance and analysis on the matter.

Please kindly confirm receipt of this email and public comment submission. A hard copy will be delivered today as well.

Thank you,

Kelly Galanek
Village Clerk
Incorporated Village of Garden City

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From: [E. Christopher Murray](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: FW: Patricia Wilcox sent you "#4864-4505-7227 - HOFSTRA with The Town of Hempstead re Ltr to NCPC re Nassau Coliseum 1"
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:16:04 PM
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Please see attached comments regarding the Coliseum lease.

Thank you. Chris Murray



E. Christopher Murray

Partner

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From: [Community Affairs](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Testimony submission on behalf of Hofstra University
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:22:39 PM
Attachments: Hofstra NCPC June 20 .pdf

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Greetings,

Please accept this submission of testimony on behalf of Hofstra University (attached), presented at the meeting of the Nassau County Planning Commission on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Thank you.

Office of Government and Community Affairs
Hofstra University

From: [VICTOR A ALFIERI JR](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:28:51 PM

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I say no no no

From: [Sarmad Imam](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Sincerely

Anita Nowak

From: [Husnain Arshad](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SAY NO TO THE CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:07:28 PM

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Say NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino!

Regard's HUSNAIN ARSHAD

From: [Amir Hamza](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SAY NO TO THE CASINO
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NO to the proposed lease and NO to the Casino

From: [Rizwan Haque](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SAY NO TO THE CASINO
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Say NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino!

Rizwan Haque
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From: [Shannon Giuffrida](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say NO to the casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:16:09 AM

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I'm unable to make the meeting. I'm a Garden City resident and my husband and I oppose the building of the casino.

Shannon Giuffrida

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Say NO to the Casino
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99% of Nassau County residents are opposed to the casino!

Advocates have been paid by the Sands Corp.

NO to the Casino!

Carol Kerler

[REDACTED]
Garden City NY 11530

From: [Joe-Supply Owl Inc.](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SAY NO! TO CASINO!!!!
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:30:03 AM

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Thank You,
Joseph Caldwell
President
Supply Owl Inc.



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From: [Corinne Slevin](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:42:54 PM

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We don't want the casino here!

Thanks,

Corinne Slevin

From: [Debra Lynn](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: SO MANY residents don't want Sands here!
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:30:18 PM

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I write to you knowing that it won't make a damn bit of difference. You really don't care how the residents who are affected by this megacasino feel or what we want. You're determined to push this through regardless of the community opposition that you KNOW is there. For every activist there are a hundred people who feel the same way but don't have the time or energy to fight with you. So I am just writing this to tell you off, because you are all a bunch of sell-outs. The republicans sold us out to Sands and the democrats sold us out to the labor union whose members benefit from ****temporary**** good-paying jobs before they move on to the next big project somewhere else. And I'm willing to bet that most of these workers will not live anywhere near this monstrosity they're building.

Enjoy your quid-pro-quo campaign donations and legal bribery, you corrupt cowards.

From: [Francine Ronk](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:08:37 AM

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I am writing to ask you to please vote NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino.
Thank you,
Francine Ronk
Garden City

From: [JORGE MARROQUIN](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:07:07 PM

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Say no to the casino!!!!

From: [JORGE MARROQUIN](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:35:57 PM

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Say no to the casino

I do not want a casino next to my
home!!!!

From: [Dorothy Borgese](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:29:06 PM

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I do not want the casino
To be built in Nassau. Dorothy borgese [REDACTED]

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From: [Michael Devereaux](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: **** NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino ****
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:59:17 AM

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please count me as a no to the proposed lease and no to the casino

very hard no

it'll, quite literally, destroy Long Island, and bring horrific corruption

Michael J. Devereaux, Esq.

From: [Joanne Ventura](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:45:58 PM

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I do NOT want a casino. We have enough problems
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura Richter](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:28:12 PM

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Please do not approve casino at Nassau coliseum,It is not in the best interest of the community.Thank you.

From: [Robert Hasteadt](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 7:05:04 AM

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We don't need and don't want casinos.
J. R. Hasteadt

From: [mayc1964](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 3:53:07 PM

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NO, NO, NO!!!!

Nassau county does not need this

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fazal Siddiqui](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:12:29 PM

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From: [Linda Feyder-sullivan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:11:33 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I say NO to the Sands lease and NO to building any type of casino. . It would cheapen the surrounding neighborhoods, be environmentally wrong, and add unwanted traffic.

Linda Sullivan

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From: [Annmarie George](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:11:13 AM

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I urge you to say no to the casino. We do not need this.

AnnMarie George

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From: [CARLA CONCANNON](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:08:38 AM

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I strongly oppose the casino development plan.

Carla Concannon
Garden City NY

From: [Laura Richter](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:50:52 PM

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Please do not approve the casino. It would be bad for the community.

From: [Sidney Glasberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:47:24 PM

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The sweetheart deal offered the Sands Corp. shows why they are in business and you are not. No to the casino.

From: eaglesnest1@aol.com
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 2:45:32 PM

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I am not going to waste your time nor mine by listing all the reasons why the Casino should not be built at the Nassau Coliseum.

I am definitely against the proposal to build the Casino.

Hopefully Nassau County will listen to its residents.

Kathleen Auro
Garden City, NY

From: [mary_marissael](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:31:44 PM

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This casino is so detrimental to our county

Please don't ruin Nassau County for our children

Mary
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:20:59 AM

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I am writing to tell you I OPPOSE THE CASINO!!
Thank you ,
Karen Cohen
Sent from my iPhone

From: [VICTOR A ALFIERI JR](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:52:10 AM

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I say no, no no to the casino
Once again, you put the court before the horse
No way Ken the community with stand law impact of this plan
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Casler](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:24:43 PM

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We oppose the lease agreement re the casino.

Barbara and Don Casler
Garden City
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Margaret Dragotto](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:56:41 AM

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No to the casino
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From: [Aaron Kilberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino in Nassau
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:30:49 PM

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No to the Casino.

From: [cpsgames](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Lease
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:59:35 AM

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Unfortunately another plan to ruin beautiful Long Island. No where in the country has a casino ever benefited the residents around the surrounding communities. Thanks for throwing us under the Bus. I can complain but all we really have is the power of the vote against any politician that supports this plan.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Msylenko](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Lease Agreement
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:53:36 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please note as a Nassau County resident I vehemently oppose to a lease agreement being granted for a casino in Uniondale (or anywhere else in Nassau County)!

Thank you in advance for listening to the concerns of the many taxpayers who are against the possibility of a casino coming to our county.

We are better than this and deserve RESPONSIBLE and REASONABLE economic development in Nassau County.

Sincerely,
Maryanne Sylenko-Giraldo
[REDACTED]
Garden City, NY

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Annette Esposito](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Project
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:54:59 PM

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My family and I are vehemently opposed to the misguided Casino Project and the Sands.

Kevin Fasano

Marie Esposito

Toni Fasano

Thonmas Fasano

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino proposal
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:50:38 AM

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Morning distinguish members of the panel:

I am strongly opposing the construction of a casino at the veterans memorial Coliseum site

We, Nassau County residents and taxpayers deserve better.

Please do not approve this proposal.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rich Catalano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposed Lease of Nassau Coliseum
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 4:14:41 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

Since the proposed casino first came to light, Nassau County has not allowed residents who oppose the casino to speak for more than 3 minutes. This includes village mayors and trustees and a university president. Limiting residents to short sound bites is not conducive to a robust dialogue of the pros and cons of building a massive casino complex in the heart of Nassau County.

The Say NO to the Casino Civic Association is a very large group of residents who are strongly [opposed.to](#) the casino - we encourage each member to visit our website: nocasimonassau.org

As a member of the group, I am requesting the the Planning Commission allow members of the Association to present for 30-45 minutes at your next meeting in the interests of fairness and transparency to all Nassau County residents.

Regards, Rich Catalano, Garden City

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: join us and voice your opposition to this lease agreement!
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 9:49:37 PM

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Do not lease Nassau coliseum to Sands we don't want a Sands Lease and use of the coliseum. Pat & Bill Dworsak

From: [Maria Dunphy](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Lease Agreement / Sands
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 9:38:32 AM

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No lease agreement between Nassau County and Las Vegas Sands for control of the Coliseum! NO! NO! NO!

From: [Junaid Qamer](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO THE CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:54:29 PM

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NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino!

From: [Patricia Finnican](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:07:07 PM

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A Casino here would not be a good idea and I am strongly against it.
Patricia Finnican

From: [Fazal Siddiqui](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:21:21 PM

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We don't want casino . Please stop this

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From: [Muhammad Ali](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:10:43 PM

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Please absolutely no casino.

Thank you !!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [diane collins](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:49:05 PM

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I oppose the casino for a myriad of reasons!!!!

Diane Collins

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anne Adragna](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:40:57 PM

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I am against the casino on the site of Nassau Coliseum. It will not be an asset to our community.

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Don't let anyone dull your sparkle

From: [gerard michael](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:48:43 AM

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Casino goes in, i vote against you guys forever.
Simple.

From: [Ishrat Rafiq](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 10:02:12 AM

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No Casino in Long Island please

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From: [Richard Corrao Jr](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO IN NASSAU!!
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:53:26 AM

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Richard F. Corrao Jr
[REDACTED]

From: [Dan Kenny](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino no no no to sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:06:43 PM

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From: [Turtle](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No mega casino please
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 10:50:26 AM

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Hello my name is Eric Hirsch, a 47 year resident of Nassau county and I oppose the casino proposal. Nassau county does not need the second largest casino in America squeezed in between two colleges. We should not be relying on vice and addicts for our budget.

Eric Hirsch
East Meadow, NY

From: [mayc1964](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No need for any Casino in Nassau County
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:41:17 PM

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From: [Sarmad Imam](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No To Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:16:08 AM

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From: [Msgr. Frank Caldwell](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:28:43 PM

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NO TO THE PROPOSED CASINO IN NASSAU COUNTY.

Thank you!

Msgr. Frank Caldwell

Pastor – Parish of The Cure of Ars

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Catherine Guida](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:31:51 AM

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I am a homeowner in Nassau County for almost 50 years . My family and I have been dutifully paying taxes to this county. Do not destroy our suburban county and home “ No to Casino ! “.

Cather Guida
Garden City , NY
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Regina Sauchelli](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to casino .
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:36:12 PM

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Please take care of your constituents interests- their families and local environment not outside interests and their Money -
No casinos in Nassau county
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan Donovan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to gambling
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:22:24 PM

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When Casinos Win, We Lose

The adage 'The house always wins' is painfully true. All casinos profit and they do so as local businesses suffer as consumer spending is redirected to the shiny slots. Residents lured by the promise of quick riches often end up with empty pockets and mounting debts, leaving the community further behind.

From: [Jen Wu](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the casino
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:53:32 PM

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NO to the proposed lease and NO to the casino!

I care about my community and I care about my children's future.

NO MEANS NO.

Jen

From: [Cynthia Donovan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:28:17 PM

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Don't ruin Nassau County! Don't build a casino!
Cynthia Donovan

From: [Konstatinos Rallis](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO THE CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:20:49 PM

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I'm opposed to the Casino.

The traffic congestion, crime, drugs and homeless will only add to the existing issues we already have.

From: [mayc1964](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:39:54 PM

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From: [John McKeever](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Sands Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:07:03 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am sending this email to voice my opposition to the Sands Nassau County Casino.

Thank you,

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From: [Carolyn Kiely](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposed to LV Sands Lease
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:00:29 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to Sands Lease. Lynnne Kiely

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: Opposing Casino
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 1:32:40 PM

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I am opposing the lease agreement and casino!

From: [Mary Daly](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Oppositon to Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 10:46:30 AM

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Respectfully, as a long time residents of Nassau County. I am very much opposed to the construciton of a casino at the Nassau County Coliseum and adjoining property

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Re: Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:09:20 PM
Importance: High

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The Casino is a bad idea, given the history of casinos in general and the proposed location specifically. The reasons given for it are as false as they were bought, by Sands, to those guilty of short term thinking. The unions want construction jobs, and don't care at all what they build. So they should be building things that don't rob from people who can't afford wasting their dollars, and sucking the local dollars out of the local economy. The black churches have been bamboozled (and bought with church "contributions") into thinking that the casino will give them good jobs. It won't. Build something that can do that instead. Hofstra sued because this project was initially handled under the table by politicians who either have a brother that worked for Sands or were trained on how to portray all the Sands lies and promises as if they were facts. I wouldn't be surprised if there were other things going on that are questionable.

I won't explain all the negatives as the email would be too long.

I'm against this casino and would much rather have research centers, affordable housing (powered by solar energy and a good example of integrated mass transit, parks and recreation, etc.).

Harvey Miller
East Meadow

From: [rita varriale](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Rita Varriale
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:00:07 PM

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I do not want the casino in my area. You must stop this!!!

Thank you,

Rita

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Betsy Andromidas](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 3:07:14 PM

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To say I vehemently oppose the Las Vegas Sand Casino is an understatement. We don't need it - the reasons are too many to list but it does NOT belong on Nassau County!!!! I will certainly remember who supports it when I vote and make it my mission to remind others!

Mary Andromidas
[REDACTED]
Garden City NY
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Angela Governale](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 1:27:47 PM

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I oppose the casino - Angela Governale
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Sands lease
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As residents of Nassau County we strongly object to the proposed lease for the Sands. Why is this being allowed. STOP THIS!!!! Do not let this go forward

From: [Beth Donnelly](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say no to the casino
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:29:10 PM

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I am vehemently opposed to a casino at the Nassau coliseum hub. This will be disastrous to our neighboring communities. Casinos bring increased crime, addiction, pollution, traffic, lower property values among many other negative impacts. The location is near 2 colleges and it will dramatically impact these areas negatively. Mr Blakeman refuses to listen to his constituents & continues to push this deal even though the majority oppose this. Why Mr Blakeman, why??? The majority of Nassau county does not want a casino in their backyard. I live in Garden City. If I wanted to live near a casino, I would live in Atlantic City. Garden city is a peaceful suburban area. A casino would change that. Local businesses would be affected.

The Nassau hub can be developed into something that will have a positive impact in the community. A casino isn't it.

Please do not allow the Nassau hub to be transformed into another Atlantic City filled with poverty.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Donnelly

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From: [Jennifer Strandberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say NO to the Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:18:02 PM

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Good morning,

I am a Garden City Resident and I oppose the casino. Building a casino in Nassau County will have a terrible impact on traffic, the environment, quality of life, and safety for our community. Please take our opinions into consideration while making decisions about the future of Nassau County. Thank you for your support,
Jennifer

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Jennifer Strandberg

[REDACTED]

From: [Betsy Andromidas](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No to the Casino
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:27:53 AM

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While the casino would line the pockets of the politicians- it will destroy Nassau County. The county has declined over the years and this would exacerbate problems. It may add jobs but the detriment to the area is far greater: crime, drugs, addictions, prostitution, the list goes on and on. The proximity to schools and homes should be reason enough to say no. It will certainly be a factor when I vote. Nassau County will be worse than Queens in a short time. Just say NO!!

Peter Andromidas
Garden City, NY
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fox, Diane](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say no to the Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:20:32 AM

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Dear Sirs,

We are strongly against the crime and traffic, environmental issues just to name a few that will come along with a casino complex at the Nassau Coliseum site. Every time I drive by Jakes 54 there are ambulances and police cars outside. This is not what we want for Long Island.

Diane Wykowski
[REDACTED]

Diane Fox-| Taxable Fixed Income

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To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Statement against a Casino at the Nassau County Hub
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:46:07 PM

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I am so grateful the Legislature will review the merits of approving a lease to LV Sands to build a casino. Now that we have much more information than we did a year ago when we first learned of this, allow me to share, below, this updated information.

Thank you,

Steve Rolston

[REDACTED]

Baldwin, NY

[REDACTED]

Steve Rolston

Baldwin, NY

June 17, 2024

Casinos are a dying business in 2024. Their operators are desperate for new sources of income.

Fourteen months after Las Vegas Sands presented their proposal in April 2023 to the general public, we know much more thanks to emerging studies we did not have available to us.

You get a chance to reconsider last year's vote, armed with

better information and with the benefit of time to review it.

Gambling was prohibited in NY State until 2013. Governor Andrew Cuomo was looking for more tax revenue to spend. In 2011 and 2012, gambling interests spent \$17.8 million on lobbying and political contributions. In November, 2011, the Governor quietly changed the wording of the ballot measure to read more like an ad, as follows:

“The proposed amendment to section 9 of article 1 of the Constitution is to allow the Legislature to authorize up to seven casinos in New York State for the legislated purposes of promoting job growth, increasing aid to schools, and permitting local governments to lower property taxes through revenues generated. Shall the amendment be approved?”

We were all duped by this wording as some type of responsible fiscal management. All these promises to promote job growth, lower property taxes, and increase aid to schools fell short of projections and wound-up costing NY State more than we earned in so-called “revenues”. The revenues are gambling losses.

Since April 2023, we have learned Casinos have financially underperformed while bringing crime, gambling addiction, and pollution to each locale.

One year after casinos were legalized in NY, a July 13, 2014 NY Times editorial warned us that research indicates “just when New York is proposing to ramp up its gambling business, the financial community (Moody’s Investment Services) is souring on the idea that casinos are an easy answer to state and local financial problems.”

The 2014 editorial also stated: “New York’s comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli, warned that the job and economic gains in communities where new casinos are built “may be offset by losses elsewhere.”

Emerging research in recent years confirms that gambling, lotteries, and sports betting actually remove revenue from local economies.

- In 2021, The University of Illinois Law Review published a 23-page report by Prof. Em. John Warren Kindt titled: “Bans on Sports Gambling and Lotteries would pump-prime the U.S. Economic System in the new age of Covid”.

In it he quotes Nobel-Prize Laureate Paul Samuelson who emphasized that gambling creates “no new money or goods” and “subtracts from the national income.”

- In May 2023, the National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University published “a vision for long-term

growth' which helped provide answers to questions regarding development at the Hub. The title of the paper is "The Economic Unsuitability of a Casino at the Nassau County Hub".

In it, they propose alternate projects similar to those which you, the Legislature, have already welcomed. For example, the announcement by NYU/Langone and Nassau Community College to coordinate on the establishment of a medical center at the Hub. Importantly, it would not diminish the important presence of Winthrop Hospital (NYU/Langone) in Mineola.

Many have said 'the Nassau County Hub is a wasted, non-income-producing parking lot'. The proposed medical center seems the perfect answer to what we have been asking for; something our aging society needs, including better paying jobs for our local residents. Casinos are notorious for low paying, and low morale jobs.

Please re-think your vote as we do not need a casino in one of the wealthiest and one of the most peaceful counties in the nation.

You will need plentiful parking for this new NYU/Langone medical facility, which will enhance our quality of life. A casino does not improve quality of life. Property values surrounding a casino diminish according to the National Association of Realtors. At the same time, crime rises. In fact,

LV Sands has volunteered to set up an extra police station on site! Foreclosures also rise in the towns surrounding a casino as problem gambling and gambling addiction sets in.

The Hub is the perfect place to move forward with the NYU/Langone and NCC proposal. In this modern age, there are now mini-Forests being erected to help cool our planet in ways a casino cannot. Please look up SUGi Project. Such plantings would help cool The Hub and effectively complement any responsible new construction at The Hub.

LV Sands wants to erect the nation's second largest casino in a year which will be the hottest on record. Each of the last twelve months have set a heat record for the month across America. Las Vegas Sands will have to run air conditioning, lighting, and some retail space 24/7/365 while drawing so much water (875,000 gallons a day) that they have to request re-zoning, then build a new well AND figure out where to move all the waste on top of our fragile aquifer.

A mini forest need not be trees. We can extend our beautiful Hempstead Plains, which is right next to The Hub, if environmental experts determine this is a better way forward in this Climate Crisis. Either plan will help cool the spaces between the proposed medical facility and the coliseum and the Marriott. This would be responsible growth, keeping the areas surrounding Hofstra and NCC, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and Nassau Coliseum, a more attractive and vibrant Hub.

- On February 22, 2024, NY State Senator, Liz Krueger, hosted a Town Hall in New York City titled "The Impact of Casinos on Urban Communities" featuring Les Bernal, National Director of Stop Predatory Gambling, and Lucy Dadayan, Principal Research Associate with the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center at the Urban Institute.

Mr. Bernal reminds us 'the house always wins'. He further notes that corporate gambling is the only business we are aware of where the owners have an adversarial relationship with their customers. Casinos and online gambling interests target their future "VIPs" in the pursuit of gamblers willing to keep trying to win back their losses. Sadly, this translates to the development and nurturing of problem gamblers or worse, gambling addicts.

This is why LV Sands is spending so much money in advance to work their way in. To pay their way in. Why would we invite this into our peaceful County? We were all raised and counseled DO NOT take candy, ice cream, or money from strangers. Why would we accept all the riches up front which LV Sands is offering? They are overly generous. Why?

In the same Town Hall, Ms. Dadayan presented years of study (including 2019-2023) confirming what we suspected: 'the presence of a casino generally costs the local economy more than it gains'. One study by Baylor University professor Earl

Grinois found casinos create \$3 in social costs for every \$1 they bring in.

Why is that? If they bring in so much revenue, how can we lose? The reason is that the "revenue" should more accurately be labeled "losses". The \$2 billion in profit to the casino operator, which Las Vegas Sands is projecting at the Nassau County Hub, will largely be monies taken out of the wallets of neighbors and friends. Mostly from their targeted audience: young people (college-age students), the less fortunate who are trying to make ends meet despite the odds (generally, people of color), and the lonely (senior citizens and lonely people hooked to their phones).

All any casino needs are a few newly addicted gamblers each week to keep the money rolling in. These losses, or "revenue" as Casinos prefer to label it, could instead have been rent money, food money, tuition money, local restaurant and museum money. The local economy loses out; as do families directly affected by the emerging gambling addiction crisis.

Please appreciate the \$2 billion figure is a sales person's projection.

Ms. Dadayan's research supports what the NY Times editorial feared. And what the NY State Comptroller noted. Ms. Dadayan reports "gambling revenue decline is everywhere, even in Nevada. In Philadelphia, Boston, and Chicago, all are

falling short of income forecasts. New York has seen a revenue decline of 10-25% since 2019”.

She added:

- National figures show negative growth
- In NY State, Resorts World income is down 23% since 2019
- Revenues are volatile and decrease over time.
- They won't fund critical services. This is especially important as Governor Hochul is relying on casinos to fund the MTA. They cannot.
- FBI statistics show non-violent crime increases, and Nevada is the capital of human sex trafficking

Ms. Dadayan concluded her presentation, noting Casino revenues are ALWAYS over-estimated”, and “casinos offer low-skilled jobs which hinder economic growth.

Utah was named this year, by the U.S. News & World Report, the nation's healthiest State economy. While many factors led to this rating, it is notable that Utah prohibits gambling.

You likely did not have much of this information when the Legislature voted 17-1-1 in favor of moving forward with the Las Vegas Sands Casino proposal. Now the evidence is irrefutable, and gambling addiction is on the rise. With on-line gambling also on the rise, gambling in a brick-and-mortar casino becomes less convenient, and less desirable a destination. They will not get the projected 23,000 visitors per

day. They might for six months. Then what?

We'll be stuck with a smaller version of Atlantic City. An empty promise; we'll be stuck with the eyesore of Nassau County's two tallest towers, largely empty as yet another casino falls short, looming over our local universities. The facts are now evident.

Fortunately, we have all been gifted with a do-over.

Please say "NO" to a casino and allow the excellent alternative of a new medical facility with surrounding green spaces. This will allow us all to thrive as the planet heats up.

It is socially, economically, and environmentally irresponsible to allow two 26-story towers and a massive casino floor to be dumped in the middle of our peaceful and thriving County.

Vote "no" this second time around. The age of casinos has passed. They are a dying business we cannot afford to support.

From: [Andrew Coen](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: staunchly opposed to Sands Nassau Coliseum property proposal
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:45:14 AM

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To whom it may concern,
I am a Nassau County resident (Rockville Centre) staunchly opposed to a lease agreement you are considering granting to Las Vegas Sands that could ultimately lead to a casino on the Nassau Coliseum property. This is a beyond terrible location to even consider a massive casino across from two colleges and within close proximity to a Catholic high school. There are so many better economic development options that should be considered for this property that can be positive for the area, and not ruin it with the many negatives casinos bring.

Sincerely,
Andrew Coen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Strong Opposition to the Casino
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 7:25:32 PM

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Putting a huge casino in the middle of a large residential area is a terrible idea that will have harmful ramifications that will last a generation and beyond for the many families that will be impacted. There is nothing good coming from this casino except lining the pockets of the politicians who are taking bribes to make this happen.

From: [Patty Knap](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: the casino will be a nightmare
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:55:58 PM

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I am 100% opposed to anything resembling a casino on Long Island.

We have dozens of case studies all over the country demonstrating the range of negatives brought upon a community when a casino comes in.

No matter what the assurances, the only one who benefits are the casino people.

Addiction, crime, divorce, debt, foreclosures, traffic, are just some of the ramifications.

I urge you to reject any casino proposal.

Patty Knap
Garden City
[REDACTED]

From: [Debra Cupani](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Too close to schools
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 5:32:45 AM

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The proximity of a casino surrounded by schools is not safe. Is there a casino in the US that is within a mile of a school in a densely populated area? What would be required to mitigate safety? Our excellent local, county, and state police forces would be strained. Educational institutions' safety would be compromised.

It's not worth the gamble on children's safety.

Sincerely,
Debra Cupani

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:23:49 AM
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From: [Kathleen Glasberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Voicing opposition to Sands lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:14:08 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away “site control” for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum.

I am aware that this lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This is a disgrace. The people in the area should have some say over county property. Why should they be granted anything? And I am furious that the public hearing was given on very short notice to Nassau County residents with a scheduled time when most residents were at work!

Everyone I know in this area, once they know what is going on, is OPPOSED to this, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

My next e mails will go to the state.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Glasberg



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: We say NO to a Casino at sight of Nassau Coliseum!!!
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:05:40 PM

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To our representatives,

Our names are James & Jean Moran. We are life long residents of Nassau county. Over 60 years!

We want to prevent the development of a casino at the Nassau Coliseum.

At close to 400,000 square feet or the size of 7 football fields,

the proposed casino would be the second largest casino in the country!

We believe such a massive casino complex in the heart of Nassau County will forever change the suburban character of the local communities and cause multiple economic and social harms to the residents of the entire County.

This is what we believe:

The decision to introduce a casino is irreversible and its negative influence will extend for generations. From shaping local politics to diverting resources, a casino would be a permanent fixture that could stifle other community-focused, sustainable development such as a new NYU medical center. The decision to introduce a casino is irreversible and its negative influence will extend for generations. From shaping local politics to diverting resources, a casino would be a permanent fixture that could stifle other community-focused, sustainable development such as a new NYU medical center. We vote no.

From: [Debra Canavan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:10:03 PM

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Please, please, do not approve!

This is headed for disaster.

Please concentrate on ways to better the community of Uniondale with more promising venues that would elevate the quality of life. The casino does not, in any way, complement the museums and learning centers that are in that area now.

There can be just as many jobs created with theater, and art , bringing the NYC culture to Long Island .

Please don't mess this up.

Thanks,

D. Canavan

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From: [cjcconers \(null\)](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:57:14 PM

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I am unable to attend tomorrows Casino gathering but would like my chance to voice my opinion.

I am very much against a casino being built and run while literally in the middle of public schools, private schools and colleges. We are putting \$\$\$\$ in front of the safety and well being of our children.

I have attended many other meetings about this proposal and I keep hearing that this will provide jobs, and bring in \$ for the county. I understand that but at the risk of our children we CANNOT let this happen. We MUST NOT let this happen!!

Thank you,

CJ Coners

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From: [Steven Ilardi](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino - Opposition
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 7:03:58 AM

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As a resident in the southeast section of Garden City I oppose a casino at the Nassau Hub location. Also, as someone who sent 4 kids to Kellenberg Memorial High School I don't think a casino should be so close to that school or the nearby colleges. Traffic that is already terrible within Garden City will only get worse with a 24/7 casino at the hub.

Steve Ilardi

[REDACTED]
Garden City

From: [James Hess](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 12:38:16 PM

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Hi,

As a 40 year resident of Nassau County, I strongly want to voice my opposition for a casino near Hofstra University. As a parent, I would never want to send my child to a university with a casino basically right next door. The temptation of gambling, alcohol and drugs in a convenient location to college and undergraduate students is totally inappropriate. Hofstra has worked for years to improve its academic standing and I feel this would be a death blow to them. Also, I feel like the surrounding communities would have to bear all of the negative consequences of increased traffic, increased drugs, increased prostitution and increased drain on society without receiving any of the monetary benefits. Do not do this to our already overly stressed neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Louise Hess

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From: [Lauren McGowan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:46:21 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away “site control” for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino.

As a Nassau County resident, I do NOT want a casino, and I don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lauren McGowan

From: [Michele Paxson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 8:44:39 AM

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Don't need to entice people to gamble.....Don't need the added traffic, disorderly, drunk, or drugged up people. Our roads are in bad shape.
Blakeman probably taking kickbacks to sell out Nassau, he's too busy worrying about trans kids playing sports
DON'T TRUST BLAKE MAN
Michele Paxson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 8:10:54 AM

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Nassau County does NOT need another casino. We have schools, traffic, and too many people in this congested area. I live in the Village of Garden City. Crime and traffic is becoming out of control in just a few short years. We DO NOT want this casino to happen in our backyard.

Susan Larocca

From: [Lisa Errico](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:52:51 PM

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As a Nassau County resident and a faculty member of Nassau Community College, I oppose the leasing and building of a casino on the Coliseum site. This casino would be poorly situated between two higher education institutions and in the long run would lead to a poorer quality of life for Nassau County residents. This quality of life issues would include higher traffic, more crime and can lead to gambling addictions for our residents. I would prefer to see housing and/or mixed use construction on that site.

I am opposed to this leasing agreement.

Respectfully,

Lisa Errico

[REDACTED]
Stewart Manor, NY 11530

From: [Joseph Wong](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Opposition
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:25:41 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the approval of the casino in Nassau County. As a parent and lifelong resident of Nassau County it is my belief that the casino will be a disturbance to the neighborhood, community, and infrastructure.

Regards,
Joe Wong

From: [Barbara Marra Dower](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Cc: [Scott P. Strauss](#)
Subject: Casino Project
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:12:43 PM

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Dear Mr. Blakeman and the NC Legislative Team,

Nassau County needs to continue to be a bright light in New York and stand apart from the rest of the ills being seen in NY these days.

It is well known that the building of a casino with the surrounding areas housing Hofstra University, Hofstra Law School, Hofstra Medical School, Nassau Community College, Kellenberg Memorial High School, Joseph Fox Latin School, Uniondale High School, Hempstead High School and many other public and charter schools, is an inherent danger to the well being of these young people. Many of the college aged students are legally able to gamble and statistics show a majority of this age has a gambling addiction.

Why would we, in Nassau County, foment this addiction and resulting suffering? There's enough online gambling sites which has turned too many students into gamblers.

For the sake of our beautiful County, where my family has made its home after leaving Brooklyn in the 1950s where I still live with my kids and grandchildren, Stop the Sands organization.

Plus I haven't even addressed the traffic, infrastructure, public health concerns. It's a nightmare. Put another casino in Queens, or Belmont- not here.

Sincerely,
Barbara Dower

[REDACTED]

From: [Janet Romano](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: CASINO!!!!
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:30:07 AM

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To whom it may concern: I am this casino being at the NC because of much mor traffic. CRIME, enabling bad habits for young adults. Put something else there. Anything BUT that!!!!!! What is Long Island coming to?????

From: [Rina E. Cohen](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 5:57:26 PM

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I stand with those who object to the Casino. It will negatively affect many aspects of the quality of life in Nassau: water supply, electric grid, police, fire personnel, traffic control, crime and who knows what else.

Consider a mixed-use planned community with apartments that our young people can afford, as well as retail etc.

The end.

Rina Cohen

East Meadow NY

From: [Linda Yglesias](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: COLISEUM PROPOSAL
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 3:59:52 PM

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I have lived here, in East Neadow, for 71 years. Yes, I have seen many changes in those years, some good, some not. This is absolutely the WORST idea yet. This will change our life styles and our property values. It will make our small towns so congested! Stop this greedy, self-serving idea that will change our neighborhoods!
Linda Yglesias

From: [Fiore Mastroianni](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Fwd: Casino hearing
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:21:25 PM

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> Dear Nassau County Planning Commission

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> A casino at the Coliseum site would dramatically and negatively affect the county in terms of traffic, quality of life, property values, drug use and crime.

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> We absolutely do not need or want a casino there.

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> Fiore Mastroianni

> Westbury, NY

From: [Lois Miceli](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:21:44 AM

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Casino Opinion

I have lived in Nassau County all my life; south shore and north Shore and in Hempstead and I am opposed to the proposal for the lease of Nassau county hub to Sands Casino..

Since we are in effect, talking about a casino--although commercial activity in the immediate area as well as home values might increase a 2- 10%; however, it is a fact that the effect upon families in Nassau County will be profound: gambling addiction, housing foreclosures, etc. .

If you approve this, you will be gambling with future of Nassau county residents health and mental health.. You are in effect saying let's approve this and benefit from the extra tax money but let's close our eyes on the effect that this 400,000 sq foot casino will have on the quality of life for families in Nassau County which brings an increase in violence and crime.. What are we saying to our children who live in the neighborhoods around the casino? That this a good thing when we know in our hearts that it is the wrong values to impart on future generations.. We can do better than this to find an alternative for use of this site..

In addition, can we handle comfortably the additional 23,000 cars per day on our roadways if this is approved ? This proposal impacts all of Long Island.. all major roadways: Meadowbrook Pkwy, LIE and of course Hemp Tpke will be impacted.. Have you been to the UBS arena in Elmont when a concert is scheduled? Moving through that area is difficult, frustrating, and time consuming..

Lois Miceli
[REDACTED]
Sea Cliff NY

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: I am saying No to the Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:49:45 PM

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The casino will not support family values. I believe that a casino close to schools, colleges, and neighborhoods is misplaced. I have had an experience of watching Atlantic City spiral into a downturn from which it has never recovered. The wrong elements associated with gambling are attracted to casinos. Why would anyone ever allow such chaos to disturb our county.

Best,
April R Garschina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Just say NO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 3:59:32 PM

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To Nassau County Planning Commission:

A question that should be on most residents' minds soon will be the one related to the building of a gambling casino on the site of the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale. The issue is whether a casino is or is not wanted and whether will it be beneficial to the local communities involved. I would like to provide a little background and insight on modern casinos in that most are made up of computerized gambling machines and only some have table games. A casino themselves carefully set up their layouts so that their computerized gambling machines are located near the casino's entrance and some pay out more frequently so that passersby are enticed by all the flashing lights and bells to draw them into their establishment. A typical casino gambler sits at a computer screen, slides their credit card into the machine, and immediately enters a digital environment carefully constructed to keep them playing until all available money is gone. Casinos are built with no windows and no clocks in order that players prolong their stays at the machines or the tables, a phenomenon that the industry calls "playing to extinction."

In the past casinos were allowed in Atlantic City back in 1997 while advocates promised that gambling would revive the town's fading economy. The casinos did create jobs as promised but merchants in the area were sorely disappointed with the outcome. The money that comes to the casinos, stays in the casinos. The only thriving businesses in the area were liquor stores, cash-for-gold outlets, and pawn shops that took over the city's once primary retail shopping strip. The impact of casinos on local property values according to the National Association of Realtors was clearly negative. Casinos did not revive local economies but acted as parasites upon them. They reported that local communities within 10 miles of the casino exhibited double the rate of problem gambling. Not surprisingly these communities also suffered higher rates

of home foreclosures and other forms of economic distress along with an increase in domestic violence. Are we really looking forward to all this? **JUST SAY NO** to the Nassau Casino.

Bob Orosz

Garden City, N.Y. 11530



From: [Vicki Glover](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Las Vegas Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:34:17 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission:

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42-year operating lease that gives away site control for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum.

A casino in our community is not beneficial to Nassau County residents' quality of life. Why aren't our politicians who are pushing this casino working for their constituents instead of their own personal interests? Respectfully,
Vicki Glover

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Matt Flanagan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Las Vegas Sands Lease
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 4:57:49 PM

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I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year lease that effectively hands over control of the coliseum property to the Sands. Do what is in the best interests of the residents of Nassau County, not the Sanda or other special interests.

Thank you.

Matthew Flanagan
[REDACTED]
Garden City NY 11530

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From: [Domenica Buckley](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:39:07 PM

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SandsCasino is a disgusting and disgraceful option for the property.
Our economy needs a strong. Our unemployment is low. We need something to bring us forward to make us better stronger. A casino never does that. It will destroy lives families kids adults. It doesn't discriminate. The poor will get poorer. Traffic will increase, violence will increase environment will suffer.
How about businesses to bring us forward and attract better jobs better opportunities.
Life sciences/ medical, energy management, developments improving the planet. These are good jobs. They don't need to be all high paying but their significant and important contributions.
Nothing about a casino is significant or provides contributions.

Domenica Buckley

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From: [Nancy Crowley](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:26:01 AM

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As a Garden City resident, I strongly oppose a casino being built in Nassau County. The environmental impact and air pollution would be devastating. The increase in congestion and traffic in an already congested area would be extremely dangerous to all citizens.

This casino must not be approved!

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Crowley

From: [Dawn Geis](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:41:23 AM

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Putting a casino in our neighborhood is an unhealthy choice for our community. Gambling is a real problem among our youth and adults and a casino is a terrible and dangerous use of our space. Real lives are at stake here. Please don't lose sight of the fact that we need to protect the families and individuals in our community. Addiction doesn't discriminate. The effects this casino will have will be incredibly damaging on all fronts.
Thank you.

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From: [Lynn Faherty](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:01:20 AM

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There are so many reasons to say

”NO CASINO”. It will cause more harm than good, I don’t find any reason to build a casino here or anywhere else. Our home values will suffer, the added congestion, the crime rate, our children attending the surrounding schools, drugs, alcohol, prostitution. None of these will be positive changes for Nassau County and the residents . NO CASINO! We don’t need it, we don’t want it! We don’t support it!

Lynn Faherty

From: [Mary Noe](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:57:26 AM

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1. Studies: Casinos bring jobs, but also crime, bankruptcy, and even suicide

Washington Post **By Dylan Matthews**

October 30, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. EDT

2. Report: Nassau Hub is least traffic-friendly site for a casino

 **LI Advocate**

3. Why do so many choose Nassau County to not only work in and visit, but also to call home?

Especially with the bustling, never-sleeping New York City quite literally over the next hill?

That answer is simple: Big homes and big yards. Less noise and pollution. Quieter streets. Much lower crime rates. And superior schools — especially when it comes to public schools.

LI Herald.com

For these and so many more reasons I do not want a casino in Nassau County. You will destroy the fabric and culture of thiscounty.

Mary Noe

[REDACTED]
Glen Cove, NY 11542

From: [Adriano Cammarata](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:39:19 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

Nassau County should not be a home to a large casino complex that will ruin the fabric of our bucolic suburban area. I moved to Nassau County over 20 years ago from New York City to raise a family in a setting that promotes family values, education and hard work. Bringing in a Casino wil change that setting for good.

Nassau County should be focused on attracting businesses and industries of the future that will help promote longevity and wealth creation. Not an industry that has low paying jobs and attracts unsavory clientele.

Do the right thing and say No to the Casino.

Regards,
Adriano Cammarata

[REDACTED]

From: tahonid.chowdhury
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO Casino in Nassau Coliseum
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:22:05 PM

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of East Meadow I fully heartedly disagree with having any sort of Casino in Nassau Coliseum. People move to Longisland and its towns to get away from all the busyness of the 5 boroughs. We are here to raise our family's in a good environment and having a casino will not improve that. We pay high enough taxes where this should not even be a consideration to have such an establishment in our neighborhoods. Casinos as a by product will make more people come around our neighborhoods taking up parking spaces and potentially introduce violence, drugs, alcohol and other negative influences associated with gambling and gambling establishments. In order to gain a penny you will be deterring people from moving in to Nassau and potentially loosing much more. As a concerned father who loves this community and all that Nassau represents for a family trying to give there children a good environment to grow up in this potential move seems to project toward a negative future for our children, family's, neighborhoods and community.

With high hopes & Regards
Tahonid Chowdhury
Concerned citizen of Nassau

From: [Frances Mckeever](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino in Nassau County
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:32:38 AM

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As an educator for 42 years, parent and now blessed to be a grandparent of eight previous children, I do not want to see my community and county drastically changed with the presence of a gigantic casino that will bring in thousands of people a day and be open 24 hours a day... I can't see how our environment could handle this invasion and how a community we have loved since we moved here would not be greatly changed in so many negative ways... Please don't let this happen, the addiction to drugs, gambling, crime, traffic accidents will change our community forever and this is not what we want... No casino here

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: NO CASINO PLEASE!!!
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:32:01 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have lived on Long Island all of our lives and do NOT want to see a casino affect the quality of life we hold so dear to us.

A casino on LI only benefits big corporations - they only want to line their pockets and are not thinking about the effect a casino of this size (or any size) would have on the lives of so many Long Islanders.

There are so many factors to take into consideration:

- Increase in Crime
- Increase in Traffic
- DWI accidents
- Pollution
- Home values would plummet
- Local businesses would suffer
- Gambling Addictions (already a major problem) would become even more prevalent

Our "Quality of Life" (a phrase often used by our local politicians) would suffer from this addition.

The increase of the encouragement for people to gamble (young people especially are targeted) is on the rise and is really despicable. Encouraging people to gamble and potentially lose their life savings, their homes, their loved ones, and their lives should be a major concern for the people we elect to protect and serve us. The loss of their livelihood would have a direct impact on their spending and on our economy.

The hypocrisy in this whole scenario is mind boggling.

Do the right thing.

And shame on you if you don't. What would your mothers say?

Respectfully,

Fran and Joe Brethel



Floral Park, NY 11001

From: [Jennifer Ferrara-Poupis](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino PLEASE
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:42:22 PM

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Casinos are poison because they feed on a long list of negative repercussions! Addiction, violence, pollution, trafficking, traffic, suicides, broken marriages, broken families, Excessive Alcohol use, drug use, teenage suicide, college students morals destruction and the list goes on.

Stop your greediness be happy with what you have, You have enough casinos not far from this location . The ruination of neighborhoods with casinos is in plain sight.

Jennifer Ferrara

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From: [Christine Pettei](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:28:56 AM

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I am writing this letter to state my total opposition to the proposed casino on the Nassau Coliseum property. This casino will bring down the neighborhood bringing nothing but violent crime, drugs, organized crime and prostitution to our area. It's absolutely disgusting and a degradation of our community. I oppose it completely. I will not be voting for Blakeman, nor will any of my friends, nor will we be voting for any corrupt politician who is in favor of this vile proposal that puts in jeopardy our community, our children's safety and our culture and way of life. For once, represent the people you serve and not your own personal pocketbook!!! This proposal is an outrage!!!! I am totally against it!!!!

Sincerely,
Christine Pepitone

From: [Joe Moody](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino!!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:16:03 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to request that you do not allow a Casino on the former Nassau Coliseum property. Just with the Cricket tournament the last few weeks traffic has been a complete nightmare in and around the surrounding areas including Garden City where I reside. I got a real taste of the diminished quality of life we would have if all this traffic was happening every day once a Casino was opened. I also am deeply concerned about air quality that's already bad and adding thousands of car emissions to this area will certainly make things worse. Along with that we have, crime, prostitution, gambling addiction and drugs that also come along with Casinos. Please stand up for the tax paying residents and voters you represent. Please save us from something that will have a major negative impact on our neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Joseph Moody
[REDACTED]
Garden City NY, 11530

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jenn Johnson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO!!
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:37:29 AM

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My name is Jennie Johnson. I am a lofe long resident of Nassau County and I am also a patient of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and mainly use the Uniondale location for treatment and follow-up. I DO NOT want a casino where I receive my cancer care. I DO NOT want the type of transients from a hotel and gamblers around where I receive treatment. This is not the best thing for Nassau County, its residents, the students of both Hofstra and Nassau Community or cancer patients.

There are better options for this site. How about bringing more family friendly ventures like the Islanders minor league team, the Bridgeport Islanders, to play at the coliseum? Having them here would tie in the huge success that UBS arena has brought to this county and revitalize Uniondale as a place families can be!

No matter what though, SAY NO to the Casino. For families, for Sloan Kettering patients and staff, for students at two colleges, keep Nassau County Casino free!!

Jennie Johnson
[REDACTED]

From: [Kate Quinn](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO CASINO!
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:59:20 AM

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The casino is a bad idea for Nassau County. Traffic grows more congested each year, and our trains and bus routes are full too! We do not need to create more garbage and pollution, there is already too much. Nothing healthy, productive or beneficial happens at a casino. Nassau County is not the place for this Sands Development.

Kate Quinn
Garden City

From: [Annie Cronin Holland](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO Casino
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 5:58:17 PM

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As a mother and Nassau County taxpayer, I implore you not to approve the lease transfer to Sands for the casino. I am terrified of the congestion, crime, and pollution that will permanently damage our neighborhoods. There are TONS of other options for the site that promote science, community, health, or education. There is a loud and clear residential voice that is being bullied by paid union workers and Sands employees who should frankly not get a say in the future of our community.

I can't be there in person on Thursday but hear my voice: NO CASINO.

Thank you
Annie Cronin

From: [E. C.](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Sands, No Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:48:44 PM

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No one wants a Sands operation or a casino in Nassau.

Its ridiculous !! Consider traffic, crowds, water use., property values, crime, addiction ,all the schools so close, the seniors across the street.

Why are you doing this to us??
PLEASE CUT IT OUT

From: [Tommy Johnson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:53:57 PM

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The casino should not be put there. It's right next to Slone Kettering Cancer Center. There are a lot of sick people that come in and out of that building and the casino will only bring around the undesirables.

I work around the resort world casino and there are a lot of issues in and around the area. This is not what we need next to a cancer treatment hospital.

Please reconsider putting a casino in that location.

Thank you

Thomas Johnson

If people want to go to a casino they can go to Queens or Connecticut . Nassau County doesn't need one.

From: [Joeleen Smith](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to sands casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:38:40 PM

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I do not want a casino in Nassau coliseum. It would be a huge negative to the community.

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From: [James Kumpel](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 10:49:36 AM

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My family is opposed to the development of the Nassau Coliseum for the purposes of a socially disruptive, economically unsound, and quality-of-life killing casino

Please say no to casino's short-term sugar high and the long-term negative effects on the pocketbooks, communities, congestion, and small businesses of Nassau County.

James Kumpel
Garden City, NY

From: [Daniel J Faherty](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO TO THE CASINO
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 9:36:55 AM

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Hello,

I and the majority of Nassau County residents are very opposed to this casino being built on the Nassau Coliseum property.

We are a God, Family and Education first community...

The casino is the very opposite of this.

It will bring in prostitution, drugs of all types and degradation

We have 2 colleges Nassau Community College & Hofstra plus Kellenberg Memorial High School surrounding this area

This is NO place for a casino for us and our children

I SAY NO TO THE CASINO

From: [barbara hanley](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:53:18 AM

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As a long time resident of Nassau county, it concerns me that the current administration is supporting this casino. It is a terrible idea ! This area is already congested and the addition of this casino will negatively impact our area. Putting a casino right next to two colleges? Gambling influencing the young students should concern any prospective student applying to Hofstra. The community cannot sustain the additional resources needed for this . Please vote this down.

- Barbara Hanley

From: [James Dunphy](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:55:10 PM

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I am writing to express my absolute displeasure and disgust in the plans for a casino in our backyard. Look at the surrounding areas of any casino and see what it does to the community over a long period of time. Do not destroy our suburbs. I chose to live in a quiet, safe neighborhood. I pay a lot of taxes to secure this. Do not destroy the efforts of our community for a simple cash grab.

James Dunphy

From: [Tom Deierlein](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Cc: [donclavin@hempsteadny.gov](#); [dgoosby@hempsteadny.gov](#); [tmuscarella@hempsteadny.gov](#); [melimil@hempsteadny.gov](#); [lyder@hempsteadny.gov](#); [ccarini@hempsteadny.gov](#); [ddunnesr@hempsteadny.gov](#); [Blakeman, Bruce](#); [rae@nyassembly.gov](#); [thomas@nySenate.gov](#); [nycasinos@gaming.ny.gov](#); [kmurray@hempsteadny.gov](#)
Subject: NO to the Casino and NO to the lease please
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 1:12:10 PM

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I absolutely do NOT want a casino here please.

There are a number of reasons we cannot and should allow a casino to come here. I cannot help but think, given the overwhelming number of reasons that this is bad, that somehow politicians or their friends and families will benefit. It wrecks of graft and hidden bribes. There is no logical reason to bring a casino here. Especially the hidden nature of backdoor lease deals and hiding from the public clear attractive alternatives like the Healthcare center.

Here are some reasons we should avoid a lease and any relationship with the Sands or any casino operator. It belongs in a remote area that is a destination site not in the middle of existing suburbs. Horrible and short sighted plan filled with lies and empty promises from potential casino operators. If they know the things they say will come true - put it in writing. If they know the things we don't want to come true won't make them put it in writing. They won't. We are playing checkers and they are playing chess. Please do not be deceived and bamboozled.

Know when to walk away - know when to run. RUN!!

INCREASED CRIME: The presence of a casino will encourage criminal activities such as theft, fraud, drug and human trafficking. Approximately 50% of those with gambling problems commit crimes to support their addiction.

MORE DWI ACCIDENTS: Tens of thousands of daily casino visitors arriving by car combined with alcohol consumption will lead to more innocent lives lost to DWI accidents.

EVEN MORE TRAFFIC: Nassau County is already heavily congested with traffic each and every day - with Roosevelt Field nearby, the Meadowbrook Parkway and surrounding roads will be packed. **23,000+ DAILY VISITORS:** With more on the weekends; thousands of additional cars, buses and commercial vehicles that will clog our already crowded roadways!

SOCIAL IMPACT: Low-income individuals are particularly vulnerable to gambling addiction, which will lead to a range of social issues like family breakdown, increased debt, and mental

health problems.

GROWING ADDICTION CRISIS: A growing problem with online sports betting and this massive casino will only make it much worse.

RISKS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SENIOR CITIZENS: Risk of gambling problems more than doubles for young people in college settings and in communities located within 10 miles of a casino. Our senior citizens will be targeted as older Americans are now the fastest growing segment of gambling addicts.

Environmental Injustice including:

INCREASED POLLUTION: Uniondale, Hempstead and New Cassel are already identified as disadvantaged communities with high pollution burdens by New York State. The second largest casino in the country will further harm these communities.

STRAIN OUR WATER SUPPLY: The massive casino complex would place extraordinary demands on our sole source aquifer-875,000 gallons per day!

LIGHT AND NOISE POLLUTION: The enormous complex will bring light and noise pollution to local residents. Recent JAMA study linked artificial light at night to eye disease.

LOCATION IS JUST WRONG: Placement of a massive casino next to ten of thousands of students is morally wrong due to the inevitable harm it will cause to these students. (Hofstra, Nassau Community, Kellenberg HS)

Economic Injustice

INCREASED POVERTY: Those who can least afford to lose money will most likely to gamble in hopes of a quick financial turnaround, potentially deepening poverty levels in nearby communities.

LOCAL BUSINESS DRAIN: The casino will monopolize consumer spending (over \$2.0 billion lost annually, none of which will be subject to sales tax hurting County revenues), drawing money away from existing local businesses and contributing to their decline.

Better Options

WE HAVE BETTER OPTIONS: Such as a new NYU medical center that will improve lives rather than destroy them!

HUB CAN BE A CENTER OF INNOVATION: Nassau Hub can be a center of life sciences and renewable energy innovation with high paying jobs, like the Innovation District proposed by RXR for the Nassau Hub.

Higher Taxes

MAY INCREASE YOUR TAXES, NOT LOWER THEM: Spending will increase due to demand for social services for gambling addictions, emergency services for police, fire and medical assistance and prosecution costs due to an increase in criminal activity.

80% OF GAMBLING TAXES GO TO ALBANY: The tiny percentage that would go to Nassau County will likely not cover the many social costs of a casino especially after the millions of dollars of tax breaks Sands is seeking.

Lower Home Values

MAY LOWER YOUR HOME VALUES: Given the many harmful impacts of a casino, lower home values in surrounding communities are likely.

WILL INCREASE LVS STOCK PRICE: Las Vegas Sands' senior executives and shareholders will become even richer while Long Islanders become poorer.

Save Our Suburbs!

WILL FOREVER CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY: It will result in increases in crime, traffic, addiction, pollution, personal bankruptcies, and worse - these changes will last for generations.

LET'S KEEP LONG ISLAND A SPECIAL PLACE: Long Island is a very special place to live and raise a family - we are not Las Vegas or Macao, China - let's fight to keep our quality of life!

Thanks

Tom Deierlein

[REDACTED]

Garden City NY 11530

[REDACTED]

From: [Maya Manashirov](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the casino!
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:41:57 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a member of GamAnon. I have a family member that fights a gambling addiction on a daily basis. We have new members coming every week because their family member is addicted to gambling. It's a terrible illness that can be prevented. Gambling ruins families and communities. Please don't build a casino so close to home. It will be devastating to our family, friends, neighbors, and our community.

Maya Manashirov

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: NO TO The Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 1:12:01 PM

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My husband and I are unable to attend the public hearing this Thursday June 20th but we would like to add our voice to the many other Long Islanders who are opposed to a casino being built in the old Nassau Coliseum.

There would be an increase in crime and DWI accidents if this casino were to be built. Surely the safety of LI residents should be the major concern of our politicians, that is why they are elected isn't it? Casinos don't provide safety; they only provide income to their owners.

The amount of traffic and pollution are also a major concern but even more than that is the temptation to get people to gamble, younger people would be especially tempted by a casino "in their backyard".

Casinos and their owners are the only ones who profit.

Gambling addictions and people losing their savings would surely be more of a detriment to Long Island's economy than a casino.

If people cannot pay their bills and lose their homes and jeopardize their relationships with family and friends surely that is more important to their well-being and LI's economy as well.

A casino this large near to so many schools is not something that would make Nassau County and the rest of LI an attractive place to live and raise a family.

Taxes would go up and property values would go down - how does that benefit Long Islanders?

Surely that land could be put to better use.

Create something else that would provide jobs, promote health or housing that would

benefit our population, not corporations.

Sincerely,

Fran and Joe Brethel



Floral Park, 11001

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncdc](#)
Subject: NO to the Casio
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ENOUGH CONGESTION IN THAT AREA!!!! INTERFERES WITH THE
EDUCATION WITH TEMPTATION TO THE STUDENTS....
JAKE'S OUT EAST HAS ALREADY HAD CRIMINAL ACTS....NASSAU COUNTY
HAS HAD ENOUGH!!!! STOP GREASING YOUR PALM MR. BLAKEMAN!!!!

From: [Gregory Schrubbe](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Coliseum Lease to Las Vegas Sands & No to the Casino in Nassau Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:38:35 PM
Attachments: Nevada Placing Bets Away from Casinos_2024-02-06.pdf

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Nassau County Planning Commission:

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County regarding the initiative to place a Casino in the vicinity of the Nassau Hub next to Hofstra University. **I am adamantly opposed to: 1) the proposed lease of the Coliseum to Las Vegas Sands; and 2) having a Casino built there or anywhere in Nassau County. The proposed lease agreement is a blatant attempt to circumvent our environmental laws by improperly segmenting the lease agreement with Sands into 2 contracts.**

You have already been inundated with the obvious reasons for not wanting the Casino (crime, drugs, congestion, etc). I also feel these reasons are extremely important, especially the negative of having 23,000 new people per day draw from the Long Island Aquifer. That will have a huge negative impact to the quality of life and future of Long Island. There have been numerous articles in the NY Times over the last 6 months about industries drawing more from the aquifers than mother nature is able to put into the aquifer and the impending problem that will create to the population. What will you do when you flush your toilet or turn on the water to make a meal, wash your hands or take a shower and there is insufficient water & pressure to deliver that valuable resource? Are you going to call a plumber to fix the problem. **You can't fix a depleted aquifer.**

Who is going to pay for Fire Protection? I don't believe any of the Fire Departments in the Town of Hempstead are trained to fight a fire of the magnitude that could occur in the size (ie., height) of the proposed Casino. That is a recipe for a disaster. Are you going to tax residents who have nothing to do with the Casino for the cost of that coverage? That is not a viable solution.

Why do you think the Casino Companies want to export gambling out of Las Vegas? All you have to do is go to the NY Times Business Section, Tuesday, February 6, 2024 for the answer. I've attached a PDF of the Articles for your reading enjoyment. **Nevada wants to diversify itself away from the Gaming Industry because of the disastrous results that occur when you have thousands of people out of work due to an economic downturn.** Who pays for that? Not only do we then have a Casino that sucks the \$\$ out of Nassau County but we now as taxpayers have to foot the bill for the social services that would be required to help address the problem. That does not sound like a sound investment in the future of Nassau County or Long Island. Having already experienced several economic downturns and the negative impact on Gaming Industry employees, Nevada is investing in industries that provide higher paying jobs than the service industries and jobs that have a mission and opportunities for advancement with the propensity of creating new skills that a gaming service industry is unable to do. Nevada has concluded that Casinos are not the answer to the future of Nevada nor are they the answer to the future of Nassau County

Having a Casino in Nassau County is not an investment in the future of the county. It would only accelerate the demise of the county given the negative impact it would have on our most valuable natural resource (water) and its ability to suck wealth out of the country for investment elsewhere. In effect, it is not providing any value to the future of the County. Employees are stagnant in a service industry, natural resources are consumed with no replacement, and wealth leaves the county faster than you can pull the lever on a slot machine. This is not a sound strategic investment in the Town of Hempstead nor Nassau County.

Is the Political Leadership of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County going to be the type who kicks the can down the road to some other set of politicians to deal with the known problems the Casino will create or is the leadership going to have the backbone to lead and say that Nassau County deserves better and needs the type of investment that will insure the county's growth is

aligned to the fast ever changing technological and biomedical developments that are all around us? I truly hope our Political Leaders have that backbone to invest in a future that puts \$\$ back into the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County instead of investing in the monotonous sound of ringing slot machines across a Casino Floor as the Casino sucks the future out of Nassau County. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Gregory D Schrubbe

[REDACTED]

Garden City, NY 11530N

From: [Kim](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: NO to the proposed casino
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:43:54 PM

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Hello -

I am writing to express how deeply we should say NO to the proposed new casino. It is hard to imagine how this proposed casino is going to serve the people in the communities surrounding the proposed casino, and it is easy to imagine how it will negatively impact them. With a new casino, we will see dramatic increases in crime, traffic, pollution (adding to areas already struggling with excessive pollution), and DWI, along with an unprecedented strain on our water supply, a negative social impact on our children, a blow to local businesses, decreased value of homes in the communities surrounding the casino, and increased gambling addiction, especially in the young and old. I could go on and on.

Understanding how this would all be justified is inconceivable, especially when only a tiny percentage of the gambling taxes will go to Nassau County. There are so many more positive and productive endeavors we can put our focus on and bring greater prosperity to the area without all of the highly damaging impacts. It is sad when a business is solely focused on its huge profits at the expense of others. This is not what we want to leave to our children and future generations, who will inherit all of the ramifications of our damaging decisions for many years to come.

We trust our elected officials. Please vote to protect the people of Nassau County and our communities.

Sincerely,
Kim Liu

From: [Ingrid Favelus](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opinion about the casino.
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 3:00:55 AM

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Nassau does not need a casino. The residents and the young population need affordable housing to remain in our county.

Why leasing Nassau Coliseum for 99 years?

Imagine how many generations will suffer because of that decision?

From: [Dorene Marinese](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Oppose the casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:28:36 PM

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Please do not bring a casino to a family oriented area. There are many young people here. It will not be a good influence for them. It will draw crime, drunk driving and gambling. None of this is good for any community.
Dorene Marinese

From: [Christina Grimes](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposed to Las Vegas Sands operating lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:46:27 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am opposed to giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away “site control” for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County residents don’t want a casino, and we don’t want to give Las Vegas Sands control over OUR property. Our small, local businesses will suffer. It will lead to increased traffic, air and water pollution, strains on Long Island’s drinking water, higher rates of crime and gambling addiction, and lower property values. Who would want to move next door to a casino? Who would want to raise their children next to a casino? Who would want to send their children to school next to a casino? Nassau County residents deserve to have a say as to how the land will be used. There surely has to be a more appropriate use that will genuinely benefit our great communities.... Help people, help our elders, help our children, help our beautiful local environment.

Sincerely,
Christina Grimes

From: [DENNIS MINOGUE](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposing of the Nassau Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:16:14 AM

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I oppose a Casino on the property of the Nassau Coliseum site. Crime, traffic and the vicinity to Colleges and other schools makes it a horrible place for a Casino. Students shouldn't have a gambling facility near the schools were they learning. The area should have been used to build a new arena and an event area with shopping like it was proposed to be years ago and shut down by local politicians. Now fans have to go to the Queens/ Nassau border to enjoy sports events and concerts. Plus, the coliseum had plenty of parking that UBS arena doesn't and it was more accessible. I have been a Nassau county resident for 54 years. I also have 20 years of service as a Police Officer with the NYPD. The Worlds Resorts Casino in Queens is a nightmare and the crime and people that the Casino's attracts is not good for our County. I have responded to fights, assaults and even a homicide at the Casino in Queens. Nassau County isn't Queens, but it will be soon enough if this is built. The quality of life in Nassau county is already becoming a big problem here and this Casino will just make things ten times worse. Traffic will be a big problem with colleges and people commuting in the area. Casino's run all day and night. More police officers will be needed. We do NOT need this in our County!

Dennis Minogue

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Andy Wong](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposing the lease & the build of casino in Nassau County
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 10:05:22 AM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a casino in Nassau County, Long Island. As a concerned resident of this community, I believe that building a casino would have numerous adverse effects on our local area, outweighing any potential benefits.

Firstly, the introduction of a casino would likely lead to an increase in crime rates. Studies have shown that areas surrounding casinos often experience higher levels of crime, including theft, fraud, and other related offenses. This increase in crime would strain our local law enforcement agencies and compromise the safety and well-being of our residents.

Secondly, the presence of a casino would exacerbate issues related to gambling addiction. Casinos are designed to maximize profits, often at the expense of vulnerable individuals who may develop problematic gambling behaviors. The social and economic costs of gambling addiction, such as family breakdowns, financial ruin, and mental health issues, would place an additional burden on our community resources.

Furthermore, the economic benefits promised by casino proponents are often overstated. While a casino might create some jobs and generate tax revenue, these benefits are frequently offset by the negative impacts on local businesses. Casinos can siphon money away from existing entertainment and dining establishments, leading to a net economic loss for the community.

Environmental concerns also play a significant role in my opposition. The construction and operation of a casino would likely lead to increased traffic congestion, pollution, and strain on local infrastructure. Our community values its natural beauty and quality of life, which could be jeopardized by the influx of visitors and associated environmental degradation.

Lastly, the character and values of our community are at stake. Nassau County is known for its family-friendly atmosphere, excellent schools, and safe neighborhoods. The introduction of a casino could fundamentally alter the fabric of our community, prioritizing profit over the well-being and values of our residents.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposal to build a casino in Nassau County. The potential harms far outweigh any perceived benefits, and our community deserves to be protected from the negative consequences associated with such a development. I hope you will take into account the voices of concerned residents like myself and prioritize the long-term health and prosperity of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Wong

From: [Diana O'Neill, Long Island Volunteer Center](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to coliseum lease to Las Vegas Sands
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 3:50:12 PM

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As a Garden City resident, I could not have been more proud of our Mayor, Mary Carter Flanagan, who spoke at the June 20 Nassau County Planning Commission open hearing about the Coliseum lease recommending a lesser controversial operator than Las Vegas Sands and her announcement that the village board unanimously passed a recent resolution opposing the casino. I stayed for the entire meeting and wanted to share that I was so impressed by each of the speakers who opposed the lease--each one sticking to solid facts about the negative impacts a casino would bring to our region plus raising significant questions about the lease process and its provisions. Hearing about the staggering environmental and health issues, not to mention how lives will be destroyed by all forms of vice associated with gambling was truly disturbing. Please vote against the coliseum lease being awarded to Las Vegas Sands.

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[REDACTED] 11530



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From: [Lois Miceli](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Casino Proposal
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:28:24 AM

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No amount of word-smithing can change the character of what Bruce Blakeman and the Las Vegas Sands are attempting to do at the Nassau Coliseum. The proposed Mitchell Field Integrated Resort District will be 1.5 times larger than Roosevelt Field and at the heart of this project is a 400,000 square foot Las Vegas style gambling casino. This gambling space is equivalent to that of the largest casino in the world – Winstar World Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma. The population of Thackerville was 178 people per square mile as of the 2020 census while the population of Nassau County was 4,905.3 people per square mile as per the same census. Maybe Thackerville can handle that type of traffic but I am sure that Hempstead Tpke and Meadowbrook Parkway cannot. As any Long Islander knows, these roadways are congested enough during rush hour, holiday shopping time, and on summer beach days and to add the projected 23,000 cars per day on our roads and parkways is incredulous and will not only affect immediate towns and villages surrounding the Hub but all of Nassau County and Long Island.

To have a casino near area schools is another important reason to rethink this proposal as a viable use of this space. The research has shown us that young adults between the ages of 18-24 are at a high risk of developing gambling problems. At this age, the brain is still developing, and emotion and logic aren't fully formed. This means that decision-making ability hasn't yet matured, making young adults more likely to take risks or act impulsively. **I know folks will say that children today are exposed through online betting but let us control what we can and not make a ride past a behemoth casino a daily visual in their young lives.** I am sure that this is not the legacy that we want to leave for the next generations of Long Islanders.

Lois Miceli

Sea Cliff, N.Y.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Cc: [William McCartin](#); [Louise McCartin](#); [Maggie McCartin-Castellano](#); [John Castellano](#)
Subject: Opposition to the proposed Casino in Nassau County
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:34:44 PM

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To Whom It May Concern

My husband and I are opposed to the Sands Organization leasing the Uniondale Coliseum for all the negative reasons that have been put forth by the majority of our community--the increase of traffic, more pollution, more garbage, gambling addiction, drugs and alcohol more readily available to the surrounding nearby population which consists of mid to low-income people and university students, potential of human trafficking and other illicit activities.

We are native Long Islanders. We have lived in Garden City for 35 years. We don't want the Casino here. This plan will have an extremely negative impact on the quality of our life and others around us. Studies have shown that neither the economy nor the real estate values will be improved by adding the Casino to Nassau County.

We say "NO to the Casino.

Sincerely,

Maureen and Bill McCartin

From: [Anna Trimarchi](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Please heed our concerns
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 5:29:18 PM

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Hello,

My name is Anna Trimarchi. My children will be attending Kellenberg Memorial HS in a few years and I concerned about their future well-being as well as other students. There are better places for a casino other than in our community. The community nearby struggles already and it would only bring in riff raff. Please do not allow this to happen in our own backyard.

Sincerely,
Anna Trimarchi
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Brian McKeever](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Proposed Casino
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:47:05 AM

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Sirs/ Madame:

I am a long time resident of Garden City and Nassau County and write to express my total opposition to the proposed casino at the Nassau Coliseum site. My opposition is based on the traffic congestion that will result, the environmental damage of increased air pollution and the likelihood of increased crime that will further tax our law enforcement resources beyond existing capacity.

Lastly, I don't believe a proper role of government is to promote gambling. It is socially regressive acting like a tax on our poorest and most vulnerable citizens where the revenues that will accrue to Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead will be more than offset by the hidden social costs of gambling such as crime, addiction, pollution and congestion.

Brian E. McKeever
[REDACTED]

From: [Richard Williams](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino - Strongly Object - Height
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:55:49 AM

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To the Commission

There are a wide host of reasons to object to the megamonster proposed by Sands and the NC Executive.

Among the most obvious -
the proposed size and height of the plans from Sands.

They are planning a building that is nearly *50% of the height of the Chrysler Building* and 40% of the Empire State Building New York City. Sands building would be like having *Godzilla-size structures* surrounding East Meadow, Westbury, Uniondale, Carle Place and Garden City. It would be a monster in our midst!!

The size alone would destroy these neighborhoods, impact the light, heat and views, cause irreparable harm to migratory and local avian life, destroy surrounding communities and suck billions out of the pockets of every business on LI ...
.and crush the most vulnerable and those who can least afford it- the minority communities [it would seem to constitute a form of *institutionalized, predatory racism*]

Respectfully

Richard Williams

Richard J. Williams
Garden City, New York
[REDACTED]

From: [Annmarie Ucinski](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 11:26:41 AM

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I am fully against the development of the casino . It will degenerate the community as well as surrounding communities. the entire community is against this development.

Annmarie Ucinski

From: [Foula Bandini](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:01:18 PM

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I am very opposed to a 42 year operating lease that gives away site control to a 72 acre property that is owned by Nassau County, where I reside, and would not like a casino to be developed there.

Kindly reconsider what might be better suited there for the residents of Nassau county.

Thank you,
Foula Bandini
Sent from my iPhone

From: [john mcfeely](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:51:07 AM

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I have been opposed to the Casino project from the very beginning. Nassau residents don't want it or the associated traffic, pollution, threat to our water supply, drugs and increased crime rates that it will bring. Why then would we be in favor of granting site control or a future lease agreement to Las Vegas Sands? Don't do this to us.
John McFeely
Garden City.

From: [Mike McKeever](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino at the Hub - No, No, No!!
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 1:13:48 PM

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Members of the Planning Commission,

Let me first say that I do not envy your position. The decision to support or to oppose the largest development project in Nassau County's history — with generational consequences for our safety, the values of our homes, the air we breathe and more — is a massive responsibility. There is no doubt extreme pressure from special interest groups (the "few") working hard to drown out to voices of the millions who would be directly and negatively impacted by the Casino (the "many").

I write today in strong opposition to the development of the massive Sands casino adjacent to several vulnerable communities surrounding the "Nassau Hub". Those communities include the residential areas of Uniondale, Roosevelt and Hempstead with well documented issues of poor air quality and what I believe to be Nassau County's "Educational Hub" including Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Kellenberg High School, Uniondale High School among others.

I think all would agree that it would be unconscionable for the Nassau County to support such a project if the majority of our local community opposes it. Based on the scoping work collected by the Town of Hempstead, 90% of our community opposes this project.

My opposition to the Sands casino rests on several points:

Sands Casino would be a horrible deal for Nassau County and the ToH. The casino of this magnitude (23,000 visitors a day / 365) undoubtedly brings incremental crime, horrific traffic and other long term negative externalities to the county (gambling addiction, drug addiction, DUIs etc). The presence of casino-related negative externalities are supported by empirical data. The only counter argument to pursuing such a project is that the "benefits outweigh the costs". For Nassau County, a thriving residential, academic and commercial community with ~3.0% unemployment, the increase in tax revenue and perhaps employment would neither stand alone as a justification for the casino, nor offset the long term increases in costs borne from the consequences of such an under-taking in terms of direct costs (public safety, infrastructure) and longer term implications (services to treat drug, alcohol, gambling addiction, etc)

Sands will take from the (mostly) poor, pay taxes (mostly) to New York State and leave the majority of the baggage (pollution, DUIs, gambling addiction impacting our friends and family members etc) on our nearby communities.

Proposed site in Nassau county is an irresponsible and predatory location for a casino. Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, Kellenberg, Uniondale High Schools all stand in close proximity to the proposed Casino site. This area of Nassau County is literally where we allow our children and young people to learn and grow and yet the highest risk for gambling addiction is young people ages 18-24.

How could we expose the most easily influenced segments of our population to such a negative influence? Is this the definition of "investing in our future" that our elected officials want to be associated with as they seek reelection in future years? Additionally, it has been documented

that the poorest air quality in the county sits in surrounding areas to the proposed Casino site including areas such as Uniondale and Roosevelt. It is predatory to expose these lower income communities to the impacts of further degraded air quality.

Allowing Sands to build their predatory Casino in the Nassau Hub would be a horrible deal for now and for the future of Nassau County.

The “many” (in fact about 90%) do not want this Casino — allowing the “few” to impose such a negative project on our homes, health, our wallets, way of life is nothing short of tyranny.

Michael McKeever

[REDACTED]

Garden City, 11530

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From: [Judy Courtney](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino Proposal
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:21:24 PM

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I am writing to again state my opposition to the proposed Sands Casino development. Our elected officials of the County legislature seem to be willing to do whatever it takes to make sure this happens, as evidenced by this week's meeting to put a new lease agreement in place.

The list of reasons for NOT supporting this Plan is long. Besides a Casino, the project will ensure more traffic, more interruption of our water table, more pollution, more crime, etc for the surrounding areas and all of Nassau County. It will forever change the nature of the County. Surrounding communities, in particular, will be negatively impacted and the promise of tax revenue is a false one. Whatever tax revenue surrounding communities will receive will be eaten up by our need for additional services.

We must be better than this - and utilize one of the few remaining buildable areas we have left in the County in a more progressive, resident-friendly way. The Sands Casino will help no one but the Sands Corporation.

Sincerely,

Judy Courtney

From: [Maria Dunphy](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Save Our Suburbs / No Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:56:44 AM

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I am opposed to the lease agreement with Sands regarding control over the Nassau Coliseum. A casino does not belong in Nassau County. I live in East Meadow, a suburb, because I do not want to live in an urban area. Stop ruining our suburbs! Stop hurting our communities! Stop hurting us! NO CASINO!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 3:55:34 PM

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There's not a single positive outcome from this project. Gambling only hurts people. This project will attract the lowest element into our community. Traffic, which is already horrific on Long Island, will get even worse. Pollution will increase exponentially. I don't understand how you could possibly vote yes for this project....unless you're on the take, which shouldn't be too difficult to prove.

From: [Mike Strandberg](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:00:16 AM

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Good morning,

I am a Garden City resident, and I oppose the casino. We don't need the extra traffic, and we don't need the negative cultural impact of having a casino nearby.

Thank you,
Michael Strandberg

From: [Kim Charon](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to the Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 6:45:20 AM

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Hi,

The casino is not the right fit for Nassau County or Long Island. Long Island/ Nassau County is already congested. Adding another 23,000 visitors daily is not what the residents want.

Please vote no for the casino.

Thank you,

Kim Charon

Garden City Resident

From: [Kevin O](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Oppose Coliseum lease & Casino
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 11:19:17 AM

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I'm an East Meadow resident since 1987 and I write today to oppose Coliseum lease & Casino proposal. Location of a casino near 2 colleges with one of them with dorms is concerning. Local youth sports fields may face a need for security to maintain safety. The safety of the community surrounding a 24 hours casino operation could be in consequences with the expected guests, traffic and expected increase in crime in surrounding areas.

Buses on our parkways bringing casino customers so the local streets will be flooded with 24 hours of traffic with guests and deliveries for the casino & hotels. Plus weekend travel of local customers will really create many delays for other businesses clients. Check out the current almost 24hours traffic jams all over hempstead turnpike, all our parkways. Whats gonna happen?

There is societal risk that families will take on with gambling addictions that casino companies hold no responsibility for.

Casinos Damage Local Communities. According to a landmark report from the Institute for American Values, a non-partisan think tank, today's local and regional casinos drain wealth from communities, weaken nearby businesses, hurt property values, and reduce civic participation, family stability, and other forms of social capital.

As a resident I expect to lose the great access to our local parks(Eisenhower park), golf courses, malls, beaches with casino guests gaining access to what I pay my taxes for.

Nobody wins but the Casinos and I guess Nassau OTB. The nearby residents & all Nassau residents lose with our elected officials not caring.

Infrastructure to handle this adventure is gonna be a tremendous taking on with the buildout taking years for utilities. Air quality is going to change for surrounding area and casino grounds.

Senior housing and further dense parks could be a possibility instead of the existing Coliseum & parking lot.

Thanks
Kevin O'Keeffe

[REDACTED]
East Meadow NY 11554

From: [Andrei](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:15:07 PM

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To whom it may concern

As a Garden City resident within Nassau county I wanted to make it known that I am deeply opposed to the casino project in our backyard. As many groups have shown, this type of project will increase traffic into our local communities, Which are already being used as cut throughs to avoid our congested highways.

Additionally, This proposed area is adjacent to college campuses, state universities, and already extremely busy ares due to the Roosevelt Field Mall.

Lastly, the studies have shown that crime rates and casinos go hand-in-hand. I don't believe the immediate communities surrounding this project will be enhanced or safer due to some of the elements that are attracted to casinos.

While I do support redevelopment of the area, I don't believe this project will enhance our lives or communities for the future generations.

Thank you

Andrei Oei

From: [Joel Catania](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:59:02 PM

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I would like to add my voice in opposition to the proposed Casino.

This project would be a terrible strain on infrastructure, add to our already overloaded traffic conditions, be a temptation to attract questionable behaviors, and have an insidious effect on local college students. These factors far outweigh any positives that might result from new jobs and increased economic activity.

I stand as a firm opponent to this project.

Joel Catania
Garden City, NY

From: [David Zielenziger](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Reject the casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:10:27 PM

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Dear Commissioners:

Reject the Sands Casino.

It's an inappropriate, oversized nuisance that will bring the wrong kind of economic growth and sordid business, create unbearable congestion on Hempstead Turnpike and the Meadowbrook Parkway as well as its feeder arteries and greatly harm Hofstra University.

It's a shortsighted "improvement" that debases Nassau County.

As a boy in Freeport, I recall seeing airplanes making their approach to Mitchel Field, as well as when Nassau Community College first set up in the old hangars and barracks. I don't oppose repurposing the site.

But Sands is not the business we need there.

Don't sell Nassau County short. We can do a lot better.

Sincerely,

David Zielenziger
[REDACTED]
Great Neck, N.Y. 11023

[REDACTED]

From: [ELLEN BAUMGARTNER](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 12:24:38 PM

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Sands Casino. The area is already congested and overdeveloped. The addition of a monster sized casino would be detrimental to the entire area and totally destroy what is left of their quality of life. Stop the madness and do not allow this project to become reality.

Thank you.
Ellen Baumgartner
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Sands Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:18:06 AM

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Hello,

I am writing this as a resident of Garden City, NY who is highly AGAINST the building of a casino at Nassau Coliseum. This would generate more traffic through our neighborhoods which are already heavily burdened with drive through traffic. The area simply can not sustain it.

Sincerely,
Regina Coratti
[REDACTED]
Garden City, NY

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From: [Hooria Haq](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:39:14 AM

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Hello,

My family and I have lived in Nassau County for over 20 years. The possibility of a casino coming to us would cause many severe problems affecting everyone who lives here.

The suburban location is extremely close to schools such as Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and Kellenberg High School, targeting students to partake in activities such as gambling. A casino will increase the likelihood of crime due to gambling, such as drunk driving, drug trafficking, personal assaults, gang activity, home burglary, etc. Traffic will increase in an already densely populated area, disrupting lives and increasing air pollution as well. The casino will create economic loss for local businesses and eventually increase costs to taxpayers.

This is why I oppose this lease, we must Say No To The Casino.

From: [Alison Metzler](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say NO to the Casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 6:56:57 AM

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June 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern on the Nassau County Planning Commission:

I am a lifelong resident of Garden City and I write to you to advise I am adamantly opposed to the Sands Casino proposed development being considered for the Nassau Coliseum property.

I implore you to vote NO to Casino.

My reasons for opposing a Casino at this is location, are not new, and have been well stated before by many, but to reiterate a few:

1. TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE: It will have a horrendous effect

ON Traffic which will erode our quality of life, especially in the surrounding neighborhoods which are already experiencing traffic jams and backups. **Nassau County is already heavily congested with traffic each and every day - with Roosevelt Field nearby, the Meadowbrook Parkway and surrounding roads will be packed. The recent cricket matches and the impact it had in traffic, which was only temporary, is an example of how the traffic will be impacted, permanently.**

The traffic congestion will be daily, with more on the weekends; thousands of additional cars, buses and commercial vehicles that will clog our already crowded roadways!

2. Crime: There is no doubt that presence of a casino will encourage

criminal activities such as theft, fraud, drug and human trafficking.

3. DWI: Tens of thousands of daily casino visitors arriving by car combined with alcohol consumption, which is strongly encouraged at the “tables”, will lead to more innocent lives lost and destroyed to DWI accidents.

4. Social impact: Low-income individuals are particularly vulnerable to gambling addiction, which will lead to a range of social issues like family breakdown, increased debt, and mental health problems. The growing problem with online sports betting, day gamers, and this massive casino will only make it much worse.

Moreover, the risk of gambling problems more than doubles for young people in college settings and in communities located within 10 miles of a casino. Our senior citizens will be targeted as older Americans are now the fastest growing segment of gambling addicts.

Placement of a massive casino next to the many thousands of students attending Hofstra, Nassau Community, Kellenberg HS (those are just the closest in proximity) is plain wrong due to the inevitable harm it will cause to these impressionable young people.

The surrounding neighborhoods of Uniondale, Hempstead and New Cassel are already identified as disadvantaged communities with high pollution burdens by New York State. The second largest casino in the country will further harm these communities.

5. Environmental Impact: The massive casino complex would place extraordinary demands on our sole source aquifer, estimated at 875,000 gallons per day!
The enormous complex will bring light and noise pollution to local residents eroding our suburban way of life and quality of life.

6. Economic:

The casino will monopolize consumer spending (over \$2.0 billion lost annually, none of which will be subject to sales tax hurting County revenues), drawing money away from existing local businesses and contributing to their decline.

Government Spending will increase due to demands on infrastructure not designed for this instantaneous change in use; for social services for gambling addictions; emergency services for police, fire and medical assistance; and prosecution costs due to an increase in criminal activity.

Given the many harmful impacts on our quality life from this massive casino, lower home values in surrounding communities will surely follow.

Better options are available to Nassau County! Please explore them and do NOT vote for the casino.

Just say NO!

Respectfully,

Alison Metzler

[REDACTED]

Garden City, NY 11530

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From: [Hamna Haque](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Say No To The Casino!
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:18:39 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to build a casino in Nassau County. As a resident of Nassau County for 20 years, I firmly believe a casino would cause numerous severe problems affecting not only myself but the entire community.

The potential casino's suburban location, close to schools such as Hofstra University, California Avenue Elementary School, Nassau Community College, and Kellenburg High School, is particularly troubling. Close proximity could lead to issues such as increased gambling, drunk driving incidents, drug activity, and gang activity.

A casino's presence would inevitably lead to a surge in traffic in the area, which is already densely populated. This increase in traffic would disrupt the lives of everyday Nassau County residents due to extended commute times, noise pollution, and air pollution.

Local businesses near the casino may experience economic losses due to the diversion of customers away from their establishments and towards the casino. Moreover, the casino's operations would lead to increased costs for taxpayers, further burdening the community.

This is why I am firmly opposed to this lease and stand with the campaign to reject the casino, "Say No To The Casino".

Sincerely,
a concerned resident of Nassau County

From: [Patricia Leto](#)
To: [ncpc](#); [ncpc](#)
Subject: Stop Blakeman's grifting now! NO to the casino
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 7:36:04 AM

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I am AGAINST having a casino in Nassau County.

Why was it a terrible idea for housing in Nassau County because of how it would change the character of the neighborhood, but having a casino is ok?

A casino would be MUCH WORSE. It would bring an element into the county that will destroy the character of the neighborhood, with more traffic, which is already really bad in Nassau County, and congestion. News12 just said Long Island has the highest number of fatal traffic accidents than any other area in the country.

This is just a cash grab by Blakeman. It's a conflict of interest. He's making a deal with HIS BROTHER!

NO to a casino in Nassau County!!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [NCDC](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 12:00:28 PM

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Dear Commission Members –

Please, please, please do not approve the SANDS deal.

As a long-time Long Islander and homeowner, I urge (beg!) you to hit the pause button.

There are many, many reasons for you to do so – here are the concerns I have:

1. Massive increase in traffic – we understand there will be 23,000 visitors daily. Our roads are already beyond crowded.
2. Lower home values have resulted when a casino comes into a community. Why would I want to risk devaluing my greatest financial asset?
3. I'm on the Environmental Board for Garden City and know too well the demands on our limited water supply. A casino would require a mind-boggling 875,000 gallons of water PER DAY!
4. The casino will monopolize local consumer spending steering an estimated \$2 billion away from existing local businesses and contributing to their further decline. Why would I want to hurt local business owners who have worked hard to build their businesses here?
5. The tiny percentage of monies that would go to Nassau County will likely not cover the many social costs of a casino especially after the millions of dollars of tax breaks Sands is seeking. It's my understanding that 80% of gambling taxes will go to Albany, not Nassau county.
6. Promoting gambling to our children and our neighbors – rich and not so rich alike. This is not a good for society. You know it and we know it. We've all seen the statistics as to what happens when a casino comes to town.

Bottom line: please do not impose this “solution” on us residents. Other solutions are out there (for example the NYU Medical Center). More hard work and serious thought is demanded of you. Please make the wise decision.

Thank you for listening.

Alison Parks
[REDACTED]

From: [Nancy Tabacco](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: The dreaded casino
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 5:56:21 PM

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The most foolish and wasteful use of vanishing land . The only ones who benefit from casinos are the owners and some local politicians. The surrounding areas are a nightmare of congestion, especially Hempstead Tpke. Do something that Nassau residents could be proud of . A casino is not it. Do the right thing for all of the people, not just the investors & politicians.

From: [Joanne Ventura](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:33:47 AM

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The casino is a bad idea. Just what we need more traffic and fostering more addiction
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [iCDC](#)
Subject: Comment for Sand Casino Public Hearing
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:19:47 AM

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I support downtown revitalization programs that help local businesses, create jobs and promote economic growth. The Sands Project will take business away from our local shops and restaurants, pose a threat to our youth because of access to gambling and the increased traffic would impact residents' quality of life.

Traffic is continually backed up on the Meadowbrook Parkway; on the weekends the entrance and exit ramps are backed up onto the parkway causing hazardous conditions. Can you imagine how much worse the increased traffic would be if this project goes forward and Hempstead Turnpike would become a parking lot.

The location of a casino is too close to our schools. Aside from Hofstra University and Nassau Community College, there are preschool, primary, & secondary schools, almost reaching 60,000 students within a 6-mile radius.

I oppose this project. It will ruin what we now call suburbia.

Robin Pellegrini [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [Gina Donovan](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:21:05 AM

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To all on the Planning Commission,

Nobody that lives here wants the casino. There is no more room here for traffic. Please say No to the casino!

Thank you,
Gina Donovan

From: [Tara Schwartz](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino in Nassau
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:20:10 PM

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Nassau County for the last 17 years and someone who also works in Nassau and has 2 children in school here, I strongly oppose the planned Casino here! There already is Online betting, Lottery tickets and many close by Casinos to travel to should people desire. There is absolutely no amount of roadway, expressways, local roads or highways that can accommodate another reason for people to come to the Island. Let alone the other factors that play into a place of drinking and gambling that offers nothing for families and children.

Please listen to the communities voice and do not let this happen.

Respectfully,
Tara Schwartz

From: [Linda Davidson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No Casino!!!!
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:31:23 AM

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I do not want a casino built near the Coliseum.

It is a terrible idea to put a casino next to 2 college campuses as well as the the Department of Social Services.

The traffic on the Meadowbrook parkway already backs up easily.

Nassau has a great Hub with museums and shopping. We do not need a Casino!!!

Linda Davidson

From: [Tommy Johnson](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: No to casino
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:53:57 PM

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The casino should not be put there. It's right next to Slone Kettering Cancer Center. There are a lot of sick people that come in and out of that building and the casino will only bring around the undesirables.

I work around the resort world casino and there are a lot of issues in and around the area. This is not what we need next to a cancer treatment hospital.

Please reconsider putting a casino in that location.

Thank you

Thomas Johnson

If people want to go to a casino they can go to Queens or Connecticut . Nassau County doesn't need one.

From: [Effie Campbell](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Casino Lease
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:07:40 PM

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Dear Nassau County Planning Commission,

I am vehemently opposed to a casino in Nassau County. A casino will negatively impact Uniondale and the surrounding communities. A casino will bring crime, human trafficking and drunk driving to the area as well as increase traffic on our congested roads. I do not support giving Las Vegas Sands a 42 year operating lease that gives away "site control" for the 72 acre parcel of County owned land that includes the Coliseum. The lease allows the Sands to close the Coliseum after only 2 years. This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to tie the property up and close off all development alternatives other than a casino. Nassau County is a beautiful and desirable place to live. Nassau County residents don't want a casino, and we don't want to give Las Vegas Sands control over our property. Please do not give the Sands a lease which paves the way to bring a casino to our County.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Nassau County and its residents.

Sincerely,

Effie Neofitos Campbell
Garden City

From: [Joanne Pomponio](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Coliseum
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:09:46 PM

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I do not want Sands to come here- crime is up and this will cause Nassau county to become a crime infested place
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bernadine Brown](#)
To: [ncpc](#)
Subject: Goodbye , Sands
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 7:55:34 PM

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Do not be bullied by County Executive

Blackman into signing the lease to bring Sands into Nassau County. It seems that he has persuaded a number of Nassau County officials to forge ahead with his ill conceived and illegal ban on trans athletes use of county facilities. Do not support his stubborn insistence on having a disreputable Corporation sucking money from hard-working Nassau residents. Sands can pay the county millions because they will be pulling in billions from vulnerable folks , many of whom will become addicted and potentially lose their homes and incomes. Moreover, all country residents, already burdened by traffic jams , will suffer the inevitable consequence of air pollution, a drain on water resources, and the crime that always follows casinos . Do not gamble with our futures . Say no to the casino or we will say no to you on Election Day.

Sent from my iPhone

Nassau County Planning Commission – June 20, 2024

F. OSPAC

Public Hearing (Public Comment Period Open)

1. OSPAC 2-2024

Property at: Uniondale, Town of Hempstead
1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale, NY 11553
Section: 44, Block: F, Lot(s): 351, 411, 412 & 415
***Coliseum Lease for a portion of the Nassau County
Veterans Memorial Coliseum Site between the County
of Nassau and LVS HOLDCO 2, LLL***

Copy of Hofstra University oral testimony

My name is Terry Coniglio and I am here as spokesperson for Hofstra University.

We appreciate and support the County's facilitating the continuing operation of the Coliseum to host events – in the same manner as has been occurring – until a resolution is later reached regarding the long-term development of the Coliseum site.

The proposed lease with Las Vegas Sands, on its face, does more than that and constitutes a first step toward letting Las Vegas Sands develop a casino. We know Sands' intentions, and they were made clear by the Planning Commission's notice for this hearing, which stated that the proposed lease is part of Las Vegas Sands' effort to develop a casino. This future development and use of the property is the specific goal pursued by Las Vegas Sands. Moreover, there is no evidence that Las Vegas Sands' business model includes running anything aside from casinos.

Let's be clear. If the proposed lease was just about operating the Coliseum in its current state, then several of the terms of the proposed lease would be different.

For example, the 42-year-term of the proposed lease is inconsistent with simply continuing regular operations of the Coliseum. This term is an effort to foreclose the possibility of any long-term development of the Coliseum by anyone other than Las Vegas Sands.

Likewise, rent of ten million dollars per year is excessive for simply running the Coliseum in its current state. Instead, this amount reflects the substantial value to Las Vegas Sands of having control over this county property for its proposed casino development.

If this were just about operating the Coliseum, then other operators would have been considered. The County informed OSPAC on Tuesday that no other operators were considered. This proposed lease provides advantages to Las Vegas Sands for it to develop its casino, one of which is that Las Vegas Sands' control of the property allows them to promote its proposed casino development on county property.

For these reasons, Hofstra University believes this body– when considering the proposed lease at this time – should take into account the risks and harms posed by the casino development.

We have submitted written testimony that provides more information regarding our ongoing concerns with the proposed casino development, including issues of traffic, crime, pollution, water quality, and so forth. We will provide additional testimony and comments about these issues at future hearings when this Commission and the County consider the Las Vegas Sands’ specific plans for a casino development at the Nassau Hub. Thank you.

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, ESQ.

Partner



June 28, 2024

BY EMAIL TO NCPC@nassaucountyny.gov

Nassau County Planning Commission
1150 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11530

Re: Nassau Coliseum
OSPAC 2-2024

Dear Planning Commission Members:

I'm a partner in Rivkin Radler, LLP, attorneys for Hofstra University. I submit this letter as comments to the Planning Commission's review of the proposed Lease Agreement between Nassau County and LVS NY HOLDCO 2, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Sands") for the operation of the Nassau County Coliseum. This letter supplements the written comments previously submitted by Hofstra to the Planning Commission.

The terms of the proposed Lease Agreement demonstrate it is a part of Sands application to develop the Coliseum site, including with a casino. The proposed 42 year Lease Agreement allows Sands to cancel on thirty (30) days notice. The proposed Lease Agreement contains several other provisions that show that the proposed lease is a precursor to, and clearly contemplates, the development. These provisions include a broad use clause that references any entertainment purpose, which could include a casino; permitting Severance Leases which may include a casino use; the characterization of a "transition" term; and Sands' ability to close the Coliseum after three years.

Under New York law, when undertaking SEQRA review, it is improper to segment portions of a project in order to avoid complete review of the environmental impacts of a proposed action. See J. Owens Bldg. Co., Inc. v. Town of Clarkstown, 128 A.D.3d 1067, 10 N.Y.S.3d 293 (2d Dep't 2015) (improper segmentation when only a stage or activity is reviewed instead the full intended project); see also Defreestville Area Neighborhood Ass'n Inc. v. Town Board of North Greenbush, 299 A.D.2d 631, 750 N.Y.S.2d 164 (3d Dep't 2002). In fact, Nassau County was already determined to have engaged in improper segmentation when it failed to do a full SEQRA review when entering into the now void lease that would have permitted a casino. See Decision and Order dated November 9, 2023 in Hofstra University v. Nassau County Planning Commission, Index No. 606293/2023, Supreme Court, Nassau County, Hon. Sarika Kapoor, Justice (citing Matter of Evans v. City of Saratoga Springs, 202 A.D.3d 1318, 164 N.Y.S.3d 227 [3d Dep't 2022]).



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Here, Nassau County and Sands have flatly and publicly admitted that it is their intention to proceed with the proposed development of the Coliseum site, including a casino. The proposed Lease Agreement is the first step in this overall development. There is no other reason that Sands has an interest in running the Coliseum than to be in a position to begin the process of bidding for a casino license from New York State.

Accordingly, the review of the proposed Lease Agreement should not be segmented to just the operation of the Coliseum, but should include the proposed full development of the property as is sought by Sands.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RIVKIN RADLER LLP



E. Christopher Murray, Esq.

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As a resident of East Meadow in close proximity to the proposed casino, I adamantly oppose this plan. I was stationed in Las Vegas for 6 years and saw first hand the type of people and problems the smaller casinos brought into the surrounding communities. East Meadow is a quiet, safe and family first type of community. This casino will bring in drugs, dangerous roads (DUI/DWI), prostitution and other elements our community does not deserve to deal with.

I vote NO

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To whom it may concern,

I am a life long resident of Long Island and I opposed a gambling casino. I am concerned of traffic, crime, prostitution, gambling addictions, drugs, and poverty that is evident in other areas like Atlantic City and Vegas.

Just don't.

Thanks

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed casino in our community. I believe it will have negative impacts on our area, including increased crime rates, social problems, and economic disadvantages.

Casinos often lead to higher rates of crime and addiction, which threaten our community's safety. I am a mother of three small children who live directly in the area. The increase crime rate and DWI's is most alarming to me. Not to mention the increased traffic and overall congestion on Stewart Ave and Old Country Road is already a nightmare. Consequently, I would avoid that area and would not want to shop local.

Moreover, a casino does not align with our community's character and values. We should prioritize the long-term well-being and integrity of our community over short-term financial gains.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Danielle Kunz
Mother & Garden City Resident

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RE: Village of Garden City Public Comments on OSPAC 2-2024 Resolution and Proposed Lease for a Portion of the Nassau Coliseum Site Between Nassau County and LV NY HOLDCO 2, LLC (Las Vegas Sands)

Nassau County Planning Commission:

Please see attached letter from the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Garden City regarding Public Comments . I have included our prior letter dated February 19, 2024 as an Addendum. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Galanek
Village Clerk*

*cc: Board of Trustees
Mr. Ralph Suozzi, Village Administrator
Mr. David S. Yudelson*

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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the representatives of the Incorporated Village of Garden City (“The Village”), write to provide comments and strongly oppose OSPAC 2-2024 Resolution and the proposed lease for a portion of the Nassau Coliseum site between Nassau County and LV NY HOLDCO 2, LLC (“Sands”). Our opposition is based on significant concerns regarding the unlawful segmentation of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) process and flaws in the existing environmental review.

1. Unlawful Segmentation of SEQRA Review

The lease agreement between Nassau County and Sands is intrinsically linked to the broader casino project. Throughout the review process, Sands has consistently stated that securing this lease is essential for advancing their casino project. By separating the lease approval from the overall project review, the environmental impacts are not being fully considered. This piecemeal approach obscures the true scope of the environmental, social, and economic impacts, and such consideration constitutes unlawful segmentation. A bedrock principle of SEQRA is that the lead agency should consider the environmental impacts of the “whole action” before approving, funding, or undertaking any specific element of the action. 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.3(g). Assessing only part of a complete action is considered improper “segmentation” of the environmental review process.

Considering the lease independently from the casino project undermines the integrity of the SEQRA process and puts our community at risk. This attempt to minimize scrutiny and circumvent comprehensive environmental review process is unlawful and cannot be permitted. Obtaining site control is one phase of the overall action of operation and development of the site. Approval of this lease at this stage prevents a full assessment of the project's cumulative impacts.

Impermissible segmentation is well-defined in legal precedents and regulatory frameworks, with the exceptions being clear. Segmentation is only allowed if the agency clearly states its reasons and demonstrates that the segmented review is equally protective of the environment. In this case, no such justification has been provided by Nassau County, nor is it possible to segment this review without compromising environmental protection.

2. Environmental Review Deficiencies

Given that the lease is inextricably tied to the overall environmental review of the casino project, we feel compelled to reiterate the concerns we outlined in our February 19, 2024 letter. In that public comment we highlighted several substantial flaws in the Draft Scope for the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the Sands New York Integrated Resort Project. To date, these flaws have yet to be adequately addressed. Below we expand upon our previous comments as the Planning Commission considers a lease that will inevitably contribute to the casino project moving forward.

Natural Resources Impact

Consideration of this lease must involve a comprehensive analysis of the potential impacts on natural resources, particularly the Hempstead Plains. This area, historically significant and ecologically sensitive, houses several rare species. There must be detailed assessments to ensure the preservation of these species and their habitats. Any disturbance to this delicate ecosystem could have irreversible consequences.

Water and Sewage Systems

The proposed development significantly underestimates the strain on the Village's water supply systems. An exhaustive and independent hydrological analysis is essential to ascertain the project's true demand and its repercussions on the water resources of neighboring communities, including Garden City. Before consideration of the lease, there must be discussion of candidate sites for the proposed new water supply well and analyze capacity concerns and potential water quality degradation due to groundwater withdrawal.

Moreover, the capacity of the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant to handle the increased nutrient load from the development has not been sufficiently addressed. This plant is already under pressure, and environmental review must include comprehensive studies on the plant's ability to manage additional wastewater without compromising water quality.

Traffic and Infrastructure Stress

The anticipated surge in traffic congestion necessitates a far more detailed investigation to develop solutions that may mitigate the impending strain on the Village's local infrastructure and emergency services. The existing documentation fails to assess a study area representative of the

full scope of the development's reach. The study area must be expanded to sufficiently prove that no significant adverse impacts will occur at the outermost intersections of the Village. Without understanding the full potential for adverse impacts, the traffic study cannot adequately identify the necessary mitigation measures.

Socio-Economic and Community Impact

The existing reviews do not fully capture the socio-economic detriments of the proposed project. A thorough socio-economic impact study, incorporating detailed analyses of the impacts of casinos on similarly situated communities, should be conducted. The scope must establish the requisite metrics and thresholds necessary to quantify the full spectrum of impacts on community character, aesthetic and visual resources, secondary displacement, crime, and addiction.

Given the proximity of this development to educational institutions, there is a pressing need to meticulously evaluate the potential risks this development poses to students. The presence of a casino and associated facilities near colleges and schools raises concerns about the vulnerability of young individuals to gambling and its associated societal issues. A comprehensive study is necessary to fully understand these risks before proceeding with the development.

In light of the above, the Village of Garden City demands a halt to the lease agreement with LVS NY Holdco 2, LLC until a comprehensive, unsegmented SEQRA review is conducted. This review must account for all phases of the proposed casino project and its cumulative impacts on the environment, community character, and socio-economic conditions.

We urge the Nassau County Planning Commission to fulfill its commitment to protecting community and natural resources from the potentially devastating impacts of this project by ensuring that the environmental review process strictly adheres to SEQRA requirements.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mary Carter Flanagan



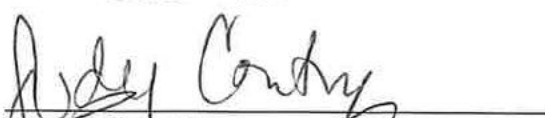
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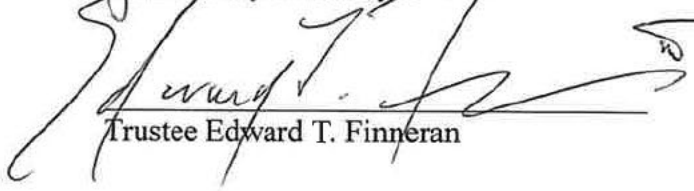
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February 19, 2024

Town Of Hempstead
1 Washington Street
Hempstead, New York 11550

Re: Draft Scope for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) –Village of Garden City Public Comment on Sands New York Integrated Resort, Hempstead, New York 11553

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the representatives of the Incorporated Village of Garden City (“The Village”) write to provide comments on the Draft Scope and Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) submitted by LVS NY Holdco 2 (the “Applicant” or “Sands”) for its proposed development of the Sands New York Integrated Resort (“Integrated Resort”) at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum site (“Coliseum”). The Town of Hempstead Department of Planning and Economic Development should reject Sands’ request for rezoning, and the application of a new zoning district to the property at the Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale, as well as the neighboring Marriott Hotel site at 1010 James Doolittle Boulevard, Uniondale. The proposed Integrated Resort at the Coliseum site aims to transform the area into a multifaceted entertainment complex including everything from a casino to retail spaces. This expansion, however, will have catastrophic impacts on neighboring communities, including the Village of Garden City.

After thorough review, we have identified the deficiencies detailed below. The Village is greatly concerned that the Draft Scope is devoid of complete analysis in several key areas of concern. Specifically, the Draft Scope does not adequately address the impacts on natural resources, particularly the Hempstead Plains; does not provide sufficient detail as to how the Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) will assess and mitigate the potential impacts to existing water and sewage systems; and does not sufficiently address the very significant impacts to community character in the immediate vicinity of the Site, as well as surrounding neighborhoods, such as the Village of Garden City. Moreover, the scope of the traffic impacts study outlined in the Draft Scope is grossly deficient. Importantly, all projects that affect the study area (i.e. Nassau Community College expansions and alterations at Roosevelt Field) must be considered cumulatively with the casino’s analysis. Our critique, supported by the enclosed expert technical review of PVE, LLC, identifies many substantive inadequacies, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Failure to Consider Alternatives

The FEAF acknowledges that the full redevelopment of the Marriott parcel would result in the “increased magnitude of the overall proposed action and associated impacts.” However, the scoping document omits any evaluation of the redevelopment. The final scoping document must clearly delineate the intended plans for the Marriott property and how it will be analyzed in the EIS.

Furthermore, the Draft Scope fails to provide any explanation regarding the development that would be pursued should the gaming license not be granted (including which, if any, of the promised payments and benefits would be realized). This alternative must be fully detailed and analyzed in the EIS, including its financial viability and the implications of having potentially incomplete and unused structures at the project site.

2. Phased Construction

The Draft Scope contains discussion of a phased construction approach wherein Phase I includes the adaptive reuse of the Coliseum as a casino space, and Phase II the remainder of the project. The outlined approach lacks clarity regarding whether the applicant will be required to complete the full construction. The EIS must fully analyze an alternative in which only Phase I is completed and should clearly explain which of the promised payments and benefits are contingent upon the development of Phase II.

3. Soils, Topography and Subsurface Conditions

In determining whether a proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, the lead agency is charged with considering its potential effects on open space and recreational resources of the community. 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c)(1)(viii). As such the Draft Scope must consider potential impacts on the historical Hempstead Plains and the rare species to which it provides habitat. The Hempstead Plains are a region of Long Island that were once an expansive grassland of approximately 40,000 to 60,000 acres. Today, only a 65-acre remnant of the Plains remains.¹ Greater than 99% of the community's area of occupancy has been lost. Several rare species called the Plains home.² The importance of conducting comprehensive biological assessments cannot be overstated to ensure the preservation of our natural heritage.

4. Water And Sewer Resources

The Draft Scope significantly underestimates the pressures this development would exert on the Village of Garden City's already strained water supply systems. An exhaustive and independent

¹ Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College, Inc. *Friends of Hempstead Plains*, [Friends of Hempstead Plains ~logo Friends of Hempstead Plains \(friendsofhp.org\)](#) (last accessed February 1, 2024).

² <https://guides.nynhp.org/hempstead-plains-grassland/>

hydrological analysis is essential to ascertain the project's true demand and its repercussions on the water resources of neighboring countries, including the Village of Garden City. The Draft Scope should discuss the candidate sites for the proposed new water supply well, and an analysis of capacity concerns and water quality degradation given then impacts related to groundwater withdrawal.

Furthermore, the Draft Scope fails to adequately discuss the capacity of the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, particularly in light of the Bay Park Conveyance Project, and the associated water quality impacts from the increased nutrient load.

5. Traffic and Infrastructure Stress

The Draft Scope does not adequately analyze the potential traffic impacts on the Village. The anticipated surge in traffic congestion necessitates a far more detailed investigation to develop solutions that may mitigate the impending strain on the Village's local infrastructure and emergency services. Specifically, the existing documentation fails to assess a study area that is representative of the full scope of the development's reach. The study area must be expanded to sufficiently prove that no significant adverse impacts will occur at the outermost intersections of the Village. Without knowing the full potential for adverse impacts, the traffic cannot adequately identify the mitigation measures that must be included in the Findings statement.

6. Socio-economic and Community Impact

The Draft Scope fails to fully capture the socio-economic detriments of this proposed project. A thorough socio-economic impact study, incorporating detailed analyses of the impacts of casinos on similarly situated communities should be conducted. The scope must establish the requisite metrics and thresholds necessary to quantify the full spectrum of impacts on community character, aesthetic and visual resources, secondary displacement, crime, and addiction.

Given the proximity of this development to educational institutions, there is a pressing need to meticulously evaluate the potential risks this development poses to students. The presence of a casino and associated facilities near colleges and schools raises concerns about the vulnerability of young individuals to gambling and its associated societal issues. A comprehensive study is necessary to fully understand the risks before proceeding with development.

Community character impacts must be assessed beyond the immediate vicinity of the project site. The final scope must consider the development's height, density, and proposed uses, and whether they are consistent with community character. Notably, the consideration of visual impacts from locations as distant as Jones Beach, which is approximately 17 miles away, were analyzed in the Draft Scope, underscoring the expansive reach of the project's impacts.

In light of these observations, we urge a comprehensive re-evaluation of the Draft Scope and FEAF to address these critical oversights. Our commitment to our Village's quality of life obliges us to demand nothing less than a rigorous, transparent, and inclusive planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Carter Flanagan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mayor Mary Carter Flanagan



PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL – PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNSEL

February 20, 2024

Town Of Hempstead
1 Washington Street
Hempstead, New York 11550

Re: **Draft EIS Scoping Document Comments**
Sands New York Integrated Resort
Hempstead, New York 11553

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Incorporated Village of Garden City (“IVGC”), Partridge Venture Engineering, PC dba PVE Engineering (“PVE”) has reviewed the Draft Scope for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by VHB for Sands New York Integrated Resort project (the “Proposed Project”) located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard in Uniondale, New York (the “Site”) and hereby submits the following comments on the Draft Scope:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Comment 1: Page 3, paragraph 1 states that two different development options are contemplated: The Proposed Project, which includes the integrated resort with casino; and an “alternative development” in the event the Sands does not secure a gaming license. The Draft Scope does not provide any explanation of the development that would occur if the gaming license were not issued or which of the promised payments and benefits would be provided under this alternative. Referenced “alternative development” is not described in the Draft Scope. To understand potential impacts of the alternative development it must be described in as much detail as the proposed action. The DEIS should include an assessment of impacts and mitigation measures for both the proposed and alternative development options. The EIS should also assess its financial viability, and the impacts of a semi constructed, or built but vacant space, must be analyzed.

Comment 2: The FEAF Part 3 attachment notes that the full redevelopment of the Marriott parcel would result in an “increased magnitude of the overall proposed action and associated impacts”, but the Draft Scope suggests that no redevelopment of this property will be evaluated. The EIS must consider the entirety of the Proposed Project and must explain exactly what is planned for the Marriott property and how it will be analyzed in the EIS.

Comment 3: Page 4 states that Proposed Project is to be completed in two phases. Phase I will be completed in 2025 and 2026 and will consist of an adaptation of the Coliseum space to casino use, and construction of one of three parking garages and one central utility plant. Phase 2, the full build, will be completed by 2030, and will include additional gaming space, construction of two hotel towers, a conference center, live performance venue, public space, retail space, two parking garages, a central utilities plant, and associated site improvements. The Draft Scope is silent as to whether the applicant will be required to complete the full construction – if it is possible that only Phase 1 would be completed, this must be fully analyzed as an alternative in the EIS. Such analysis should clearly identify the potential payments and benefits that would be provided in the event Phase 2 is never completed and must demonstrate that all impacts associated with Phase 1 construction and operation are fully mitigated without Phase 2.

Comment 4:

Page 7 List of Approvals: *Town of Hempstead Board of Appeals. Potential Variance(s)*. The DEIS should specify any variances being contemplated and explain the reasoning for why such variances would be required after the rezoning that is specifically designed to allow for the Proposed Project was approved by the Town of Hempstead.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS**Soils, Topography and Subsurface Conditions, Page 9****Comment 5:**

Page 9, paragraph 2: Specify the scope of work for supplemental “site-specific test-hole data,” including purpose, procedures for collection of soil samples, and methods of soil evaluation. The scope of work for such investigations should be provided and performed in accordance with DER-10 and 6NYCRR Part 375 for the collection and analysis of soil and groundwater samples, including the following analyte lists:

- Part 375 VOCs;
- Part 375 SVOCs;
- Part 375 Metals;
- Part 375 PCBs/Pesticides;
- Per-fluorinated compound list (EPA Method 537).

Comment 6:

Page 9, paragraph 2: Specify how the “suitability of the soils and potential engineering limitations” will be examined, including procedures and methods for such examinations.

Comment 7:

Page 9, paragraph 3: The Draft Scope says that information about surface and subsurface soil quality in the DEIS will be collected from publicly available sources and Environmental Site Assessments. All documentation reviewed should be included in appendices to the DEIS, along with a narrative summary and tables of all sampling and analytical results for the subject property and surrounding lands.

Comment 8:

Page 9, paragraph 4: The Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) lists several petroleum spills. One of those spill records indicates that groundwater was affected by diesel fuel (Spill # 8701759). The spill file was closed by DEC. However, remedial actions, if any, are not described. The DEIS should describe how the potential presence of groundwater contaminated with diesel will be investigated and characterized.

Comment 9:

Page 9, paragraph 4: The DEIS should include an overlay map showing results of previous soil testing in relation to the Proposed Project Site Plan, and must identify locations where impacted materials have been documented at and in the areas surrounding the Site.

Comment 10:

Page 9, paragraph 4: A discussion of impacts and mitigation regarding the potential presence of hazardous materials that could be encountered during excavation and soil disturbance, and the disposal of such materials, should address whether previous environmental investigations and site assessments of former manufacturing and aviation uses included testing for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). If the presence of PFAS-contaminated soil and/or groundwater cannot be ruled out based on existing information, the DEIS should include a plan for sampling and analysis of on-site and off-site locations.

Comment 11:

Page 9, paragraph 5: Regarding “management/disposal of impacted surface or subsurface material,” the Full EAF Form indicates that 563,000 cubic yards of soil are to be excavated. Non-hazardous solid waste, such as historic fill, among other materials, are subject to state and local regulation. The DEIS should include a plan for management of such materials, including estimated amounts, options for disposal or re-use, and compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Comment 12:

Page 9, paragraph 5: A contingency plan must be developed to address discovery of unknown structures or contaminated media encountered during excavation, including identification of additional petroleum spills and reporting procedure to NYSDEC.

Water Resources**Comment 13:**

Page 9-10: The FEAF indicates that water usage will be 875,000 gallons per day (gpd), which will be supplied by the Town of Hempstead Water Department from the Uniondale Water District and Mitchell Field Water Supply Area, which tap the Magothy Aquifer. The Proposed Project will necessitate construction of a new 1.98 million gallon per day (mgd) supply well and accompanying water main to meet this need. The information that led to the estimate of 1.98 mgd needs to be incorporated into the scope.

Comment 14:

Page 10, paragraph 1: The DEIS should include an analysis of water demand for the existing development at the Site, and how the proposed development will differ in its water needs. Projections of water use for the Proposed Project should include maximum projections for all possible water demand, including fire flow and irrigation.

Comment 15:

Page 10, paragraph 1: A new water supply well will be required to meet water demand for the Proposed Project. The DEIS should include a detailed discussion of candidate well sites considered and how the location for the new well was selected, along with plans for how the proposed new well will be designed, constructed, and connected to the water distribution system.

Comment 16:

Page 10, paragraph 1: The DEIS should describe the anticipated rate of groundwater withdrawal and how studies will be designed and conducted to establish cumulative drawdown impacts for the expanded water supply area.

Comment 17:

Page 10, paragraph 1: The DEIS should include a study of impacts related to groundwater withdrawal, including the extent to which drawdown effects could influence movement of contaminants from areas of known or suspected groundwater contamination, and potential mitigation measures should such contaminated groundwater impact water supply wells. All such known and suspected locations of contamination should be catalogued and mapped.

Comment 18:

Page 10: Sanitary Wastewater - The FEAF indicates that the proposed action will generate 810,000 gpd of sanitary wastewater. Sanitary wastewater will flow to the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, which is within the Roosevelt Industrial Area Sewer District. The developer represents that the existing sewage treatment plant has the capacity to handle the increased load and will not necessitate plant expansion. The DEIS should include calculations of historical sanitary wastewater flows for the new integrated buildout, and a comparison of anticipated flows for the proposed action. Provide calculations and underlying assumptions.

Comment 19:

Page 10, paragraph 2: Conservation measures are expected to reduce sanitary wastewater flows. The DEIS should document and explain proposed water conservation measures and provide calculations for how such measures will reduce sanitary flows.

Comment 20:

Page 10, paragraph 3: The DEIS should provide an analysis demonstrating that the existing capacity of the Cedar Creek plant is sufficient to handle anticipated flows, particularly in light of the Bay Park Conveyance Project, and must analyze the water quality impacts associated with increased nutrient load.

Comment 21:

Page 10, paragraph 3: Provide all communications and correspondence with the Nassau County Department of Public Works relating to assessments of the existing system and its capacity to accept projected flows.

Comment 22:

Page 10, paragraph 3: Describe existing stormwater management systems at the site, and how runoff and infiltration are managed.

Comment 23:

Page 10, paragraph 3 Provide studies and plans quantifying post-development stormwater flows and how regulatory compliance will be achieved for stormwater flows. Explain how the area of impervious surfaced will change and how stormwater flows will be handled by the county sewer system. Identify on-site and off-site stormwater discharge points and infrastructure that will be used for stormwater management.

Comment 24:

Page 10, paragraph 5: Describe impacts to groundwater from post-development stormwater infiltration.

Ecological Resources - Page 11

Comment 25:

The list of approvals required for the Proposed Project references the need for a wetlands permit from NYSDEC for potential traffic mitigation, but the Draft Scope makes no reference to such impacts. Any impacts to wetlands, whether from the Proposed Project or necessary mitigation measures, must be fully analyzed in the DEIS and the applicant must identify how such wetland impacts would be mitigated.

Comment 26:

The FEAF notes that the Proposed Project may have a secondary impact on the Hempstead Plains habitat. The EIS must describe the ecological significance of the Hempstead Plains region, which lies east of the Site. Based on published studies, name and catalogue the species and habitats present, and identify sensitive, threatened, or endangered species that could be impacted.

Comment 27:

Describe potential direct and indirect impacts to ecological resources and habitat in the surrounding area, including the Hempstead Plains region, and measures to mitigate impacts to sensitive, threatened, or endangered species.

Transportation and Parking, Page 12**Comment 28:**

Pages 12-13: The transportation analyses must identify every intersection that would experience a significant adverse impact so that mitigation measures can be identified, and all such impacts and necessary mitigation can be considered in the SEQRA Findings. In addition, the EIS must clearly identify all "No Build" projects that were considered in the traffic modeling; no such list is provided in the Draft Scope.

Construction - Page 26-27**Comment 29:**

Page 27, paragraph 3: According to the FEAF, of the 563,000 cubic yards of soil to be excavated, it is anticipated that approximately 20% will be re-used on site. The DEIS should clarify whether reprocessing will be required for the material to be re-used, and whether such processing will occur on-site or off-site, and how and where such processing will take place. Truck traffic counts associated with such processing should be accounted for in the traffic studies.

Comment 30:

Page 27, paragraph 3: The 80% of excavated soil to be exported off-site equates to approximately 450,000 cubic yards (yd³). At 30 yd³ per tractor-trailer load this will generate approximately 15,000 round trips during the construction phase of the project. Additionally, development activities will generate an estimated 66,800 tons of C&D waste, which equates to approximately 45,000 cubic yards (assuming a cubic yard of soil weighs 1.5 tons), which will generate approximately 1,500 round trips for disposal. The total number of truck roundtrips generated exclusively for off-site transport of excavated soils and C&D debris will be approximately 16,500. This number could increase by 3,700, to 20,200 roundtrips, if the 20% of material to be re-used on-site is processed off-site prior to re-use. The DEIS traffic analysis must include estimates and impacts for such truck traffic. The DEIS shall also include analysis of truck routes that limit transport through residential areas/sensitive nearby properties, maximization of mapped trucking routes, and promote overall safety.

Comment 31:

Page 27: The DEIS should include detailed plans for the management of excavated surface and subsurface soils that are excavated during site redevelopment. The FEAF Part 1, Section D.2 indicates that building construction, drainage and utility installation, pavement removals, and site preparation will entail excavation of approximately 26.9 acres to depths up to 28 feet, generating approximately 563,000 cubic yards of excavated material over a 2-year period. Clarification is needed regarding the 2-year period for soil excavation. Phase I will be completed in 2025 and 2026, but Phase II will not be completed until 2030. Within this 5- or 6-year period, when will soil excavation occur?

Comment 32:

Page 27, paragraph 1: Specify the types and quantities of excavated material to be re-used on-site, including the types of material to be re-used, and methods and equipment for converting excavated material into usable construction materials.

Comment 33:

Page 27, paragraph 1: Specify types and quantities of excavated material to be transported off site, and the recycling, re-use, or disposal destinations for each type of material. Information about each destination should include the registration or permit requirements and limitations for accepting such material and should include confirmation that the facilities have the capacity for accepting the amounts of material to be exported during the construction phase of the project.

Comment 34:

Page 27, paragraph 1: The FEAF Part 1, Section D.2 indicates that approximately 66,800 tons of solid waste will be generated during construction of the facility. The DEIS should provide the basis for this estimate and identify applicable state and local laws and regulations for management of such construction and demolition (C&D) waste. The FEAF further states that construction waste will be shipped to a licensed facility. The DEIS should identify the types and quantities of C&D material to be transported off site, and the specific recycling, re-use or disposal destinations that will receive each type of material.

Comment 35:

Page 27, paragraph 1: Information about each disposal or recycling destination should include the registration or permit requirements and limitations for accepting such material and confirmation that those facilities have the capacity for accepting the amounts of material to be exported during the construction phase of the project. The DEIS should also explain how exported material will be tracked so that proper disposal can be verified.

Comment 36:

Page 27, paragraph 1: Dewatering during the construction phase could potentially generate large volumes of contaminated groundwater. The DEIS should include detailed plans for management of dewatering discharged, including pre-testing of groundwater to identify contaminants and their concentrations, anticipated volumes of water to be generated, methods of dewatering, plans for containing, testing, treating, and disposing of contaminated water, and the extent to which storage and treatment will occur on-site or off-site.

Comment 37:

Page 27, paragraph 3: Detailed vehicle parking plans for construction workers should be discussed in the DEIS, including plans for off-site satellite parking, if anticipated.

Comment:

Page 27, paragraph 3: Vehicle trips for construction workers, and truck trips for delivery and staging of construction materials and supplies should be factored into the traffic study for both the Phase I and Phase 2 construction periods.

Comment 38:

Page 27, paragraph 3: Traffic impact studies should be designed to cover peak traffic during Phase I and Phase II, which will entail buildout of Phase II while the new casino business is in operation.

EXTENT AND QUALITY OF INFORMATION NEEDED**Comment 39:**

Page 30, Soils, Topography and Subsurface Conditions: To the bulleted list, add: Past structure fire locations on and near the project site and the new well locations where PFAS may have been discharged during firefighting.

Comment 40:

Page 30, Water Resources: To the bulleted list, add *U.S. Geological Survey National Groundwater Monitoring Network*.

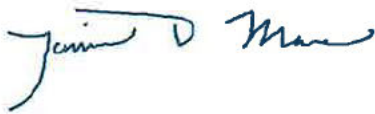
CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**Comment 41:**

The Scope should expressly list every project (i.e. Hospital Nassau Community College and Roosevelt Field alterations or expansions) that may affect the study area. The Scope should specify that for each analysis category the EIS will include a cumulative impact analysis of those projects, with and without, the Proposed Action and each alternative.

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