
From: Mark Gabrovsek
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 8:14 AM
To: Jennifer Snyder
Subject: Fw: No casino!!!

Respectfully,
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Subject: No casino!!!

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Please change the desire for a casino to NO! We in College Twp. Do NOT want it here....no positive results that I can see will come of it.

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Sent from my iPad — Elizabeth Hanley eah3@psu.edu

From: Daniel Materna <sailordan76@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:40 AM
To: CTCouncil; Adam Brumbaugh
Cc: mike@centrecountypa.gov; mark@centrecountypa.gov; sdershem@centrecountypa.gov; Jennifer Snyder
Subject: Nittany Mall Casino

Dear members of the College Township Council,

Thank you for bringing up and discussing the proposed local casino during your Council meeting on March 3rd.

It's encouraging to hear of the close attention that Council members are paying to each of the hundreds of casino-related public comments that continue to be submitted to the PGCB and also posted on the College Township website.

I absolutely agree, at this point, there is nothing that **any** elected official in Centre County can do to change the outcome of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's decision process that includes the close ongoing review of the casino's license application.

The details below include the negative aspects a casino can bring to any community. Every elected official reading this is already aware of **every word** of it. It's important to mention, no one can invoke a mandate of silence on any of you.

Please include this e-mail in the meeting packet and consent agenda for the next regularly scheduled College Township Council meeting. Your continuing focus on this important issue is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Daniel Materna
Howard, PA

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From: Daniel Materna <sailordan76@verizon.net>
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Subject: Please deny approval of the casino license application at Nittany Mall

Dear Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

Bottom line up front: Please deny the casino license application for the proposed casino at Nittany Mall in State College, PA. The area residents in Happy Valley strongly oppose the proposed casino and over 400 of their public comments have already been forwarded to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) for consideration

prior to the official decision to approve or deny the casino's license application.

The sequence of events leading up to the PGCB's initial public input hearing in State College last August 16 at the Penn Stater unfolded like a carefully crafted game of chess.

Let's begin on July 13, 2021, when the PGCB announced it would hold a public input hearing about the proposed casino in College Township. That public meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 16 at the Penn Stater. If you just read that, you might think *"Okay, this sounds like a town hall meeting. It might be fun to attend and participate in offering some community member feedback about a planned casino in Happy Valley."* In mid-July, do you think many folks immediately included that future public hearing on their calendar for mid-August? Not hardly. There was one minor detail included in that initial announcement on July 13 - the deadline for providing written comments or registering to speak at the Monday, August 16 event was 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 12. Do you think **any** reminders were sent out by the PGCB or the local media as that registration deadline approached? No way. On August 11, the local media in State College published my letter to the editor on the subject as well as publishing their own reminders on that same day - just one day prior to that 12:00 noon deadline on August 12. I am confident the supporters and developers of the planned casino were hoping that deadline would quietly arrive with maybe just two or three area residents registering to speak at the hearing on August 16. That is exactly what happened. Nevertheless, **49 pages of written public comments** were e-mailed to the PGCB before the deadline. Most of those written comments were e-mailed to the PGCB at the last minute on both August 11 and on the morning of August 12.

The supporters and opponents of the proposed casino appreciate the PGCB decision to continually post to their website the late public comments that have been steadily e-mailed to the PGCB since mid-August. Hundreds of public comments on the proposed casino are now posted on the PGCB's gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov website - the vast majority of those comments from area residents express strong opposition to the chaos a casino would bring to Happy Valley.

Now let's focus on the chaos that both gambling addiction and problem gambling brings to local communities:

Some community gambling addiction dangers include:

- Increased rates of unemployment
- Bankruptcy
- Fraud and check forgery
- Forced home sales
- Increased alcohol and drug abuse
- Poor mental and physical health of individuals and families

The children of gambling addicts also suffer in many ways, including:

- Emotional neglect and abandonment (and even physical abandonment) when one parent is consumed in an addiction.
- Stressed and irritable parents may lash out at children angrily, and even if they do not, these children can sense their parents' tension.
- Children of people with gambling addiction are at higher risk of experiencing their own addictions later in life.

There are many ways that an untreated gambling addiction can change your life.

- Family problems are quite common. Most compulsive gamblers around the world have issues at home with their family because of their addiction.
- Financial devastation is unavoidable. People with a gambling addiction will go to extreme measures to get money to gamble. Many people eventually resort to stealing, taking out large loans, or other desperate means that are out-of-character.
- Job loss is extremely high among gambling addicts. Gambling addiction may lead team members to miss work or come to work distracted. Gambling addictions will interfere with work relations, promotions, and employment.

When the PGCB Commissioners prepare to vote on the official decision to approve or deny the Nittany Mall casino license application, **PLEASE LISTEN TO US!**

Please take into consideration the hundreds of public comments of strong casino opposition that have been submitted to the PGCB by the residents of the State College area. Please deny approval of the casino's license application. We do not need or want a casino in Happy Valley!

Sincerely,
Daniel Materna
Howard, PA

From: Daniel Materna <sailordan76@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:01 AM
To: CTCouncil
Cc: Adam Brumbaugh; Jennifer Snyder
Subject: Nittany Mall has an inconvenient truth

Dear members of the College Township Council,

Nittany Mall has an inconvenient truth. Suppose a brand-new casino was unanimously approved, built, and was very successful. If any major **"anchor store"** decision-makers then chose to open their new store here, there would be NO available space in the mall for that store.

The inconvenient truth is the new casino would occupy the last available vacant location for an anchor store in the Nittany Mall. Our community members might then react with *"Oh my, maybe we should have thought of that!"*

Sincerely,
Dan Materna
Howard, PA

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