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Dear Richard,

There are many problems with the gambling casino proposed. It is essentially the same as was turned down 8 years after the tremendous opposition of the community. It is actually worse because the City would have no real control over it once the State compact would be adopted. The income to the City would be by contract with the tribe, with none from property taxes, nor room tax on hotel rooms, nor fees for development. The % of net revenues would be difficult to ascertain because the tribe would control the counting of all that cash and would handle the auditing. This according to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IRGA 25 U.S.C. 2719). Paragon Gaming, LLC of Las Vegas is telling the City Council that the Indians have to have 60% of the net and Paragon would share the rest with the City.

The proposal has changed frequently since it started with the County at the Harbor. (See the first page of a 16 page document that I have.) They have trimmed the project from what it was at the beginning of their approach to the City. They are trying to avoid an EIR by saying it is smaller, knowing that once it was there the City would have no control. An EIR has to be done on the ultimate project not in pieces. The 25 acres, acquired for the casino and many other structures, would be held in trust for the Indian tribe by the Federal government if the Secretary of the Interior determines that the gaming is in the best interest of the tribe and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. Paragon has said that if the City opposes it they would not seek it.

I was very much involved fighting the casino 8 years ago. The opposition is even stronger this time. I oppose it because I believe that it would bring corruption to the city council, city manager and staff as it has in the cities that have had big time gambling. Once the gambling interests took over the council would be powerless. We would become another crummy. We would never be able to attract top good businesses here. The speaker at the joint meeting of the Oxnard City Council, the Economic Development Corp., and the Hueneme Harbor Board on Friday pointed out that the most important issue with top companies is the quality of life. He thought we had it all, weather, ocean frontage, and farm land. He said Las Vegas could never attract a top business.

I am sorry that I have not had much time to put something together for you as our youngest grandson (4Yrs) has been sick and in the hospital since Saturday.

Sincerely,

Jane Tschach