

Exhibit IX.A.1.b Other Evidence of Local Support:

Submit as Exhibit IX.A.1.b. a list of any other evidence of local support including public statements and declarations, letters or resolutions from the Host Municipality, nearby municipalities, private organizations, community, religious and civic groups, charitable organizations, entertainment venues, chambers of commerce, local businesses, labor organizations, etc.

Hudson Valley Casino & Resort has predicated its project in the Town of Newburgh on incorporating the most iconic elements of the Hudson Valley/Catskills region into its business plan. As such, we have undertaken one of the most intense community outreach plans the region has ever seen, engaging and deploying leaders in the African American, Latino, agricultural, business, and burgeoning local food and beverage communities, throughout the Hudson Valley.

Our team has made thousands of phone calls; had over 500 meetings and conference calls with community leaders, small business owners, and elected officials; and took every opportunity to present our vision of a greater Hudson Valley.

As anticipated, this outreach has generated a level of excitement, particularly in the City of Newburgh, that has not been felt since the heyday of this once booming industrial city. In fact, a former mayor of the City of Newburgh who served in City government for 12 years and retired in 1991, said our project in Newburgh would be the single most impactful economic development project to ever come west of the Hudson. This sentiment isn't found only in anecdotes, but in the thousands of personal contacts we have made while we both educate and solicit input from residents of the region, on both sides of the river.

Hudson Valley Casino & Resort's outreach has generated public statements of support from the Mayor of Newburgh and the City Council, the Supervisor of the Town of Newburgh and the Town Board, more than a dozen wineries and craft breweries, the voice of the County's agricultural industry: the Orange County Vegetable Growers, a plethora of local hotels and lodging facilities, NYS Assemblyman Frank Skartados, NYS State Senator Terry Gipson, the City of Beacon, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and small businesses from Westchester to Ulster County, in addition to more than 200 Hudson Valley residents in every county surrounding our project. A number of community organizations, who have been on the front line of dealing with the negative impacts of Newburgh's declining economy, have also come on board once learning the details of our community commitment and the economic benefits of a major tourist attraction in their community.

Specifically, our outreach efforts have involved door-to-door canvasses of hundreds of small businesses in both the Town and Cities of Newburgh; several forums designed specifically for small businesses, agriculture, school officials and residents; faith communities; one-on-one meetings with municipal and community leaders on both sides of the Hudson River; and paid advertising targeting residents in Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, and Columbia Counties through social media.

While the primary purpose of this outreach was to educate the public about the economic benefits of Hudson Valley Casino & Resort, it was also used to help develop final plans for a project that will incorporate all of the elements necessary to truly make the casino and resort a Hudson Valley product -instead of an imported brand with little-to-no connection to the region. The community engagement helped explain the details of the project, our efforts to mitigate community impacts, and identified community-based strategies to maximize job creation and local economic development.

Each and every forum, meeting, canvass, and public outreach effort has resulted in the majority of residents and businesses in attendance signing letters of support for our project. They have generated new ambassadors who became extensions of our outreach efforts.

These extensive efforts have resulted in the development of numerous formalized partnerships

and memorandums of understanding to provide local governments and civic organizations with an opportunity to share in the ultimate success of the project. Specifically, as evidenced in Exhibit IX.A.3, Hudson Valley Casino & Resort has entered into MOUs with the City of Newburgh, City of Beacon, the Valley Central School District, the Marlboro School District, the Wallkill School District, the City of Middletown and Dutchess County to provide financial support for economic development and community benefits programs. We have also established a number of partnerships with local small businesses, restaurants and entertainment facilities, specifically Mid-Hudson Civic Center, Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center, Just Off Broadway and Shadowland. Conversations are underway with local colleges and educational institutions to develop job training, internship, and curriculum that will assist job placements in the hospitality industry.

To truly understand the success of our efforts, look no further than a groundbreaking, never-before-realized revenue sharing agreement that was brokered between the Town of Newburgh and City of Newburgh. The Town of Newburgh, as the host community for the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort, is the only local municipality that by statute is entitled to revenue under the regulations governing proposition one. Despite this fact, the Town willingly entered into an agreement with the City of Newburgh to provide 15% of its share of casino revenue to the City to support public safety and law enforcement. Never before has one municipality willingly provided a portion of its own revenue stream to another. To show its strong support for this innovative arrangement, Hudson Valley Casino & Resort signed an MOU with the City of Newburgh to provide, in perpetuity, an additional 15% of the revenue that the Town of Newburgh is entitled to.

Through our extensive outreach campaign, Hudson Valley Casino & Resort presents a robust demonstration of community engagement and partnership. Much of the feedback we've received has been incorporated into our project in a way that far surpasses that of any other potential licensee. In the end, we know that for Hudson Valley Casino & Raceway to be successful, it has to be not solely the product of an outside developer, but a product of the region we intend to call home. We are confident that because of our effort, it will be.

“The fact is, if you want the greatest economic impact from a project like this, you need to be in proximity to the place where the greatest economic and job needs are.”

Town of Newburgh Acting Supervisor,
Gil Piaquadio

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Dear Members of the New York State Gaming Facility Location Board:

Of all the communities facing economic struggle in the Catskill/Hudson Valley region, none face as daunting a challenge as Newburgh. With a population of 28,866, the City has a poverty rate of 27.9%, and struggles with chronic unemployment and high crime unrivaled in the region. In the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, which covers both the Town and City, over 8,000 children are described as "economically disadvantaged" by New York State, more than any other school district in the region. This includes over 6,300 who are eligible for free lunch.

But Newburgh is not alone. Within a 20-mile radius of the City and the proposed site of Hudson Valley Casino & Resort, the neighboring communities of Poughkeepsie, Beacon, and Middletown are home to 10,000 more 'economically disadvantaged' students. Just miles from Newburgh is the City of Beacon, with a population of 15,346 and a poverty rate of 15%. To the immediate west of Newburgh is the City of Middletown where 17.9% of their 27,886 residents live in poverty. Less than 20 miles away in Dutchess County is the City of Poughkeepsie, with a population of 30,847, where 25% of residents live below the poverty level. The fact is, there isn't a single casino project proposed in all of the Hudson Valley/Catskill region that would have as profound an economic impact on these struggling communities as the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort would. That's precisely why we strongly support its application for a license and we believe the Board should as well.

To give you a sense of the need in the City of Newburgh, look no further than the decision by the Town of Newburgh to willingly enter into an unprecedented revenue sharing deal with the City, to provide 15% of its own host community revenue to the City to help address crime. Additionally, the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort has agreed to directly contribute an additional 15% of the total of the community host fee to the City of Newburgh, providing this struggling urban core with an additional \$2 million a year in revenue. For the Town of Newburgh to willingly provide 15% of its projected revenue to the City, should speak volumes as to the seriousness of the economic situation here.

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But rather than take our word for it, we encourage you to see Newburgh for yourselves. **To that end, we would like to officially invite the Gaming Facilities Location Board to a tour of the City of Newburgh, so that it can fully understand the kind of poverty our residents have been struggling with for decades.** We are confident that when you see the challenges facing Newburgh and its surrounding communities, you will be left with little doubt as to the paramount need that exists for the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort and the need to grant it a license. Our community needs this economic development jolt and the jobs that would come with it, more than anyone.

Though southern Orange County may be well off, the northern part of the county is simply unrivaled in its economic and jobs crisis. Newburgh is as entitled to an economic game changer as anyone –and more so. We also feel strongly that of all the projects proposed in Orange County, only the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort Project in Newburgh has the potential to both address the significant economic challenges of the City of Newburgh while coexisting with a casino project in the Catskills. The location of the Newburgh project, well north of the main artery to the Catskills, Route 17, allows for complementary projects that address severe economic development challenges in both Newburgh and the Catskills and fulfills the intent of Proposition 1.

Hudson Valley Casino & Resort is the right choice for Newburgh and for New York State. It will create over 5,000 jobs between construction and operation, paying competitive wages that run from \$30,000-\$70,000 for entry level positions, and contributing over \$84 million annually in wages across the entire region. Our community needs this project –more than anyone.

We sincerely hope you will take us up on our offer and tour our city so that you can get a first person look at the struggles facing Newburgh. We are confident when you do, you will come to no other conclusion than granting a license to the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort, in Newburgh.

Sincerely,

Mayor Judy Kennedy, City of Newburgh
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Local School District

Newburgh Enlarged City School District

Community, Religious, and Civic Organizations

Charlie North	Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce
Madeleine Fletcher	Newburgh Community Landbank
Cathy Collins	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh
Sabrea Murchison	Mothers for Upward Movement
Peter Gonazalez	Latinos Unidos
David Potack	The Greater Newburgh Partnership

Local Business

John Schmidt	Pueblo Apartments LLC
Paul Teutul	Orange County Choppers
Edmund O'Connor	New York Life Insurance
Rick Milton	Mesh Realty Group, Inc
Richard Fracasse	United Air Conditioning
Giancarlo Lorusso	Motorcyclepedia Museum
Danny Lorenzo	Lorenzo Real Estate
Ervin Hamilton	The Print Shop
Stephen J. Piersa	A1 No Nonsense Pest Control
Frank Gerbes	Gerbes & Gerbes LLC
Chris Pennings	Knapp Consultants, Inc
Alan Affuso	Knapp IT Solutions
Robert Daly	RD Planning
Scott F. Perry	Atlas Security Services
Charles L Druzak	Independent Telecommunications Corp
Kenrick G.Ritchie	Variety Thrift
Terry Harrigan	Mr. Gold LLC
John Panzella	River Rose Tours and Cruises
Mike Johnson	Boost Mobile
Raymond D. Strakoys	The Reflectory
Kent Cole	Cross Cutters Barber Shop
Ravi Sonepalli	Ace Drugs
Alex Ukshini	Primos Pizza Restaurant
Salvador A. Scanu	New Look Beauty Salon
Dave Gray	Party Time Video
Jaime Pagan	Relentless Ink
Nicolas DiBrizzi	Pizza Shop
Brian Manning	Pizza Mia
Steven Bivowa	B's Auto Parts
Edward Taylor	Mill Street Mattress and More
Keddy Moran	Dollar Tree
Jose Hernandez	El Solar Café
Jodi Visconti	Water's Edge Salon and Spa
Rene Campos	DMU Music Inc

Michele Basela	The Warehouse Restaurant
Jesse Santana	All City Fashions
Lisa Gervais	Healing Arts Studios
Kathleen Passineau	Verizon Wireless
Diane Briscoe	DR Improvements
Magaly Aguirre	Quetzal Corp
Maureen Piqueras	Maureen's Deli and Catering
Soshauna Dorsey	Transformed Beauty Salon
Eva Garcia	Taste of Mexico
Nancy Lopez	Allie Cat Boutique
Rita Verna	New York Life Insurance
Tarik Mohamed	Allstate A Affordable Autosales
Kiki Hayden	John J Lease Realtors
Guarien Gil	Latin Grocery
Crisoforo Balbuena	Pizzeria Mr. Cris
Mohamed Ali	Casablanca Deli
Valeria Rivera	Dental A Oral Surgery
Robin Kail	United Air Conditioning
Michael Perez	Symphony Industries
Rosendo Mosso	Lupita's Bakery
Janet Alhen	Al's Ice Cream
Juan Luiz	Complex City
Mohamed Hasan	Hudson Valley Market
Nancy Aguilar	Pisco Sour Café
Beresford Cole	BNC Jamaican American Restaurant
Alejandrina Carmona	Alejandrina Unisex Salon, Inc
Ricky Sun	Mobil Mart
Christine Bello	Chris-Dian Florist
Maribel Aviles	Alejandra's Mexican Food
Magda Araeiz-Reis	Smart Solution Tax and Multi-Services Inc
Jose Boria	Eurotek Imports
Rosendo Orellano	Rosa's
Andrew Sohn	Economy Cleaners
Dipak Kapabia	Payless Wine and Liquor
Yong Han	Hany's Nail Spa
J Kim	Love Jewelers
Mayra Garcia	Don Fernando Restaurant
Sue Young Huynh	Riverview Salon and Day Spa
Thomas Costa	North Plank Road Tavern
Paul M. Lockwood	New Windsor Country Inn
Mark Malia	The River Grill
Tony Tsangarakis	Tony's Newburgh Lunch, Inc
John	Mykonos Greek Cuisine
Maureen Adams	Ramada Newburgh

Mark A Gamma	Newburgh Actor's Studio
Joyce Presutti	Just off Broadway
Daniel Zimmerman	Meineke Car Care Centers

Childcare Organizations

Ira Besdanzky	YMCA of Greater Newburgh
Donna Conklin	Patty Cake Playhouse

Breweries, Vineyards, and Agriculture

J. Paul Ruzkiewicz	Orange County Growers Association
Helen King	My Saddle Brook Farm
Paul Halayko	Newburgh Brewery
Paula Cereghino	Cereghino Smith
Craig Cowton	Palaia Vineyards
Thomas Keegan	Keegan Ales
Morgan E. Berardi	Peekskill Brewery
Adam Watson	Sloop Brewing Company
Robert Magnanini	Magnanini
Christopher Jacobs	Winery At Pennings Vineyards, LLC
Richard Coleman	Westtown Brew Works

Other

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Jorge Marte	Newburgh, NY 12550
Teorilo Arizpe	Newburgh, NY 12550
Lori Sottolano	Newburgh, NY 12550
Claudio Pantoja	Newburgh, NY 12550
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Kathy Paton	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Gary Ciferri	Millbrook, NY 12545
Bill McQuiston	Country Knolls, NY 12019
Christine Barger	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Leah Gregori	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Eileen Harren	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Jennie Jurkiewics	Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Danelle Healey	Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Joshua Goodman	New York, NY 10028
Annie Hundley	Brooklyn, NY 11201
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Nereida Torres	Fishkill, NY 12524
Domenica Blau	Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
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Michael DeMilo	Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Barbara Jones	Lake Katrine, NY 12440
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Georgette Silvers	Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Jim O'Sullivan	Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
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Edna Henderson	Mount Marion, NY 12456
Frances Quintero	Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
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Liz Brennan	Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
Lewis Oppenheim	Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
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Ann Pear	Montgomery, NY 12549
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Dear Members of the New York State Gaming Facility Location Board:

I supported legislation in the New York State Senate that allowed New Yorkers the opportunity to vote on the constitutional amendment to permit additional casinos in upstate New York. The people of New York have approved this effort, and I now write in support of the proposed Hudson Valley Casino & Resort in Orange County. I'm confident that this project will create needed jobs and move the economy forward both locally and regionally, positively benefiting the neighboring counties of Dutchess and Putnam that I proudly represent.

The Hudson Valley Casino & Resort has the opportunity to create approximately 5,000 construction and operation jobs offering good wages between \$30,000-\$70,000 and contributing over \$84 million annually in wages throughout our region. The reach of these new and good job opportunities would be greatly welcomed in Newburgh's sister city of Beacon and the City of Poughkeepsie, and across Dutchess and Putnam counties.

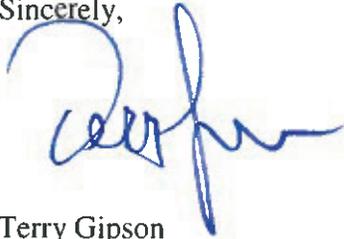
As member on the New York State Senate Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation Committee, I believe that the proposed project will also further boost the Hudson Valley's tourism industry that plays a crucial role in our regional economy.

Dutchess County Tourism reports that tourism generates \$4.7 billion into the Hudson Valley's economy and makes up 6 percent of employment in our region.

Additionally, as the Ranking member on the New York State Senate Agriculture Committee and the representative of a hardworking farming community, I'm encouraged by the project's commitment to supporting local agriculture. Their plans to establish a weekly farmer's market for area producers, a farm to table program and a transportation partnership to bring guests to and from local wineries, breweries, orchards, and farms will benefit the Hudson Valley's agriculture and agritourism industry.

New York State has a responsibility to ensure that the projects and partners chosen will have the greatest impact on our communities and economy. I confidently put this trust in the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort as proposed by New York's own Saratoga Casino and Raceway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry Gipson', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Terry Gipson
New York State Senator, 41st Senate District

FRANK K. SKARTADOS
Assemblyman 104th District

Dutchess, Orange, and
Ulster Counties

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Newburgh casino would benefit region

Last month, Saratoga Raceway and Casino presented its plan to develop a casino and resort in the Town of Newburgh. Of all the proposals thus far submitted, none will have as dramatic an economic and employment impact as the proposal for Newburgh. Saratoga's proposal, the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort, situated at the intersections of Interstate 84 and the New York State Thruway with direct access to the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, will serve as a jobs catalyst for long-struggling communities with significant unemployment rates like Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. I can't think of a single project proposed in this region that would meet the primary economic goals that the casino referendum was designed to address.

According to the 2010 census, an alarming 28 percent of residents in the City of Newburgh and 22 percent of residents in Poughkeepsie live below the poverty line. These numbers are not only troublesome, they are the greatest obstacle to revitalizing these once prosperous industrial cities. The location of the Hudson Valley Resort and Casino, north of Route 17, and on the eastern edge of Orange County, provides the greatest likelihood of supporting an economic resurgence throughout the region because it will have a direct impact on these cities that so desperately need good-paying jobs.

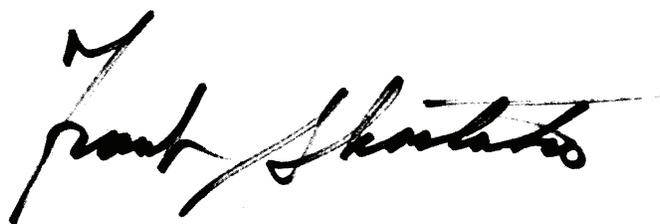
Right off the bat, this project would reshape the area's job market as we know it. In total the casino will create 2,400 construction jobs and more than 2,500 permanent, well-paying jobs with benefits, many of which will come directly from Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Beacon and Middletown. The developers have made a commitment to train locally, and hire locally. Every dollar earned by local workers at the casino will be reinvested in to the community; paychecks will go toward paying rents and mortgages, buying local goods and services, and supporting local families. And we can expect to grow existing businesses in these communities as well as foster new ones that will do business with a casino and resort.

In addition to quality jobs, a Newburgh casino would also provide our region with tens of millions of dollars in annual revenue, \$6.7 million annually to the Town of Newburgh, \$6.7 million annually to Orange County, and \$37 million annually to the region. This money would go toward improving our schools, parks, community centers and Main streets.

Hudson Valley Resort and Casino has committed to featuring local agriculture, restaurants, craft brews and wines. Additionally, Hudson Valley Resort and Casino is seeking partnerships with existing destinations and cultural institutions in the region, including the Walkway Over the Hudson, Dia:Beacon, historic Hyde Park, Storm King Arts Center and The Culinary Institute of America — many of which are in my district.

While there has been concern raised about the implications that a casino in Orange County would have on the Catskills, it is my firm belief that an Orange County location in Newburgh would serve to complement, not compete with, those efforts. Imagine the synergies of an economic development region that runs from Poughkeepsie through Beacon to a casino and resort in Newburgh and from Newburgh through Middletown to a casino in Monticello.

The goal of the casino referendum was to create jobs and foster economic development in communities that are starving for it. The Hudson Valley-centric proposal offered by Saratoga Casino and Raceway would meet these goals more than any other proposal out there and, as a New York-based company, Saratoga is unique because it is a trusted New York partner and neighbor. I am not a gambling man but a project like the Hudson Valley Casino will address many of the economic challenges my district faces. That is why I am a strong supporter of its development and excited about the possibilities it presents to our communities that are most in need.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank Skartados". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "F" and "S".

Frank Skartados



COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

MARCUS J. MOLINARO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 23, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to confirm my support for the development of a casino resort in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County.

Saratoga Raceway and Casino's proposed casino resort is of critical importance to the Catskills/Hudson Valley region as it will create a destination resort property in the heart of the region, which does not currently exist, and will serve as a catalyst for long-struggling communities with significant unemployment rates like Newburgh in Orange County and Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County.

Finally, of critical importance to me is reducing the tax burden on residents of Dutchess County. The proposed project will not only keep tourism and gaming dollars in the State, but also attract out of state residents bringing substantial tax revenue to the state that will, in turn, allow for property tax relief to Dutchess County residents.

Very truly yours,

Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County Executive



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Dear Members of the Resort Facility Location Board:

As a 50 year resident and a current member of the Newburgh Town Board I write in support of Saratoga Casino and Raceway. Their proposal for a casino in the Town of Newburgh will be a positive addition to the area.

The Newburgh area has a high unemployment rate which creates a high poverty and crime level. The casino would provide numerous employment opportunities, first in construction jobs and then for staff at both the casino and hotel.

The Town of Newburgh parcel has many other advantages. It is located next to Route 84 on the north and the New York State thruway on the east. It has easy access to both water and sewer services.

The location of the casino in the Town of Newburgh would be a positive advantage for the City and the Town. The need is great and the benefits for the people would be assured.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth J. Greene
Councilwoman



TOWN OF NEWBURGH

1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York 12550

TOWN BOARD

845-564-4554
Fax 845-566-1432

June 16, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

I believe the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort will be such a positive impact on the area I voted for a historic agreement between the Town and the City of Newburgh that results in our sharing 15% of our revenue from this project. This is the only casino with this type of multi municipality support.

The Hudson Valley Casino and Resort will create new employment opportunities for local residents. It will create 2,400 construction jobs and more than 2,800 well-paying permanent jobs. Increasing employment will expand the stability and security of the people we serve each day. It will generate \$84 million in wages and \$12 million in school taxes that will directly benefit the Newburgh Enlarged City School District.

Sincerely,

Paul Ruggiero Councilman
Town of Newburgh

June 16, 2014

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Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

I support the Saratoga Casino and Raceway's proposal for the development of the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort because their proposal specifically targets communities that have faced almost intractable levels of unemployment, have been plagued by violence, and have deep histories of poverty. We know this project will create opportunity for our constituents.

A destination resort style casino on Route 17K in Newburgh will create economic opportunity that is desperately needed. Saratoga Casino and Raceway has a history of building strong local partnerships, and they are committed to doing the same with this proposed casino resort.

These partnerships are crucial to helping life in our communities. A development of this scale is an unprecedented opportunity for not only the City of Newburgh the Town of Newburgh and the Surrounding Area.

Sincerely,

George Woolsey Sr.

George Woolsey Sr
Senior Councilman
Town of Newburgh

RESOLUTION NO.: 139 - 2014

OF

MAY 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
HUDSON VALLEY CASINO AND RESORT, LLC (HVCR)
TO BE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, voters in the State of New York approved by referendum an amendment to the State Constitution that permits the development of commercial gaming facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2014, the New York Gaming Facility Location Board released a Request for Applications seeking applications for licenses to operate commercial gaming facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Casino Resort, LLC ("HVCR") and its affiliates have proposed a casino development to be located on undeveloped land directly southwest of the intersection of Interstate 87 and Interstate 84 in the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development would have a substantial positive economic benefit on the City of Newburgh as well as the County of Orange, the Town of Newburgh, and surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of the proposed project include, but are not limited to the creation of thousands of construction and related jobs and the creation of thousands of long term casino, hotel and related jobs; and

WHEREAS, the HVCR casino project is a very large development project and is the only project that will significantly reduce the school taxes of every property owner in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

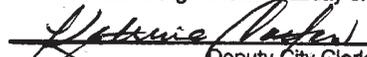
WHEREAS, HVCR and its affiliates have agreed to make certain accommodations to the City in order provide economic opportunities to City residents and to allow the City directly to realize an economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, HVCR and its affiliates have expressed to the City a commitment to address poverty in the City by providing and supporting employment, job training and educational opportunities for residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in furtherance of the City's goals, the Council of the City of Newburgh, New York hereby fully supports the development of the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort in the Town of Newburgh, New York.

I, the City Clerk of the City of Newburgh, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Newburgh at a regular meeting held May 28, 2014 and that it is a true and correct copy of such original.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Newburgh this 29th day of May, 2014


Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF NEWBURGH

83 Broadway
Newburgh, New York 12550
Phone: 845-569-7301 Fax: 845-569-7370

Councilwoman Regina Angelo
(845) 569-7301

June 20, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Sirs:

Along with my colleagues on the Council, I whole-heartedly support the application for the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort to be built in the Town of Newburgh. Both of our municipalities will benefit from the Town of Newburgh's success.

The unprecedented partnership with the Town of Newburgh is an example of how our communities can work together for our constituents and our tax base. We share a common school district and our school taxes are extremely high.

Due to the lack of industry in the City of Newburgh, our residents struggle with unemployment, and a negligible job market, resulting in some of the highest poverty levels in the region. We also face a staggering increase in crime, while we have limited resources in our police department. The added revenue from this casino agreement would greatly impact not only our economy but our public safety.

We urge you to give due consideration to this application and how it will benefit the Town and the City of Newburgh when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Deputy Mayor Regina Angelo



CITY OF NEWBURGH

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Councilman Cedric Brown
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June 20, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
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Dear Sirs:

I strongly support the application for the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort to be built in the Town of Newburgh, as it is highly beneficial for our residents and our economy. This is the best possible location for the casino as it stands to benefit taxpayers in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District who will receive much needed relief.

In addition, we look forward to increased employment opportunities for our residents who are struggling with some of the highest poverty levels in the region. We were once a center of commerce and industry; now the City of Newburgh has sunk to its knees economically.

The partnership with the Town of Newburgh is a win-win for both our municipalities- our agreement with our neighboring municipality, should the casino be sited there, will provide jobs, tax benefits, and much-needed revenue which will also help us to hire more police officers to keep our City safe.

This application is crucial to the City of Newburgh's renaissance. We are working diligently to improve our quality of life, and have made strides. But imagine the catalyst the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort could be to our economic success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cedric Brown

Councilman Cedric Brown



CITY OF NEWBURGH

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Councilwoman Cindy Homes
(845) 569-7310

June 19, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support the application for the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort to be built in the Town of Newburgh, which would also greatly benefit our residents. There no place other than the City of Newburgh that should be given the opportunity to share in the economic growth that would help so many struggling people.

The City of Newburgh needs employment opportunities for our residents so we can rise out of the poverty-stricken conditions that have plagued us for decades. Newburgh is a beautiful city in the Hudson Valley that was once a thriving center of economic development with a vast amount of manufacturing industries, and businesses large and small. This all changed in the 1960s, when, as in many other communities throughout the country, businesses and residents fled to the suburbs and the City sank into urban blight. We have never recovered.

We need a change for the better, first by providing jobs for people who are in dire need. Our school district needs to be given the opportunity to benefit also, so our taxpayers will get a decrease in school taxes which is well overdue. Homeowners have suffered in the past years with two major property tax increases that added up to over 100%. Newburgh needs that economic boost to be able to get back on its feet.

The partnership with the Town of Newburgh is a beautiful thing. It displays team work and the effort to create consistency with an innovative economic development plan that would be mutually beneficial. This is just the beginning of a plan to pull a poor municipality, with a high crime rate and an understaffed police department, out of a black hole. We would be able to hire more police officers to keep our City safe, which would have an impact on decreasing our crime rate. This would give our residents a better quality of life, and would draw more investors and homeowners to our beautiful City.

In addition to implementing jobs and careers with longevity, the Casino will give our residents the opportunity to rise to the challenge, retain and maintain their homes, while bringing tourism into both our municipalities.

The City of Newburgh has been struggling for decades with everything! The Casino will bring hope to the city again, while continuing to unite people to work together for the greater good. The Casino is about helping each other, not for the benefit of one municipality over another.

I personally thank the Town of Newburgh again for the partnership with the City of Newburgh. I invite the gaming commission also to come to the City of Newburgh to see why we need and deserve this Casino more than any other location.

Why? We have the highest poverty, unemployment, and crime rate in the region. With Hudson Valley Casino and Resort implemented in the Town of Newburgh, and the Town working with the City, these negative factors will be decreased greatly. This Casino will boost the City of Newburgh economics and also boost the morale of our residents. This is why I whole-heartedly support Hudson Valley Casino and Resort, and I urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Councilwoman Cindy Holmes

CITY OF NEWBURGH

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Karen Mejia, Councilwoman
Ward 1

June 19, 2014

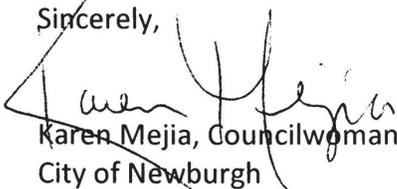
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It is with great pleasure that I write to support the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort's (HVCS) application to receive one of the gaming licenses from the New York State Gaming Commission. The HVCS brings an experienced team to our area and the credentials of running a successful venture via Saratoga Casino and Raceway (Saratoga Springs, NY).

Located 60 miles of New York City, the City of Newburgh is challenged by significant out migration of the middle class, businesses and commerce. Boasting what is New York's "widest street," Broadway is a business corridor poised for development and serves as Downtown Newburgh's primary commercial artery as well as the regional link between the waterfront, Stewart Airport and the location of the HVCS. The development of HVCS would have catalytic effect on Broadway and provide the ideal opportunity for rechanneling the Hudson Valley's growth smartly.

I strongly support this application for its innovative, collaborative, and inclusive approach to development and the multiple economic ripples it will have in the Hudson Valley area. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,


Karen Mejia, Councilwoman, Ward 1
City of Newburgh

NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Matthew McCoy - Clerk of the Board

124 Grand Street
Newburgh, New York 12550
(845) 563-3503
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June 26, 2014

Dear Hudson Valley Casino & Resort:

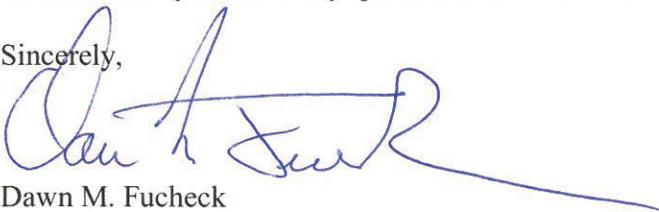
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We anticipate that gaming in the region will enhance the economy of Orange County and the Newburgh Enlarged City School District. Additionally, we look forward to the overall growth to the region by providing jobs, educational opportunities, and other economic development opportunities to our citizens. We understand that education is the key to success and a priority for all communities.

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We look forward to a long-standing relationship with a casino in our region. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dawn M. Fuchek
President
Board of Education
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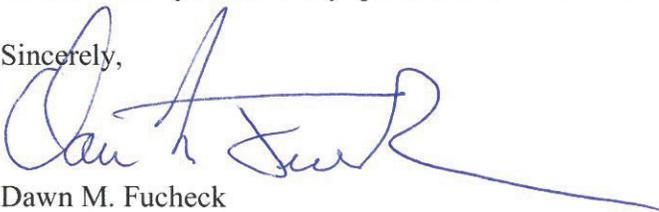
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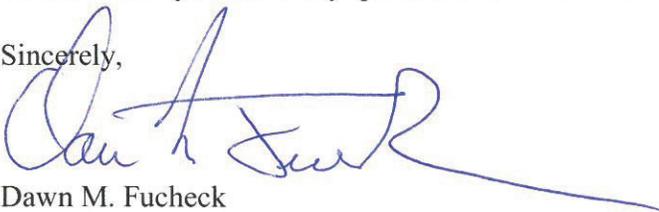
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June 9, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing businesses and organizations in the Hudson Valley, is a strong supporter of projects such as the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort, which would significantly benefit the economy in our region.

A destination resort style casino on Route 17K in Newburgh would create direct demand for hotel space and other products and services, even as it increases the overall supply, because of its strong commitment to cross-marketing destinations across the region. In establishing partnerships with area destination points, Saratoga would help bring additional tourism dollars not only to Newburgh, but also destinations from Rhinebeck to West Point. Visitors will need other products and services.

We know Saratoga Casino and Raceway has a history of building strong local partnerships, and they are committed to doing the same with this proposed casino resort. A development of this scale is an unprecedented opportunity for our region. The Hudson Valley Casino and Resort would create new employment opportunities for local residents. It would create 2,400 construction jobs and more than 2,500 well-paying permanent jobs. Increasing employment will expand the purchasing power of local residents so that current businesses can expand.

We are happy to provide this letter of support, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles S. North
President and CEO

Corporate Leaders: **Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., Health Quest, and KeyBank**

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June 19, 2014

Via Email

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board:

The Newburgh Community Land Bank is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for the Newburgh residents. After reviewing the proposal for Hudson Valley Casino and Resort, I am writing to offer strong support for this project.

We support Saratoga Casino and Raceway's development proposal for the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort because their proposal specifically offers an improved prospect to communities that have faced staggering levels of unemployment, violence, and multi-generational poverty. This project poses a meaningful opportunity for those affected by these social maladies.

We are likewise pleased with Saratoga Casino and Raceway's commitment to sourcing goods, whenever possible, from local purveyors. In addition to the jobs created within the casino, this kind of commitment to supporting other local businesses will create additional jobs outside of the casino and contributes to a robust, diverse economy in Newburgh.

A destination resort-style casino on Route 17K in Newburgh will create much-needed economic opportunity and draw visitors. Saratoga Casino and Raceway has a history of building strong local partnerships, and we foresee the same with this proposed casino resort. A development of this scale has broad-reaching impact for not only the City of Newburgh, but also the cities of Middletown, Beacon, and Poughkeepsie.

The Hudson Valley Casino and Resort will create thousands of new employment opportunities, almost half of which are entry-level. Making those jobs available for low skill residents, and offering transportation access to those jobs, will expand the stability and security of the people in this community. And, an available associated hospitality curriculum will provide an additional avenue for advancement. We strongly support the idea that SUNY Orange offer this program at its Newburgh campus.

A responsible, family-friendly Hudson Valley Casino and Resort will bring millions of dollars to our City and region. The sensible allocation of these resources to safety, education and community development in a way that meaningfully impacts our City and its residents will have sustainable positive effects on our local economic and community development initiatives.

We believe that Hudson Valley Casino and Resort offers unique opportunities to Newburgh. I ask that you select Hudson Valley Casino and Resort for a gaming license in the Hudson Valley/Catskills Region.

Sincerely,

Madeline Fletcher

Madeline Fletcher
Executive Director

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Letter of Intent
With
HUDSON VALLEY CASINO & RESORT
For
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR GREATER NEWBURGH

In consideration of annual cash compensation and other consideration as described herein from "Hudson Valley Casino & Resort", hereinafter referred to as "HVCR", and pending HVCR receiving an award to build and operate a casino resort pursuant to a proposal submitted by HVCR to the State of New York, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh hereinafter referred to as "Habitat", agrees to the following during the term of this agreement.

I. HVCR TO PROVIDE:

1. \$50,000 ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP

2. CROSS MARKETING PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS:

Advertising of volunteer opportunities for employees. HVCC will prominently display opportunities so that employees can participate in Habitat activities if they so choose

Advertising of Habitat Services. HVCC will make employees aware of the services of Habitat in the event that they, their families, or community members are interested in applying for services

II. HABITAT TO PROVIDE:

1. SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS:

Prominently displayed benefits as mutually agreed upon. Benefits may include, but are not limited to, banner ads on website, eblasts, and banner ad on website.

TERM: The term of this agreement will be for a period of 7 Years ~~from the opening of Hudson Valley Casino and Resort~~ *from the opening of Hudson Valley Casino and Resort* CAC

~~January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2023~~ *from the opening of Hudson Valley Casino and Resort* CAC
TERM - The term of this agreement will be for Seven (7) years, commencing on ~~January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2023.~~ *from the opening of Hudson Valley Casino and Resort* CAC It is agreed that this agreement will only be valid if the Hudson Valley Casino & Resort development proposal submitted by HVCR is accepted by New York State.

Upon awarding of the casino license, HVCR and Habitat will negotiate and enter into a detailed agreement as per the terms listed above.

IV. JURISDICTION:

This agreement is made and shall comply with all laws in the State of New York and all legal matters or claims will be presented in a court in Albany County, NY.

V. NOTICES:

All notices of any kind will be delivered to the parties as set forth below:

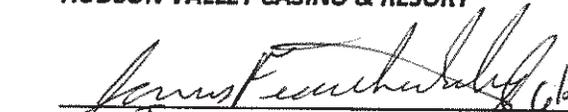
To: Cathy Collins
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh
125 Washington Street
Newburgh, NY 12550

To: Hudson Valley Casino & Resort
Saratoga Casino and Raceway
James Featherstonhaugh
PO Box 342
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

The parties have set their hands and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Agreement as shown below.

HUDSON VALLEY CASINO & RESORT

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEWBURGH


Name: James D. Featherstonhaugh Date: 6/24/14
Title: Member


Name: Cathy Collins Date: 20 June 2014
Title: Executive Director



Latinos Unidos of the Hudson Valley, Inc.

PO Box 3281, Office at Newburgh Armory Unity Center
321 South William Street, Newburgh, New York 12550
845-565-4812 FAX 845-565-4866

May 12, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

As the president of a non-profit that serves the Latino community of the Hudson Valley, I work to connect members of our community to opportunities to thrive. We need to be vigilant in looking for new ways to improve the socioeconomic climate of our urban communities, by creating jobs, particularly for low-income Latino workers in cities like Newburgh, Middletown, Poughkeepsie, and Beacon.

Latinos Unidos of Hudson Valley supports Saratoga Casino and Raceway's proposal for the development of the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort because their proposal specifically targets communities that have faced almost intractable levels of unemployment, have been plagued violence, and have deep histories of poverty. We know this project will create opportunity which is so desperately needed.

A destination resort style casino on Route 17K in Newburgh will create economic opportunity that is desperately needed. Saratoga Casino and Raceway has a history of building strong local partnerships, and they are committed to doing the same with this proposed casino resort. These partnerships are crucial to helping life our communities. A development of this scale is an unprecedented opportunity for not only the City of Newburgh, but also the cities of Middletown, Beacon, and Poughkeepsie – all which are in desperate need of economic opportunity, particularly for our young Latino men and women.

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Saratoga Casino and Raceway has shown, through the successful operation of gaming destinations across the country, that they are committed to responsible, moral gaming. They are devoted to fighting the issues that plague some individuals and communities, and keeping the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort a responsible, family-friendly facility.

Hudson Valley Casino and Resort will bring millions of dollars to our region. The Town of Newburgh and Orange County will each receive \$6.85 million in revenue annually. The remaining counties in the Hudson Valley Region will also receive \$37 million annually. Developing ways for new sources of revenue is essential to providing critical social services.

Our communities will receive significant positive impacts from Hudson Valley Casino and Resort. We support this project because it is exactly what the Latino community of Hudson Valley needs. We ask that you select Hudson Valley Casino and Resort for a gaming license in the Hudson Valley/Catskills Region.

Sincerely,

Peter González
President of The Board



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greaternewburghpartnership.org

June 23, 2014

New York State Gaming Commission
Resort Gaming Facility Location Board
P.O. Box 7500
Schenectady, New York 12301-7500

Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board:

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Sincerely,

David Potack
Chairman, Board of Directors



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Dear Members of the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board,

As a resident of Newburgh, I am committed to creating opportunities for the residents of Newburgh to prosper. After reviewing the proposal for Hudson Valley Casino and Resort I am writing to offer my full support for this project.

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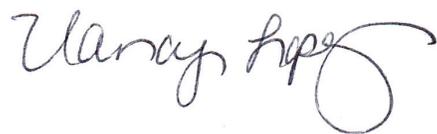
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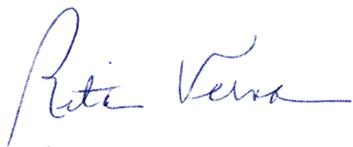
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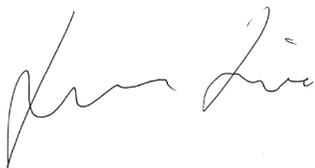
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For over three decades, the Bonura Hospitality Group has been synonymous with extraordinary events in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We have created lifelong memories for tens of thousands of happy customers. Shadows on the Hudson, Bonura's Little Sicily, Torches on the Hudson, and Billy Joe's Ribworks are our full-service restaurants. Each of the restaurants could benefit from cross marketing and use of loyalty points should this project move forward. In addition to restaurants, The Bonura Hospitality Group offers the perfect Catering and Event setting for all types of events. Each location features meticulously manicured landscaping, indoor and outdoor settings for ceremonies and receptions, extraordinary food, unrivaled service and attractive packages to fit every budget.

BHG operates marinas in both Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, which could allow for guests to arrive by boat and be transferred to the Casino and Resort. We also operate the new West Hills Country Club in Middletown, NY. We have transformed the country club experience in the Mid-Hudson Valley through our multi-million dollar renovation and have created one of the finest golf and recreational venues in the region. Nestled along the majestic Wallkill River, West Hills Country Club offers a complete experience for the entire family. In addition to one of the area's finest golf courses, West Hills has updated the club from its clubhouse and restaurant to its swimming pool and tennis courts. West Hills is located only 20 minutes from the proposed site.

Finally, the Bonura Hospitality Group operates "Shadow One" – the most unique Hudson River experience you can find. Our marine "taxi ride" will take visitors on an exhilarating 60 mph water ride from the beautiful Newburgh waterfront to Shadows Marina in Poughkeepsie in just 20 minutes.

We are excited to become an extended amenity of Hudson Valley Casino & Resort by providing your guests with many unique experiences only we can offer in the Mid-Hudson Valley - from golf and tennis in Middletown, to tasty meals on the Newburgh waterfront overlooking the majestic Hudson River, to jetting on the River to Poughkeepsie via Shadow One. Our unique business welcomes the opportunity to become one of The Hudson Valley Casino & Resort's regional partners – providing cross-promotion and marketing opportunities. We look forward to providing your guests with recreational and on-site/off-site dining experiences. Together, the Bonura Hospitality Group and The Hudson Valley Casino & Resort will make the Mid-Hudson Valley a true resort destination for the entire Northeast.

Please count on our assistance and collaboration and, let us know of how we might help further.

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May 19, 2014

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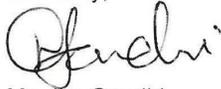
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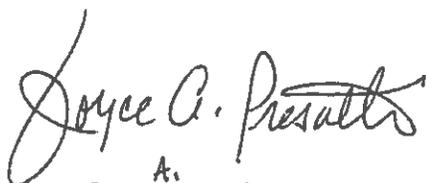
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Submission of this letter will serve as both proof of this agreement as well as evidence of the Orange County Arts Council's support for this project. We strongly urge you to grant a gaming license to the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort.

Sincerely,



A.
Joyce Presutti

Just Off Broadway



James Featherstonhaugh

Hudson Valley Casino & Resort



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We are extremely pleased to offer our support of the proposal submitted by Saratoga Casino and Raceway for its proposed Hudson Valley Casino and Resorts project.

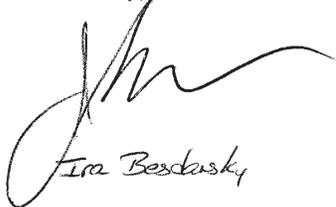
In addition to the thousands of desperately needed jobs created in both construction and operation, the proposal takes the extraordinary step of enhancing the local community through partnership with local non-profits and providers. Instead of concentrating on a plan to provide childcare solely for their employees, the organization is looking at working with already established providers and not-for-profits to build capacity for the entire region. As one of the largest providers of childcare in the community, the YMCA of Dutchess & Eastern Orange looks forward to the opportunity to partner with the Casino to ensure reliable, affordable and high quality childcare options are available to meet the increased need.

Saratoga Casino and Raceway has a demonstrated history of positively impacting the communities that they call home. Their successful operation of similar projects provides a desperately needed opportunity for Newburgh and the surrounding region. They are devoted to fighting the issues that plague some individuals and communities, and keeping the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort a responsible, family-friendly facility.

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Sincerely,



Ira Besdarsky

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Orange County Vegetable Growers is pleased that the Saratoga Casino and Raceway's proposal for the development of the Hudson Valley Casino and Resort reflects utilization of local agricultural products. This proposal incorporates several aspects that would be of interest to our members and the other farmers in Orange County.

We appreciate that they have offered wholesale and retail options for a wide variety of fresh and processed products that reflect the bounty of Orange County.

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J. Paul Ruskiewicz, President

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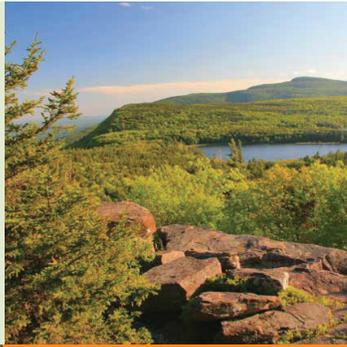
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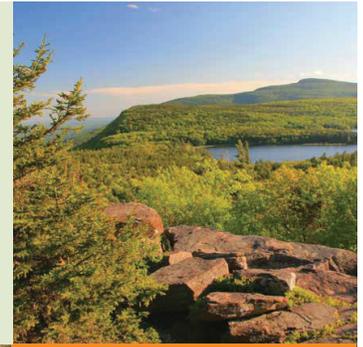


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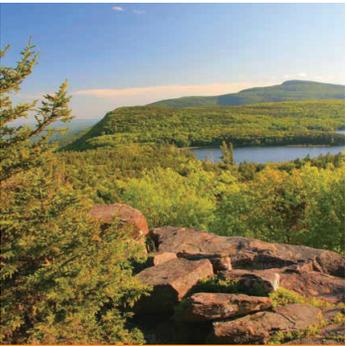
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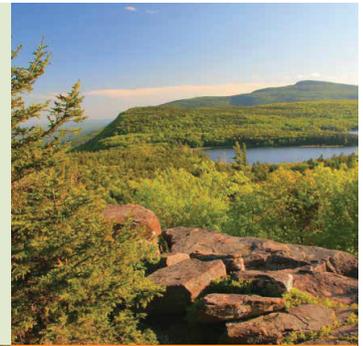


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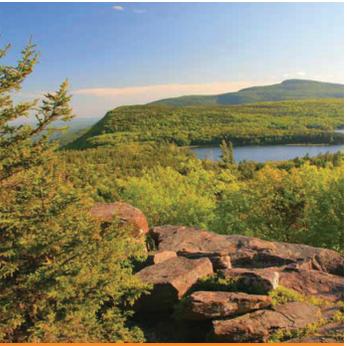


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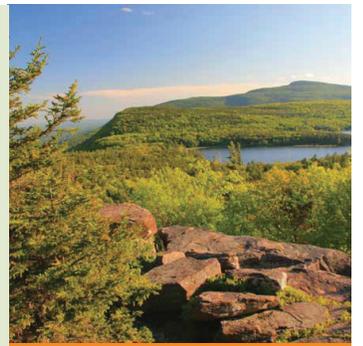
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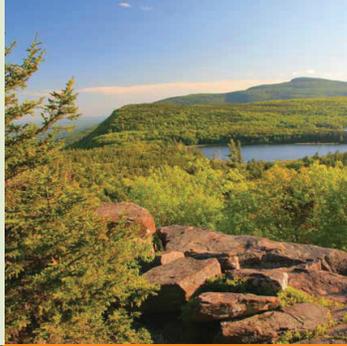


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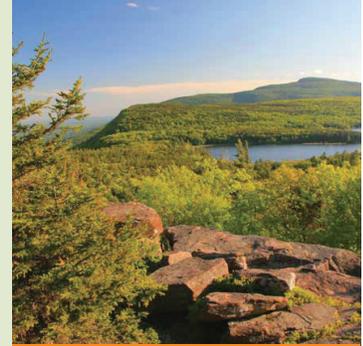


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Michael **Campbell**
First Name Last Name

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Stephanie **Merritt**
First Name Last Name

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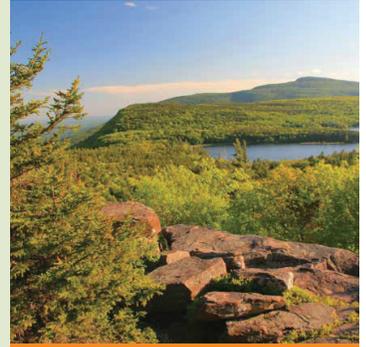


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Abraham Oommen
First Name Last Name

Message
CREATING MORE JOBS



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Michael DeMilo
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Message
I think it would be great for area and showcase the Hudson Valley though out all four seasons.



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Charles Clark
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Message
I support this casino for bringing high paying jobs with benefits to the Hudson Valley.



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Joseph **DeGeorge**
First Name Last Name

Message
i would rather not have to drive as far as foxwoods in CT.



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Jim **O'Sullivan**
First Name Last Name

Message
I support the hudson valley casino and resort



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Barbara **Cahill**
First Name Last Name

Message
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Liz **Ridgeway**
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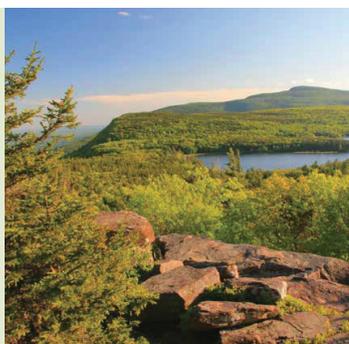
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Betty **Kendrick**
First Name Last Name

Message
I want better for this area & I would love to work there my self. Need flexible hrs being a stay at home mother.



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Roberto **Sanchez**
First Name Last Name

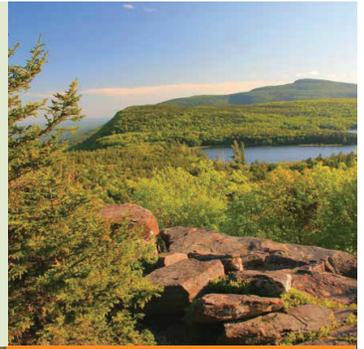
Message
Yes I support this business opportunity that would benefit all the Hudson Valley residents.



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Elna **Henderson**
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Frances **Quintero**
First Name Last Name

Message
It's much needed, it will help with jobs, and revenue in this area. BRING IT ON!



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Paul **Martire**
First Name Last Name

Message
Resident of the Town of Newburgh and strongly support the opportunity for economic stimulus.



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Liz **Brennan**
First Name Last Name

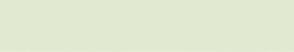
Message
this would be great as long as it will help the area plus help people get jobs



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Lewis **Oppenheim**
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Mary **Inming**
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I've lived in Arizona, Nevada, Florida where these states have casinos (owned by different American Indian tribes) and the economy has benefitted greatly!

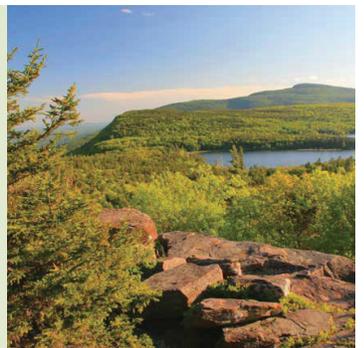


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Ann **Pear**
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Can't wait till this is built, think this would be good for the area.

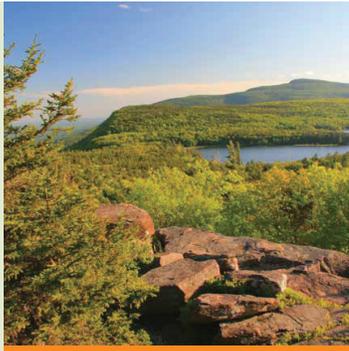


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William D'Angelo
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Message
Jobs to the area. IBM has moved many jobs overseas. Many of us want to stay in the area.

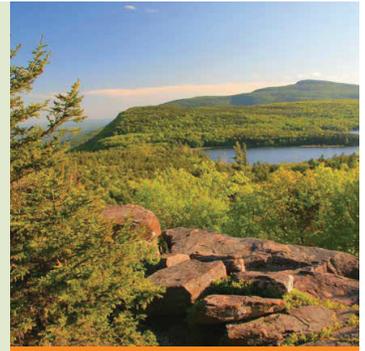


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Sue Lichtenberg
First Name Last Name

Message
One of the things I really enjoy doing, is going to a casino. Meeting friends or family, and having a good meal. It's such a shame that I have to travel so far to get to a casino.



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Alicia Plevritis
First Name Last Name

Message
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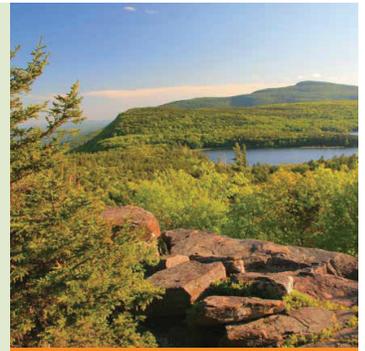


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Lorraine Daley
First Name Last Name

Message
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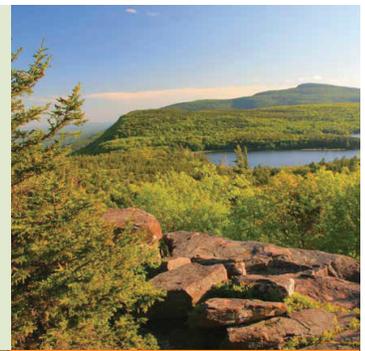
Dwayne Artis
First Name Last Name
New Windsor NY
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Nath Moore

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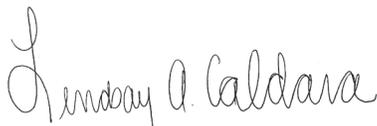
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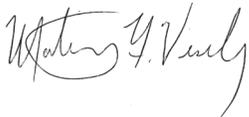
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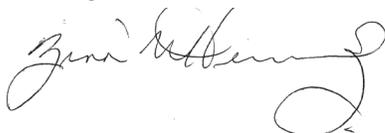
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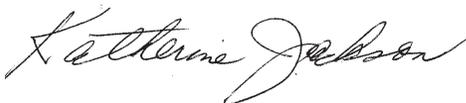
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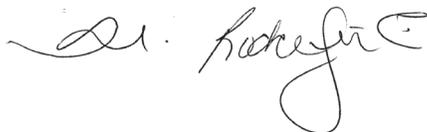
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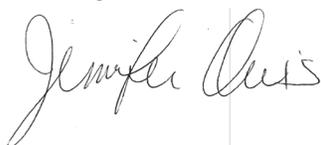
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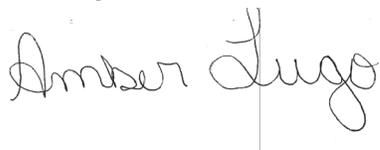
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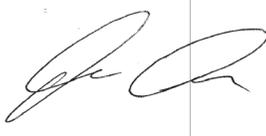
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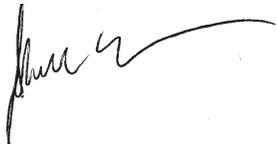
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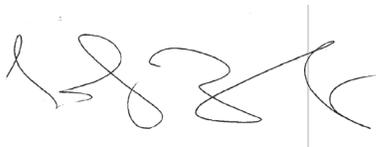
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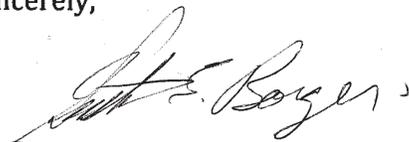
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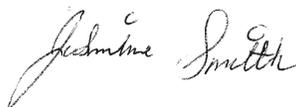
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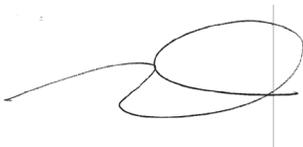
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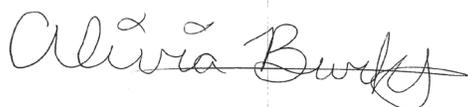
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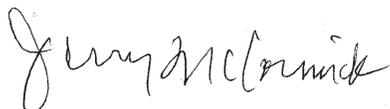
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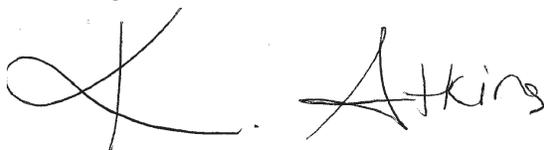
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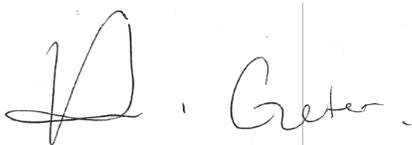
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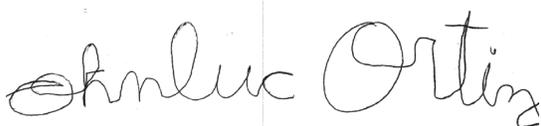
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