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The Honorable Gregory C. Fajt
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Dear Chairman Fajt:

I am writing to request that you vote to revoke Foxwoods' gaming license at your next scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010. As you have correctly noted, the project has made no progress in almost four years and rather than granting Foxwoods another extension with no promise the project will be completed, it is simply time to move on.

I represent many of the neighborhoods abutting the proposed development. And although I do not and cannot support a casino located at the Foxwoods location, even its most ardent supporters must admit that the entire development process has been mishandled. The conflict you have had with Foxwoods representatives and its unwillingness to honor commitments you've endured are no different from the arrogant experience my constituents have had with them. I believe those are reasons enough to not grant a further extension.

Equally important, however, is that revoking and rebidding the license will allow the City of Philadelphia and its residents to have some input into the location and design of a second facility. As I have often said – and indeed, as most of Philadelphia has said – a better location and a better development could likely be completed quickly and comfortably. Foxwoods is not that development.

The neighborhoods around the Foxwoods location have been held hostage for four years by Foxwoods and this process. Please do not keep them in limbo any longer; revoke Foxwoods license.

Sincerely,

Frank DiCicco
Councilman – First District

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