

CASINO-FREE PHILADELPHIA

MICHAEL NUTTER'S CAMPAIGN PROMISES

[What are Nutter's campaign promises on casinos? What has been his position? Well, let's recall...]

Casino-Free Philadelphia received the following responses from Michael Nutter on April 30, 2007:

I will VOTE YES on ballot question #1 – either voting at the booth or outside at a ballot box – to create a minimum standard in keeping casinos at least 1,500 feet away from schools, places of worship, homes, parks and playgrounds.

YES

As Mayor, I would work with civic associations and community groups to prevent the building of casinos that violate that standard.

YES

As Mayor, I will attempt to keep casinos from being built within Philadelphia.

YES

As Mayor, I will be supportive of efforts to amend Act 71, the original gambling act, to establish minimum standards to protect neighborhoods and to oppose efforts to take away local zoning control.

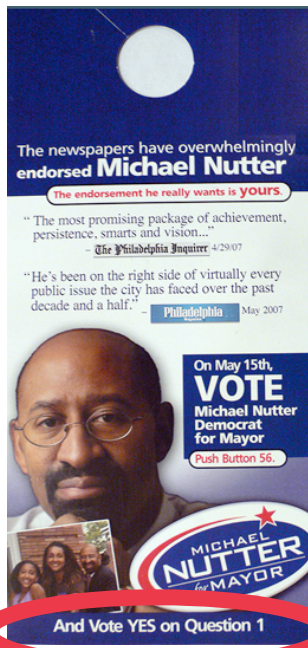
YES

What have you done to support the referendum? Or what have you done to ensure reasonable standards in casino development?

I have spoken out in support of the referendum. I have not put forth any policy plans that rely on casino revenues.



Michael Nutter votes at Philly's Ballot Box on Election Day. He votes "YES" for the 1,500-foot buffer.



Michael Nutter prominently put support of Question 1, the buffer zone, on his campaign literature.

CBS 3 aired an Mayoral debate on October 30, 2007 and asked the following casino question:

Moderator: We asked viewers to submit questions to CBS 3.com. The number one issue that was asked about -- we received more questions on this than any other question:

Are you committed to preventing Foxwoods and Sugarhouse casinos from building at the currently proposed sites or indeed within 1,500 feet of any Philadelphia neighborhood and, if so, what will you do -- if elected mayor -- to move them away? (Mary)

Nutter: I'm supportive of the legislation to prevent siting these facilities within 1,500-feet of any residence. That legislation is now sitting in Harrisburg. I've been supportive of it.

The impact... The potential negative impact of casinos in Philadelphia I think we've not fully come to grips with: traffic, congestion, gaming addiction, as well as crime. It was not the best idea. It's certainly not the way to try to develop our waterfront.

And I would use every power within the Mayor's office to prevent their siting.

Moderator: Real quick. Mr Nutter you were a big proponent -- and you pushed for the no smoking legislation -- if the casinos did show, no smoking on casino floors?

Nutter: Absolutely.