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Governor Ed Rendell  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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Dear Governor Rendell:

On behalf of the communities I represent, I want to welcome your leadership and to thank you for considering alternate sites for the gaming facilities in Philadelphia. In order to provide the State ample time to review this issue, I pledge to you and to my constituents that I will make my best effort to hold the necessary legislation that would permit casino construction until you complete a full review of the matter.

As evidenced by the Gaming Act, in general, the Gaming Board's actions and statements, and recent Court rulings, it is obvious that the State's ability to affect gaming is far greater than the City's. I am optimistic that with your newfound commitment and the resources that your office can bring to this discussion that we can truly explore what options are available to our residents and the potential developers.

In an effort to kick-start your efforts, I thought it may be useful to list some potential alternate sites:

- Anderson Site (formerly applied for by PNK Entertainment) – an area of land on Delaware Avenue, fronting the Delaware River and located immediately off of the Girard Avenue exit of I-95. Please note, I strongly believe that the North Delaware area can sustain only one gaming entity.
- The former Whiskey Yard – an area immediately south of the Walt Whitman Bridge on Columbus Boulevard and adjacent to Crazy Horse Gentlemen's Club.
- The Bartram Garden area in southwest Philadelphia.

- Philadelphia International Airport immediately adjacent to the Marriott Hotel. While this site is within ten miles of Harrah's – Chester location, it is important to fully explore all options and test the political will of Harrisburg for the best interests of the City and the Commonwealth's economic future.
- Additional sites as listed in Philadelphia's Gaming Advisory Taskforce's Final Report.

While this list embodies a handful of feasible sites, I am certain there are a number of other possibilities. With your aid, I am sure we can flush all of them out.

In addition, I recognize that the sites can not be altered unless the developers agree to the relocation. However, I am certain with the State's numerous resources and your leadership, appropriate incentives will be determined to convince the developers that a move would be in their best interest.

Again, thank you for your support on this issue. Because the State created the gaming industry in Philadelphia, it is vital for you to be actively involved in this issue, now and in the future.

Sincerely,



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