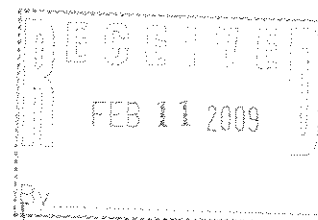


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VIA FACSIMILE (623-847-1399) and US MAIL

Mr. Ed Beasley
City Manager
City of Glendale
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Re: Proposed Tohono O'odham Casino

Dear Ed:

After reading, with immense surprise, the recent article regarding the proposed Tohono O'odham Casino, we reviewed the information the tribe has made available on its website. To say that we are concerned is putting it very mildly.

Over the past 8 years we have led the way in the development of the Westgate sports and entertainment area. Through our efforts, in conjunction with the City's foresight, the Jobing.com Arena and Westgate were constructed. The resounding success of these efforts was the catalyst for the later development of the University of Phoenix Stadium, Main Street, the Spring Training facilities, etc; the list goes on and on. All of this has resulted in the western region of Glendale becoming a sports and entertainment paradise over the past several years. It is clearly in the City's long term interests that this legacy should be preserved.

With the above in mind, we would like to voice our concerns over the proposed casino complex. Aside from our obvious interest in the development of other, possibly competing, projects we suggest that whoever will consider and approve this project give appropriate attention to the viability of area businesses. The Tohono O'odham Nation's website contains a report that suggests substantial economic analysis has been conducted and that "significant positive economic and fiscal impacts" will be created. However, other than listing in a very cursory fashion what these benefits are, no support is provided. For a project of this size, it would seem more than reasonable that a detailed, extensive analysis be conducted. Also, that this analysis very clearly be focused on the specific impacts that are created; both good and bad. To make blanket positive statements, without adequate factual backup, is possibly misleading.

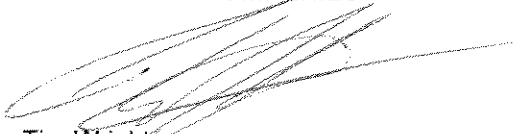
Additionally, a review of the area infrastructure needs should be carried out. Having developed the Jobing.com Arena and Westgate puts us in a unique position to comment on the extensive need for both short and long term infrastructure (sewer, water, roads, police, fire, etc.) commitments. The cost of this infrastructure is massive for a project of the size that is being proposed. Nowhere on the Tohono O'odham's website is any mention made as to how these costs will be handled. Are the citizens of Glendale to be saddled with the upfront costs of expanding sewer, water and roads, as well the long term costs of providing police and fire services?

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Certainly more information is likely to be provided over time. However, given the reality that this project was brought forth without any reasonable commentary on the obvious issues of concern, we feel it is important to respectfully request that any consideration of the casino project only occur after the City has been able to determine, and report to its citizens, the direct and indirect effects of this project.

Regards,

THE ELLMAN COMPANIES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Wright', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Wright
Executive Vice President

cc: Steven Ellman