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Video Gambling Action Alert



Gambling interests are going into communities with a ban on video gambling to ask local officials to revisit the issue and overturn the ban. When residents speak out, elected officials take note and will keep the ban in place.

Lombard says NO!

The mayor of Lombard reported the Village received two petitions with nearly 300 signatures against lifting the ban on video gambling. The Village Board feels Lombard can continue to maintain and grow its economy without the need to add video gambling, said the Mayor in a press release.

This direction of the Village of Lombard mirrors the decisions of Village Boards of nearby suburban communities such as Woodridge, Rolling Meadows, Barrington and Crystal Lake. All have discussed the topic of video gaming within the last year and decided to maintain the ban. [Read more:](#)

Lisle

In August, the Lisle Village Board will consider the possibility of overturning the ban on video gambling. The Hilton Lisle-Naperville hotel wants to have video gambling "as an additional amenity" for guests. [Read more:](#)

[The Village Board is looking for feedback](#) from residents about video gaming. Comments should be e-mailed to videogaming@villageoflisle.org.

Batavia

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Read today's *Daily Herald* article about [video gambling and veterans groups](#).

In Huntley, video gambling revenues mostly go toward fixing up the legion hall.

The Carpentersville VFW is a closed club, which means the only people with access to the machines are the 120 members from the VFW and another 100 members from its ladies auxiliary. That was not enough people for five machines, so three were removed. As one veteran noted, what the VFW really needs are newer, younger members.

Niles

An ordinance to overturn the ban on video gambling was read aloud in April, but was not called for a vote at the May village board meeting. Niles residents are urged to contact trustees and the mayor of their feelings on the issue.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **FORWARD** this Alert to churches and anyone you know who lives in Lisle, Batavia, or Niles, and ask that they circulate petitions and contact local officials to SUPPORT the BAN on video gambling.
2. **BE WATCHFUL** of efforts to overturn bans in your own community and/or county, and speak to out.
3. **WRITE** a letter to the editor.
4. **PRAY.**

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