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Video Gambling Alert



St. Charles - The City Council will vote to overturn the ban on video gambling on Monday, October 19. The City Council is split on the issue, and the Mayor could cast the deciding vote. [Read more](#)

Elmhurst - The Public Affairs and Safety Committee members failed to reach a consensus on video gambling, throwing the matter to the full City Council for debate. The City Council will debate overturning the ban on Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 209 N. York Street. [Read more](#)

Mahomet - The acting Village President is calling for a final decision in the ongoing debate over video gambling. [Read more](#)

New Documentary

Australia has 20% of the world's video gambling machines and 5 times per capita more than the United States. A new documentary will be shown next week showing how the machines are designed to addict people. Watch this short, but powerful trailer



Ms Keogh says that when it comes to poker machines, the gambling industry continues to talk about "problem gamblers", casting blame on the user and diverting conversation away from the product itself.

"Roughly 30 per cent of people who play [the pokies] end up with a problem. If any other product caused 30 per cent of people to get sick we would actually look at the product rather than blaming the person," she says. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. If you live in St. Charles, Elmhurst, or Mahomet or know people who do, please attend the City Council meetings and voice your opposition to lifting the ban on video gambling.
2. **Share the Ka-Ching! video with your church, local officials, and Legislators.**
3. **Forward** to 10 others.

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