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Gambling Update & Alert



Chicago casino back in play?

You should never say never when it comes to doing business. Indeed, some gaming impresario could make a run if the location were right, tax incentives or advantages clicked and a full-proof development blueprint emerges. Las Vegas' Steve Wynn recently started building a \$2.1 billion hotel/casino in Boston. So who knows? [Read more.](#)

Local officials and residents voice frustrations over gambling growth

As video gambling continues to grow in cities throughout Illinois, local officials are becoming increasingly uncomfortable about where it stops. What they are discovering, however, is that all of the power in curtailing its growth lies with home-rule municipalities. [Read more.](#)

Jim Dey writes: Video gambling machines are killing competition

... the multiple options for gambling as well as the proximity of these options to each other are cannibalizing industry profits. Industry proponents have consistently exaggerated the new tax revenues that would be generated by expansion.

The [Wagering in Illinois 2016] report indicates casinos must "build up a new gambling interest" to "be a meaningful tax revenue generator," appealing to tourists and attracting gamblers who've left to go elsewhere. Otherwise, the state could have "a large expansion of gambling, but yet have little new tax revenue to show for it." [Read more.](#)

Elburn considers video gambling parlor

Anderson added the individuals who approached the village are acting as if their proposed business model was "on the front burner and the burner was on fire. They want it done yesterday," he said. [Read more.](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Talk with Legislative Candidates

in your district and attend candidate to ask the candidates their position on a Chicago casino and gambling expansion. Let them know you are opposed.

2. Vote in the November 8 election or get an absentee ballot to vote earlier.

3. Share this Alert with your church and ask them to PRAY for the general election and for the Veto Session - Nov. 15-17, 29-30, and Dec. 1.

4. **Forward** to 10 others.

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