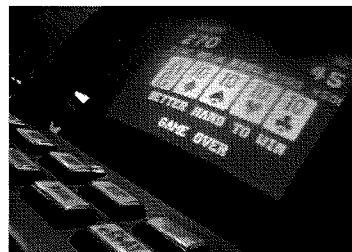




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Video Gambling Alert Vote in Poll NOW



Gambling interests are working to overturn bans on video gambling during the holidays when voters are busy with preparations for Christmas and programs at church.

Please Vote in this poll TODAY asking if **Palatine** should reconsider the ban on video gambling. One year ago the residents in Palatine overwhelmingly opposed overturning the ban by a 60% vote. But three trustees said they would consider reopening the discussion, the Daily Herald reported. [Read more](#)

Vernon Hills trustees also plan to revisit the video gambling issue. The topic unexpectedly came up at the Nov. 15 Village Board meeting when Village Trustee Thom Koch suggested reopening the issue, according to the Chicago Tribune. [Read more](#)

Batavia The week before Thanksgiving, Batavia Aldermen voted to overturn the ban on video gambling at a committee meeting, and on Nov. 21 the City Council approved it, the Kane County Chronicle reported. [Read more](#)

We are thankful to a local activist for contacting ILCAAAP and the churches in Batavia, generating phone calls to local officials, and speaking out in support of keeping the ban. Lois wrote:

"The vote was 5:8 to allow the gambling industry to get its foothold in the city. The aldermen didn't listen to the many who spoke out in favor of keeping the ban. They seemed to already have their minds made up despite the facts and statistics that were shared. The aldermen did mention that the people that they heard from did not want the ban lifted. Nevertheless, they voted to allow it."

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Vote NO on the poll TODAY to keep the ban on video gambling in Palatine <http://patch.com/illinois/palatine/should-palatine-reconsider-video-gambling-village>
- If you live in Vernon Hills or know people who do, encourage them to call Village Trustees to keep the ban on video gambling. <http://www.vernonhills.org/Directory.aspx?DID=11>
- Municipal elections will be held on April 4, 2017. Candidates who support overturning a ban on video gambling will be running for office in all communities. Know the candidates' positions and support those who oppose video gambling.

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