

**Name of Candidate: Dan Gott**

**District: 55th Representative**

***Gambling Legislation***

City-owned casino in Chicago: **Oppose**

Additional casinos (currently 10 licenses): **Oppose**

Additional gambling positions at casinos (currently 1,200): **Oppose**

Electronic gambling devices at racetracks (slots, electronic table games): **Oppose**

Expansion of the Lottery (Keno, Instant games online, making Internet Lottery pilot program permanent, etc): **Oppose**

Charitable gambling expansion (electronic bingo, remote caller bingo, Sweepstake machines, etc): **Oppose**

Expansion of Video Gambling: **Oppose**

Internet Gambling (making Advanced Deposit Wagering permanent): **Oppose**

Internet Fantasy Contests/ Sports Betting: **Oppose**

***Alcohol Regulation***

Allow alcohol to be sold or served at state-funded colleges in stadiums, auditoriums, golf courses, student centers, etc.: **Oppose**

Approve legislation to allow liquor licenses to be closer than 100 feet from a church or school (currently not allowed): **Oppose**

***Drug Legalization***

Making medical marijuana pilot program permanent: **Oppose**

Decriminalization of marijuana: **Oppose**

Full legalization of marijuana: **Oppose**

**Comments:** I feel there are too many lobbyists and special interest groups who get the attention of incumbent politicians in Springfield to help them achieve their personal and private goals. These incumbent politicians often sponsor new legislation or try making changes to existing laws that expand gambling, alcohol and drugs in Illinois. They justify their decision to support legislative changes based on social or economic need. Where is the transparency to justify any change to the social structure and what are the related costs? The state deficit pales in comparison to any increase in anticipated tax revenue due to legislative changes. This is a regressive tax increase. Elected officials should be held to a high moral standard that contributes to the common good of all people who live in Illinois. Incumbent politicians in Springfield should not strive to make Illinois the #1 choice for being a social welfare state. They should instead focus on making Illinois a thriving state with a great future. Illinoisans will have the opportunity to affect real change based on how they vote in the 2016 general election.