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September 8, 2005

Ald. Michael S. D'Amato, Chair  
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells Street #201  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, I am writing to request your support for the Potawatomi Bingo's Casino's proposed expansion in the Menomonee Valley. As you know, the Potawatomi Tribe has been a committed and generous neighbor to the businesses, charitable organizations and people of Wisconsin. Since founding the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation in 2000, **the Tribe has donated more than \$15 million throughout Greater Milwaukee.** The proposed \$240 million expansion will provide the Foundation with an even greater opportunity to support the community through community based and charitable organizations.

Hopefully you will agree that the overall quality of life in the region is enhanced through the foundation's funding of a wide range of causes. Local beneficiaries include the Milwaukee Urban League, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs and countless others. The annual Miracle on Canal Street program is truly an inspiration and another fine example to corporations throughout the area.

The Potawatomi are interested in continuing to stimulate economic development and neighborhood rejuvenation. The economic impact of the proposed \$240 million expansion is expected to add another 1,000 jobs to the Casino's current payroll of more than 2,000 employees. Beyond that, we anticipate this project will add 4,400 indirect jobs to the 6,300 jobs already created in Milwaukee due to Indian gaming. In addition, the project includes 525 construction jobs.

The \$240 million expansion in the Menomonee Valley requires a zoning change. In September the Tribe will move forward in the planning and design state of this proposed expansion by appearing before the City Planning Commission and Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee. I fully endorse the Tribe's expansion plan and ask that you also vote in favor of it.

The Potawatomi have made a gigantic and positive difference in our community and look to the future to continuing their involvement through this expansion. I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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