



Alderman Michael S. D'Amato
Chair
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street, Room 201
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

September 9, 2005

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

This letter is to express Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation's support for a zoning change that will allow the Forest County Potawatomi Community to expand its Bingo Casino. The Potawatomi Tribe has donated millions of dollars to many community based and charitable organizations in the Greater Milwaukee area and has supported the development of many important projects, including our recently completed affordable housing development. The Tribe has also supported the development of our Ameritech King Commerce Center, which provides affordable, quality commercial space for small businesses and houses a full service M&I Bank branch. The Commerce Center has served to stimulate new business development along the northern portion of King Drive.

The expansion of the Potawatomi Community's operations in the Menomonee Valley will allow the Tribe to provide even more support and to many more organizations, which are providing badly needed services to the community. This is especially important since both public and private support for community based organizations and development corporations have declined significantly in recent years.

Expanded business operations will also create more family supporting jobs, including at least 1,000 permanent jobs and more than 500 construction jobs. Revenue sharing payments to both the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County may also increase with expansion.

We encourage you to support the zoning change that will allow the Forest County Potawatomi Community to expand its Bingo Casino and continue its support of many important activities that help improve the quality of life of many residents.

Sincerely,

Welford Sanders
Executive Director