



Forest County Potawatomi Community

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Alderman Michael D'Amato
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells St., City Hall Room 205
Milwaukee WI 53202

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

Due to your interest in developing jobs and growing businesses in Milwaukee, I would like to give you a status report on Potawatomi Bingo Casino's proposed \$240 million expansion plans.

The proposed expansion would 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 that have already been created in Milwaukee. In addition, 525 construction jobs will be needed for the expansion.

You may recall, the Forest County Potawatomi Community announced in May 2004 they would begin design work for an expansion of the Milwaukee casino, but construction would await the outcome of pending lawsuits that threatened the future of Indian gaming in Wisconsin. One of those lawsuits is still pending before the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

The Tribe has been very open about their need to proceed with the planning for a Menomonee Valley expansion so that they can be ready to put the shovels in the ground once the legal issues are resolved. The need to be ready for construction stems largely from the Tribe's significant revenue sharing obligations to state and local governments.

With the need to proceed, a zoning change request was submitted on August 29th to the City of Milwaukee for the Tribe's property in the Menomonee Valley. This zoning change will enable us to be prepared to begin construction on the project once the legal environment becomes clearer. Construction still hinges on the successful outcome of the Indian gaming lawsuits.

Since the May 2004 announcement, several community leaders have talked about Potawatomi Bingo Casino moving to a downtown location. As the Tribe has said all along, if it makes good community and business sense, we will consider a community proposal to relocate. No proposal has been received to-date.

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Moving a step closer with our plans for the Valley does not necessarily preclude a possible downtown location. However, as each day passes, it makes a downtown location less likely as relocation would be a difficult, complex and lengthy process even under the most favorable of assumptions.

For the last 15 years, Potawatomi Bingo Casino has been dedicated to making both a commitment and an investment in our business and the community around us. We are proud to call Milwaukee home, and we remain dedicated to confirming our role as a strong business and community partner.

I invite you to contact me at (414) 847-7748, or Marty Schreiber, our government affairs counsel, at (414) 482-1214 should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support of our business. We look forward to further strengthening our relationship as we continue to help Milwaukee grow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff Crawford".

Jeff Crawford
Tribal Attorney General