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Illinois' 10th Casino Is Supposed to Benefit Communities In Need

"Struggle? Not in Rosemont" (Nov. 6) shows clearly that the Village of Rosemont does not qualify for Illinois' 10th casino license. The intent of the Riverboat Gambling Act is to benefit "development and tourism" particularly in "economically depressed areas of the State." By its own admission Rosemont is doing just fine, enjoying "a constantly growing list of hotels and office buildings" and giving about \$1 Million back to homeowners.

Mayor Stephen's claim for a casino because "Rosemont is recession-proof" actually sheds light on why the proper choice for the 10th license is Stickney. Our village and the surrounding area has a much greater need, but too, our proximity to the downtown Chicago market and Midway Airport tourism would position a casino here against tough economic times.

Hawthorne Race Course (proposed site for the casino) already has an existing facility that can open within six months, creating nearly 2000 new in jobs in 2009, and generating \$200,000,000 in revenue while other applicants are still digging holes in the ground.

A casino at Hawthorne meets the requirements of true need, provides the opportunity of secure revenues and creates the economic relief that is needed now. On behalf of the people of Stickney, we ask the Gaming Board to consider the incredible hope a renewed economy would bring to a struggling community.

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