

# THE LAST THING WE NEED IS MORE CRIME IN RICHMOND WE CAN'T AFFORD A CASINO!



## OUR PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THE STREETS

The homicide rate in Richmond this year is about to set a record. We are losing our young people to a life of crime and self-destruction. Once hopeful youth are lost to drugs and gangs. We must muster everything we have to bring our city back and put our youth back on track. In the face of our challenges, bringing a casino to Richmond is simply irresponsible.



## WE DON'T NEED A NEW SOURCE OF CRIME

Our city simply cannot afford a new source of crime. Crime rates and emergency calls as much as triple when casinos come into urban areas. The only 'resort' a casino would be is a mecca for drug dealing, prostitution, money laundering and theft. Gangs take control of money lending leading to deadly turf wars.



## CASINOS BRING NO BENEFITS!

The only people who win at Casinos are the operators. All of the profits will go out of county. Developers lure cities with promises of jobs, but Indian Casinos have a long track record of displacing local hires with out of town workers, and strong resistance to labor unions. They take their huge profits and buy off politicians. Indian gaming is one of the largest lobbying groups in the country. Once they are in, they stop honoring their agreements and get away with it because they are not answerable to local or State law. They pay no taxes, and there is no protection for workers from labor abuse.



## CASINOS WILL RUIN RICHMOND

Our city is struggling to transition into a new economy and out of decades of being an industrial town. As other towns prosper, Richmond suffers. Low paying jobs and flight to suburbs diminish property values, and it becomes harder to attract new business. Casinos have a devastating effect on property values. Home values around Atlantic City casinos dropped 70%! And the highest rates of both residential and commercial foreclosure are in gambling towns. A casino will blight Richmond.



Tell the city council: **NO Urban Casinos!**

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