

LUANNE HULSIZER

April 5, 2017

Mayor Casillas Salas & Chula Vista City Council
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Stones Group Operation of Seven Mile Casino

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As an executive professional working within the city of Chula Vista since 2012, I have become very aware of the city's goal to attract businesses that provide quality entertainment venues to attract tourism to the area as well as for local constituents to enjoy. One facility that has potential to contribute entertainment options to Chula Vista and the bay front is Seven Mile Casino and their potential new operators, the Stones Group.

Earlier this year, I and other business leaders became aware of the Stones Group's potential to become the new operators of Seven Mile Casino. We were invited to visit the Stones Gambling Hall in Citrus Heights, California to view their facility, to meet key operation employees, as well as to understand a few of the challenges faced by a card room that also provides dining, musical entertainment, and events. Therefore, knowing at this time that the California Gambling Control Commission has moved forward with approval of the Stones Group to operate Seven Mile Casino, I wanted to share with you my initial impression of the organization.

Art Van Loon, the General Manager for Stones Gambling Hall spent several hours with us providing an orientation to the organization's goals, operational standards, and entertainment opportunities beyond the card room. During the visit, it was apparent that the gambling hall was engaged in a quality relationship with local government as we met with government officials who spoke highly of the organization's positive relationship with the police department, as well as with the community. In addition and to the Stone Group's credit, Mr. Van Loon holds a Board of Director position on both the California Gaming Association as well as on the state of California's Gaming Policy Advisory Committee. He is working closely with both organizations to improve card room operations and transparency throughout California.

Therefore, considering my recent trip to experience the dynamic establishment of Stones Gambling Hall along with being able to interact with key stakeholders, employees, and public representatives, I personally recommend that the City of Chula Vista provide the Stones Group with the opportunity to operate Seven Mile Casino. After experiencing their current card room, I believe that the Stones Group will set high standards for operations, that they will maintain a close relationship with city staff and CVPD, and that they will upgrade the physical presentation of the site. Ultimately, they will offer an entertainment venue that will go beyond card room gaming to attract visitors and residents to enjoy Chula Vista.

Respectfully submitted,


Luanne Hulsizer

April 07, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: City Council Hearing on Seven Mile Casino License Approval



Mayor Salas,

As a property owner and resident in Chula Vista, I respectfully ask that you approve the resolution allowing Stones Casino Group to own and operate Seven Mile Casino.

Our community is very special to me. I chose to purchase my home in Chula Vista so that my family would create roots in a tight-knit community that would grow with us. I was always under the impression that the Bayfront was going to become a world class entertainment center but in the last 20 yrs nothing has happened! I would love to see new entertainment and dining options come to our City, and Stones Casino Group would do just that. Not only do the new owners plan on transforming the existing Seven Mile Casino experience, but they have purchased the former Anthony's site! As a resident that was extremely angry and disappointed in the site's most recent usage I am excited to see what they have planned to breathe new life into that property and the rest of the area. The E Street off-ramp is the front door to our city and I am excited to see some positive changes. Allowing a responsible group like Stones to develop the area can be the catalyst we've needed to reform the entire Bayfront.

This opportunity to transform Seven Mile Casino is one of the easiest and best decisions facing Chula Vista in a long time. I ask that you vote yes in support of the Stones Casino Group and allow our community and Bayfront to thrive.

Thank you.



Calixto Pena
Property Owner and Resident

cc:
Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

April 9, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Chula Vista City Council Hearing on Approval of Seven Mile Casino License Transfer

Mayor Salas,

I am writing today to respectfully ask that you approve the Stones Casino Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino.

Chula Vista is my hometown, and I grew up very involved in the community. I care deeply about ensuring Chula Vista continues to grow and prosper. Approving the license transfer of Seven Mile Casino to Stones Casino Group will help transform our Bayfront, which has been top of mind for many residents and businesses for years. We will be moving back to Chula Vista later this year and am excited about the future of Chula Vista where I can raise a family, with community assets like Seven Mile flourishing and keeping our community close.

Projects like Seven Mile Casino will help our community grow and prosper. I ask that you approve Stones Casino Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino.

Thank you,

Katie Welling
Former Resident

Cc: Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

April 10, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: City Council Hearing on Seven Mile Casino License Approval

Mayor Salas,

As a native, former resident and current property owner in Chula Vista, I respectfully ask that you approve the license transfer of Seven Mile Casino to the Stones Group.

Although I no longer reside in Chula Vista, I remain highly engaged in the community. My professional career often takes me back to Chula Vista, and actively interested in seeing this special city thrive. The casino is widely known as a hub for the community. In fact, I will be hosting a happy hour at Seven Mile this month for personal and professional purposes. Facilities that provide good dining, entertainment and gathering options are rare. Seven Mile is truly a gem for our city.

The opportunity to preserve Seven Mile Casino as a gathering place and take it to the next level of industry standards should be an easy decision. I ask that you vote yes on this resolution.

Thank you,

Jessica Ruiz
Chula Vista Native, Former Property Owner and Resident

cc:
Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Clerk Donna Norris

April 10, 2017

Honorable Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Approval of Seven Mile Casino License Transfer to Stones Group

Mayor Salas,

I am writing to urge your approval of the license transfer allowing Seven Mile Casino to be owned and operated by Stones Casino Group.

In my professional career, I've attended many meetings at Seven Mile and have been impressed each time at the commitment to quality. This will only grow under the leadership of the Stones Group, providing an elevated dining-experience for the South Bay business community.

Chula Vista needs to maintain premier venues like Seven Mile, and the community would benefit from this transfer of license to the Stones Group. Please approve the license transfer and help support a community gathering place.

Respectfully,

Sophie Silvestri
Employee in South County

cc:
Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

April 10, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Chula Vista City Council Hearing on Ownership of Seven Mile Casino

Mayor Salas,

I have lived in Chula Vista for many decades, and in that time have seen our city change in a variety of ways. Approving Stones Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino would be the catalyst of another great change for our community.

Seven Mile Casino has unmatched potential to help spur business growth on the west side of town. The development will help provide new amenities for all of our community to enjoy. Not only that, as a realtor I believe that this will be one more destination that future home buyers will be able to enjoy! Their reputation is strong for responsible corporate citizenship and community giving, and I look forward to seeing these benefits come to our community.

As a longtime Chula Vista resident eagerly awaiting the next chapter of our city's history, I ask that you approve the Stones Group's application for purchase and operation of Seven Mile Casino.

Thank you,

Jessica De La Rosa
Resident

cc:

Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

April 10, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Chula Vista City Council Vote on Seven Mile Casino License Approval


Mayor Salas,

I am writing today to ask for your approval on the Seven Mile Casino license transfer.

As a Chula Vista resident, I am in strong support of any project that will bring renewed dining and entertainment options right to our doorstep. The Stones Group will provide much needed benefits to our economy through the renewal of Seven Mile Casino, from tax revenues providing economic benefits, creating a place for residents of Chula Vista to be entertained without leaving our great City, and providing a new beginning for our Bayfront.

Securing the future of Seven Mile Casino makes sense for our economy and our residents. I strongly recommend approval of the license transfer to Stones Casino Group.

Thank you,


/ Dennis DuBard /
Resident

cc:

Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

April 11, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: City Council Hearing on Seven Mile Casino License Approval

Dear Mayor Salas,

I am writing to urge your approval of the resolution that would allow Seven Mile Casino to be owned and operated by Stones Casino Group.

As a Chula Vista resident and active supporter of our community, I admit that I had many preconceived notions as to what a cardroom entailed, and did not understand how a cardroom would benefit a community I cherish. Those notions changed immediately when I visited the Stones Casino Group's Stones Gambling Hall in Citrus Heights, California. It was clear that this was not just a place to gamble – it is a place to have a meeting, celebrate an occasion, and enjoy a great meal. Further, the commitment to running a premier, high-quality establishment is evident in every aspect of the business.

Chula Vista would be lucky to have the Stones bring their same transformative vision to our city, helping Chula Vista grow into an entertainment destination for the entire region. I ask that you support this important resolution.

Thank you,


Christine Moore, Chula Vista resident


Chula Vista, CA 91910

cc:

Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

Venus Molina

Chula Vista, CA. 91910

April 10, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: City Council Hearing on Seven Mile Casino

Mayor Salas,

As a longtime Chula Vista resident actively involved in our community, I am writing to share my support of the Stones Casino Group's application for the ownership of Seven Mile Casino.

Our community thrives on the support of strong businesses who work hard to lift up our residents. Stones Casino Group would do just that by providing well-paying jobs, a place to gather and excellent, affordable dining options here in Chula Vista. Stones' ownership and operation of Seven Mile Casino would bring nothing but positive impacts to our closely-knit community. I personally enjoy Seven Mile as an affordable place to eat a high-quality meal with my family while supporting our local economy.

I ask that you support the Stones' application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino so that we may have a strong community entertainment venue right here in Chula Vista for years to come.

Thank you,

Venus Molina
Resident

cc:

Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins

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Subject: FW: Chula Vista City Council Hearing regarding Seven Mile Casino License Approval

April 10, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Chula Vista City Council Hearing regarding Seven Mile Casino License Approval

Honorable Mayor Salas,

I am writing to provide a testimony for the Stones Casino Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino.

Seven Mile Casino provides 300 well-paying jobs that help support the local community. The vision of the Stones Casino Group is to be more than a cardroom, merging adult recreation with family dining, a bit like Dave & Busters –but with card games and machines. As a resident, I believe if the Stones Casino Group lives up to this vision this could compliment the City and community goals to foster tourism and invigorate our Chula Vista Bayfront. I support this change in ownership as part of a larger aim to drive visitors and residents to recreate within Chula Vista from near and far.

I understand the Stones have been fully vetted by the California State Gambling Commission who agree that they are committed to enhancing our community.

As a resident who wants to see our economy continue to grow and prosper, I ask that you approve Stones Casino Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino, and support the revitalization of this property.

Thank you,

Vanessa Mapula
Resident

April 11, 2017

Mayor Mary Salas
City of Chula Vista
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: City Council Hearing on Approval of Stones Casino Group's Seven Mile Casino License

Mayor Salas,

I am writing today to respectfully ask that you approve the Stones Group's application for ownership of Seven Mile Casino.

I had the chance earlier this year to visit Stones Gambling Hall, the Stones Group's cardroom in Citrus Heights. Chula Vista will greatly benefit from having a similar facility in our great city. Stones Gambling Hall was much more than a cardroom – it was clearly a community center for business, entertainment and dining. We would all benefit greatly from the experience Stones provides, especially the fact that Stones often serves as a gathering place for meetings and events.

Bringing the Stones experience to Chula Vista would be an excellent opportunity for businesses and residents. Please approve the license transfer to the Stones Group and help Seven Mile Casino enhance our community.

Thank you,

JoAnn Fields
Chula Vista Resident

cc:
Councilmember John McCann
Councilmember Patricia Aguilar
Councilmember Stephen Padilla
Councilmember Mike Diaz
City Manager Gary Halbert
City Attorney Glen Googins