

**Casinofacts.org PAC**

**Presentation to**

**Middleboro Resort Advisory Committee**

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We thank the members of the Resort Advisory Committee for their willingness to meet with us and discuss our concerns for the proposed casino to be built in Middleboro. CasinoFacts.org PAC is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to bring attention to the well-documented negative effects that casinos can have on the state of Massachusetts and especially on the communities nearest the casino. Our organization has members from other communities outside of Middleboro that are concerned how this casino development will have on their quality of life.

It is our understanding that your committee has been formed to review impacts of the proposed casino and to develop costs and recommendations associated with the impacts. Tonight, we are presenting you with some of the issues we believe will result from the casino proposal. If these issues are ones that you have begun to discuss or have worked on previously, thank you for starting that process. These are issues that are a concern to all our members.

It is important to point out that this list is just a start and is far from being complete. As of this date, no plans have been presented to our community and that makes it very difficult to pose concerns without a baseline. That being understood, we hope and encourage future dialogue with your group and look to make further presentations as plans become available for public review. Please take time to review the materials that we are presenting this evening. If you have further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## ISSUES

### **Traffic:**

- **Route 44 is a state-owned road. Any improvements to the roadway must be approved by the state. How does the town intend to be a part of the decision-making process?**
- **What improvements would be needed to Route 495 to improve traffic flow?**
- **What improvements would be needed to Route 24 to improve traffic flow?**
- **What improvements would be needed to Route 3 to improve traffic flow?**
- **What improvements would be needed to other local roadways- Route 28, Route 79, Route 18, Route 105 and Route 58?**
- **What additional traffic would be put on Middleboro Streets for this project?**
- **What areas of town would need better marking/signage to increase safety? For example; schools, library and downtown.**
- **Given an increase in traffic, how does that change/alter the life of a road?**
- **Where would traffic go during the construction phase?**

- **How would Middleboro local streets be impacted during construction phase? Trucks using the Route 44 corridor?**
- **What is the traffic plan to ensure commercial vehicles do not overwhelm our streets?**
- **How many more commercial vehicles would be on our roads? Tour buses and Delivery vehicles?**
- **What would be the delivery hours to the casino?**
- **What planning would be needed to target “shortcut routes” of residential streets that could lead to easier access to Route 44?**
- **Would we have adequate Emergency services to handle the increase in traffic?**
- **Would we have adequate Emergency services to handles incidents during construction phase?**

#### **Environmental Issues:**

- **How would the aquifer be affected by the casino project?**
- **How would agricultural industries be affected by the increased demand on the aquifer?**
- **Do the developers intend to drill their own wells?**

- **Where would the storm run-off go to?**
- **How would discharge from all the vehicles affect the storm run-off?**
- **How and where would the waste water be treated?**
- **What would be done to protect the wetland areas on site?**
- **With the destruction of natural habitat, how would nuisance animals be affected?**
- **Would new nuisance creatures come to the area?**
- **How would trash disposal be handled for the proposed project?**
- **How would endangered/protected species be affected by the development?**
- **How would endangered/protected species of plants be affected by the development?**
- **How would aquatic life be impacted by the development?**
- **What impact would the increased traffic have on pollution?**
- **How would “light pollution” be affected by the proposed casino?**

## **Economic Issues:**

- **How would the town seek new commercial growth to our community?**
- **What kinds of commercial entities?**
- **How would this casino project affect local business?**
- **What types of new housing developments would be created?**
- **What areas of town are suitable for new developments?**
- **How do new commercial & residential developments impact town services?**
- **How would our schools affected by new residential development?**
- **What is the long term planning for the schools?**
- **Has the town begun a comprehensive review of zoning?**
- **How would we address “negative” business?**
- **When reviewing any plan to infrastructure how do we account for other developments?**
- **If this project actually gets on-line, would the dollar value be suitable to start?**
- **Is the town missing departments/expertise in the development of future plans?**

## **Social Issues:**

- **How does the town plan to address the social concerns a casino would bring to our community?**
- **What services/programs do we currently have in place in our community?**
- **What services/programs do we need?**
- **Do we have a way to bring all the groups together to review and manage services?**
- **Can we start now seeking a way to begin addressing social issues?**
- **Is the increase in police department sufficient to address casino related issues?**
- **How would we handle DUI issues at a 24 hour facility?**
- **How would social issues affect other town departments/services?**
- **How would we record issues?**
- **How would data be shared with other groups?**
- **How do we engage outside services now- not presently in our community?**

- **Who is going to begin locating those services?**

### **Issues with Agreement:**

- **When Tribal Chairman Marshal made the presentation to townspeople, several items were promised to townspeople that are not in the agreement. What is the status of those promises?**
- **When Tribal Chairman Marshal was ousted, the council and their spokesperson stated that previous Chairman's promises were being documented and would be addressed. What is the status of the documentation?**

### **Future:**

- **Is the town preparing for the future of the site- not just on preliminary ideas?**
- **Has the tribe addressed any future plans?**
- **How would future developments affect town service/departments/**
- **How would future plans be presented to the community?**
- **Would the town be part of the planning process or just informed of plans?**

- **What happens to the site if no gambling is allowed?**
- **What other options exist for the tribe to do with that site?**