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The Honorable Senate President Pro tem Don Perata
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

444 S. Flower St.

Dear President Pro tem Perata:

34th Floor

The purpose of this letter is to ask that the state of California consider urban gaming as a possibility going forward on a case by case basis. Banning urban gaming is just not a prudent strategy and it closes the door on innovative projects that can advance the local economy. Having this choice seems to make sense and there is always the possibility that urban gaming can be successfully linked to tourism, conventions and new sources of local revenue.

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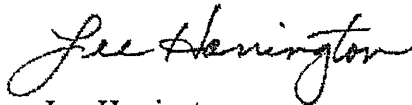
We do not endorse any specific project but think that keeping the alternatives in place as currently defined in law is a better way to be creative about our future then closing the door on urban gaming. The economic benefits may help us address the many quality of life issues we face in Southern California.

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Sincerely,

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