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To: Town Board Members

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Re: Conversation with Mayor Robert J. Donchez relating to Gaming in Bethlehem Pennsylvania

On March 25th 2021 I contacted Robert J. Donchez Mayor of Bethlehem Pennsylvania in reference to his experience with the casino and gaming in his City.

The mayor mentioned he dealt with Bob DeSalvo throughout the entire development and negotiating process and always found him to keep to his word. The Mayor described Bob DeSalvo as "a person of integrity and a pleasure to deal with."

Mayor Donchez said when it came to a vote, his board was tied on the issue of gaming and he had to cast the deciding vote. The Mayor was hoping for a good result and it happened.

I asked the Mayor About Crime:

He went on to tell me he "experienced no real increase in crime including prostitution and thief or drug sales".

I asked the Mayor About gambling addiction:

He knew of "no real problems with gambling addiction, the casino monitors such activity"

I asked the Mayor about the economy for his City:

He replied "overall it was a boost for the economy in his City"

Mayor Donchez could not come up with any real negatives with having the casino in his city.