

STOP THE SCHENECTADY CASINO

NYS Gaming Commission  
Gaming Facility Location Board  
P.O. Box 7500  
Schenectady, NY 12301-7500

September 22, 2014

re: Statement to NYS Gaming Facility Location Board  
in Opposition to the Application for a Casino in Schenectady

To the Location Board:

Stop the Schenectady Casino (the "Stop Group") is an informal citizens group of residents of the City of Schenectady who oppose the granting of the application of Rush Street Gaming to operate the Rivers Casino at Mohawk Harbor in Schenectady. Our group sponsored a Petition that is being submitted to the Board along with the enclosed Statement, and sponsors the informational website [StopTheSchenectayCasino.com](http://StopTheSchenectayCasino.com).

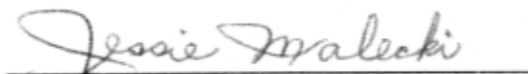
We believe granting the gaming license for Rivers Casino at Mohawk Harbor fails to meet the goals and requirements of the Upstate New York Gaming Economic Development Act. The main points made in our Statement are:

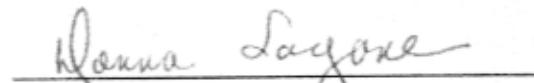
1. Unlike the other Capital Region locations proposed to the Board, the Schenectady Casino is the only Location Well on its Way to Being Fully Developed without a Casino, and Schenectady already has a Vibrant and Successful Development Process.
2. The Schenectady Casino is the only proposal that directly threatens the welfare of a treasured Historic District
3. The Schenectady Casino is the only proposed location and Applicant that directly threaten the welfare of a student body that has hundreds of potential young gamblers living no more than a few blocks away.
4. Mohawk Harbor's Urban Location has More Disadvantages than Advantages.
5. The Applicant's Local Support is Less Significant than It Claims and Weaker than in Competing Communities

We hope the Location Board will find this submission helpful in making its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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