

# **SAY NO TO THE CASINO CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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## **Say NO to the Casino Civic Association: “Las Vegas Sands seeks to chip away at their tax responsibility”**

Mineola, NY – The Say NO to the Casino Civic Association issued the following statement upon learning earlier this week that the Las Vegas Sands plans to seek tax breaks from Nassau County:

“It is the height of hypocrisy for one of the world’s most profitable casino companies, with a market capitalization of \$45 billion (and majority owned by a billionaire worth more than \$34 billion) to ask for “tax breaks” from Nassau County residents. This is a company that plans to vacuum up gambling losses “in excess of \$2 billion” a year, the majority of which are expected to come from Nassau County residents.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman claims that he wants a massive casino in the heart of Nassau County because of the tax revenues. Now that Las Vegas Sands has been awarded the land lease, it doesn’t want to pay its fair share of sales tax and real estate taxes. The pervasive negative impacts that a casino will bring to our county will require significant additional government and community resources to address.

If Las Vegas Sands is unfortunately awarded a gaming license, the annual payment Las Vegas Sands’ will make to Nassau County represents a mere 1.4% of the county’s budget - and now, they’re asking for an even better bargain. Asking for tax breaks to chip away at the meager payments they’ve promised in relation to their expected astronomical windfall from our residents’ gambling losses, reveals the greed driving their forceful press to push their casino into our community.

The Say No to the Casino Civic Association calls on the Nassau County IDA to reject any requests by Las Vegas Sands for tax breaks. We invite all residents of Nassau County to join our group and learn about the myriad, costly, long-term economic and social harms of this proposed mega casino.”

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Say No to the Casino Civic Association is a non-partisan group, composed of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents from across Nassau County, who have come together with one goal: to stop the Sands Casino proposal. The group believes that a casino will have an unequivocally negative impact on our community and irrevocably change the character of our county. The group believes that a casino will lead to an increase in crime, gambling addiction, bankruptcy and home foreclosure rates; exacerbate traffic problems; impact our natural environment including air and water quality; depress home values; and strain law enforcement. We invite everyone in Nassau County to join us and get involved by signing our petition (<http://nocasinonassau.org/>), joining our Facebook group, and following us on Twitter (@NoCasinoLI).

Our petition: <http://nocasinonassau.org/>

Interested in getting involved in our group?

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