

SAY NO TO THE CASINO CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Say NO to the Casino Group: “Why not build the medical complex at the HUB?”

Mineola, NY – The Say NO to the Casino Civic Association issued the following statement upon learning that Bruce Blakeman announced a medical center at Nassau Community College:

“Yesterday, the residents of Nassau County learned that Bruce Blakeman has been in discussions with NYU Langone Health to build a \$3 billion medical center, school and research center on Nassau County property currently being used by Nassau Community College. This property is directly next to and arguably part of the Nassau County HUB. A large-scale project like this one could possibly strain our infrastructure, but it would also provide short-term union construction jobs, long-term, highly-skilled jobs, and needed healthcare services for all Long Islanders - elements that would improve our quality of life. Why would we build this directly adjacent to Blakeman’s other massive development project, the proposed \$4 billion Las Vegas Sands casino - a project that will harm our quality of life? Why didn’t the legislature consider building this medical complex at the HUB instead of a casino? Why didn’t Blakeman propose these two projects together? Two large projects in such close proximity surely need to be assessed holistically.

For months, Blakeman and Nassau County legislators have been telling residents that there are no other feasible options for the HUB except the 24/7 mega-casino proposed by Las Vegas Sands. Blakeman’s NYU Langone announcement comes just days after the County Legislature transferred the HUB lease to Las Vegas Sands. Why was the public not told about the possibility of NYU Langone’s project until now? How long has Blakeman been talking to these developers and why has the public been kept in the dark?

The Say No to the Casino Civic Association calls on the independent press to do a thorough investigation into what appears to be deception by our Nassau County government.”

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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).

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