



December 10, 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

The voters of American Canyon overwhelmingly approved Measure “F” in 2010. The result was the enactment of a new “cardroom admission tax”. Since its enactment, the tax has provided more than a million dollars in revenue for the City. Last year, it was our second largest local tax, and we project it will remain a significant source of revenue in the future.

The City understands the State of California Bureau of Gambling Control is contemplating changes related to the “*rotation of the player-dealer position*”. American Canyon is not aware of the overarching public interest that would generally precipitate such an inquiry and we request leaving its current rules unchanged. Particularly, the City would be concerned about any proposed changes that would have the effect of incentivizing players to patronize other (non-taxed) gaming operations.

If changes are a *fait accompli*, then the City respectfully requests that the State engage in transparent public process with its municipal stakeholders – including, but not limited to the League of California Cities and particularly on the issue of backfilling lost local revenue - in conjunction with its formal rule-making process.

Please include my office on your stakeholder/rulemaking list and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Jason B. Holley
City Manager

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Honorable William Dodd (CA State Senate District 3)

Mayor and City Council

Nancy Hall Bennett, League of California Cities

