



EL CONCILIO

Family Services

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Re: Game Approvals for Certain Games

Dear Ms. Shimazu,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and entire staff of El Concilio Family Services, we would like to inform you of the generous support our agency has received from our local cardroom facility, The Players Casino.

Since their entrance in our community, we have received financial support which has allowed us to support El Concilio's various quality of life programs for our low-income underserved Latino population. These services include:

- Youth for Success, a multi-faceted youth leadership and development program for at-risk-youth.*
- Citizenship Program - which has assisted over 8,000 permanent residents to become citizens with a community-based approach to naturalization.*
- Direct Assistance Program – Bilingual Bicultural direct one-on-one information and referral assistance.*

El Concilio Family Services is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 1975. Our mission is to provide direct services and educational programs to the underserved Latino Community. Many of our clients are agricultural and service sector workers and the well-being of their families is vital to a stable and productive economy.

El Concilio is the Service Center for the rural low-income limited or non-English speaking community. We transition low income families by providing services that integrate them into the community to assist them in becoming self-sufficient, engaged and greater contributors to our community.

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We can fulfill our mission because of the support we receive from committed corporate citizens and individual donors. The Players Casino has been that committed corporate citizen and great partner for El Concilio Family Services. Their contribution has allowed us to forward our mission in our community.

The actions being considered by the Bureau of Gambling Control's would have a direct and negative impact to our community. For decades, the cardrooms have contributed steady tax revenues, well-paying jobs and capital improvements. The Players Casino is no different. As the Bureau considers altering rules or rescinding games that have been approved and established for years, we urge you to consider the impact on local communities. There would be a great void if The Players Casino and others like them would not be able support our communities.

In closing, as the Bureau of Gambling Control considers actions that will significantly harm the revenues of cardrooms, we encourage you to recognize the positive impact of cardrooms have had in our communities. We are very concerned about the lack of public process of such a drastic action, especially as it will directly and significantly impact our city services, jobs, and local economy.

We are thankful for their support and look forward to a long-standing relationship with them if you will allow it.

Warm regards,



*Yvonne R. Gutierrez
Executive Director,
El Concilio Family Services*