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October 7, 2016

The Honorable Steven A. Ecklund
Mayor
65 Main Street
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

Dear Mayor Ecklund:

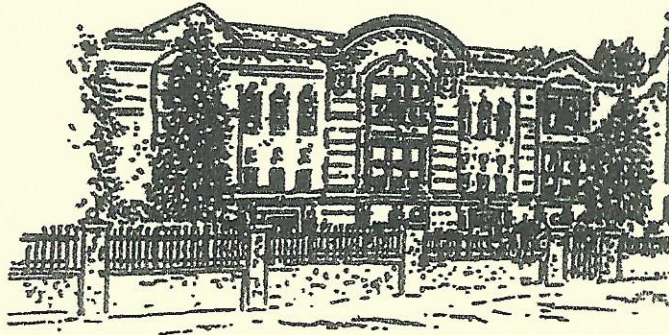
Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding possible expansion of Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway. As you are likely aware, the New York State Constitution was amended in 2013 to allow for commercial casino gambling. The amendment was not self-executing, thus the State Legislature created a dedicated body of law that established acceptable parameters for the new activity. These parameters established, *inter alia*, both geographic and periodic limitations for such development. Under Sections 1310 and 1311 of Article 13 of the N.Y. Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, Westchester County - along with Rockland, Putnam, Suffolk, and Nassau Counties - is ineligible to host a gaming facility until seven years have passed from when the Commission issued its initial casino gaming license. Even then, the Commission has no unilateral ability to award additional licenses. The Legislature limited the number of licenses allowed to be issued by the Commission to four. All four have been subsequently awarded.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,

Robert Williams
Executive Director

Village of Tuckahoe



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September 26, 2016

Mr. Robert Williams, Executive Director
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RE: Empire City Casino
Yonkers, NY

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am the Mayor of the Village of Tuckahoe, a small Village neighboring the city of Yonkers. Our Village Planning Board is currently evaluating the application for a Marriot Springhill Suites Hotel. At a recent Planning and Village Board meeting a constituent made a claim that there is current expansion plans for full gaming at the Empire City Casino however, the approval of these expansion plans are predicated on the local and surrounding area having an adequate amount of hotel rooms. Would you be so kind as to let me know if there is any validity to this claim.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Steven A. Ecklund, Mayor
Village of Tuckahoe

CC: Village Administrator David Burke
Village Board of Trustees