

RESOLUTION NO. 04- 30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS EXPRESSING  
ITS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 68, THE GAMING REVENUE ACT OF 2004, ON  
THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 BALLOT

WHEREAS, Proposition 68 is a statewide proposition that would allow eleven privately owned card clubs and five privately owned horseracing tracks to convert their existing facilities into large Las Vegas-style casinos with a total of 30,000 slot machines and other gambling devices at those facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the measure exempts these facilities from complying with local zoning laws and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) thereby undermining local control, and;

WHEREAS, the measure exempts these card clubs and racetracks from future state and local tax increases, and;

WHEREAS, funds generated by this measure cannot be used to reduce existing budget deficits of the State of California or of individual cities and counties, and the measure denies cities and counties the right to use funds where local governments determine they are most needed, and;

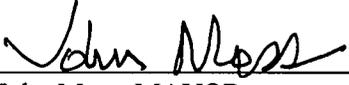
WHEREAS, according to the former California State Auditor General, the funding this measure provides for local police, sheriff and fire departments is "exclusively" for "additional" personnel and cannot be used for any other purposes such as equipment, support, training, supervision, and other necessary expenditures required to support new personnel, and;

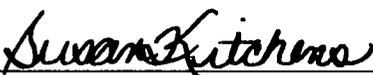
WHEREAS, the California Police Chiefs Association and other law enforcement organizations strongly oppose the proposition because they are alarmed by the threat that the increase in gambling facilities poses to public safety including crimes such as prostitution, loan-sharking and burglary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Altos strongly opposes Proposition 68, The Gaming Revenue Act Of 2004, on the November 2, 2004 ballot and encourages voters in the City of Los Altos to vote no on this measure.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this resolution was duly introduced and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Los Altos City Council on the 28th day of September, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COLE, PACKARD, CASAS, LEAR, MOSS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

  
John Moss, MAYOR

  
Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK