

The Democratic Town Committee

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Governor Deval Patrick
Massachusetts State House, Room 360
Boston MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick,

At our meeting of 24 October 2007, a resolution was approved as follows:

Resolution of the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee Against Casino Gambling

October 24, 2007

WHEREAS the platform of the Massachusetts Democratic Party commits the party to tax equity and responsible budgeting, special support for small businesses and agriculture, sustainable development practices to foster economic stability for both urban and rural cities and towns, and the provision of a sustainable revenue source to finance state government that supports a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS casino gambling would not promote tax equity, responsible budgeting, sustainable development practices, or a sustainable revenue source, and likely would damage small businesses and agriculture in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS casino gambling would involve our state government in condoning and encouraging behavior that has led in far too many cases to personal financial ruin, the breakup of families, domestic violence, and child neglect; and

WHEREAS the Governor's proposal for casinos in Massachusetts represents a missed opportunity to advocate for a more equitable tax system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Sudbury Democratic Town Committee declares itself opposed to casino gambling in Massachusetts and in favor of raising state revenues in a more equitable manner.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Hollocher, Secretary, SDTC.