



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

April 17, 2020

The Honorable Senator Bill Dodd
Senate Governmental Organization Committee
California State Capitol
Sacramento, California, 95814

RE: SB 1092 (GALGIANI) GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd,

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing to support SB 1092. The City of Oceanside is the home to Oceans 11 card-playing casino. SB 1092 shifts the authority to determine the number of gaming tables that can be permitted in a card room from the Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control and the California Gambling Control Commission to local government. SB 1092 also excludes an increase in the number of tables from the moratorium.

Due to COVID-19, the statewide Stay at Home Order and social distancing requirements, cities need to use the full authority of their gaming ordinances to maximize economic development, job creation and local revenues in licensed gaming establishments in our city when regulations are lifted.

To facilitate and ensure COVID-19 social distancing compliance, cardrooms will need the ability to operate more tables **with fewer players**. Cities-- not the Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control and the California Gambling Control Commission--have the expertise necessary to determine the appropriate number of gaming tables that should be permitted in a card room, and have the ability to monitor compliance. Cities already have the authority to condition and regulate the operation of cardrooms and have effectively and actively enforced the conditions and regulations.

The passage of SB 1092 will help promote the recovery of cities like Oceanside with cardrooms; For these reasons, the City of Oceanside is in support of SB 1092.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss
MAYOR