



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

June 1, 2020

The Honorable Bill Dodd, Chair, Senate Governmental Organization Committee
The Honorable Adam Gray, Chair, Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support SCA 6 (Dodd) and ACA 16 (Gray)

Dear Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Gray,

The economic disaster facing California cities is unprecedented. The devastation to our budgets has come swiftly. The impending cuts will leave deep scars, depriving our residents of vital services and delaying progress toward economic recovery. Against this backdrop, it is imperative that the California State Legislature act to protect and ensure existing revenue streams for local government.

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing to support Senate Constitutional Amendment 6 (Dodd) and Assembly Constitutional Amendment 16 (Gray) as amended on May 28, 2020. While we have not taken a position as a City on legalizing sports betting, we do strongly support the provision that would constitutionally protect licensed cardrooms operational certainty under the law.

The gaming tax revenues alone from the city's local cardroom in 2018-2019 was \$1,175,000. This is in addition to sales tax and other business taxes that also generate additional revenues for the City to help provide vital resident services.

In addition, Ocean's Eleven Casino provides quality, good-paying jobs for residents and is an integral business in our community.

Our city budget has been substantially hit over the last several months of closure and, upon reopening, will need the operational certainty regarding the cardroom games that the Dodd/Gray proposal will provide. The provisions in these measures that will provide certainty of the games that have been legally approved to play in cardrooms for decades would benefit communities as we need this revenue now more than ever.

For these reasons, **we support the constitutional protection in SCA 6 and ACA 16 to allow cardrooms to continue to operate the games they have operated lawfully for years.**

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss
MAYOR

CC: Members of the Legislature