



## Rotonda Condominium Unit Owners Association

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Virginia State Senator Saddam Salim  
Virginia State Delegate Holly Seibold  
Fairfax County Providence District Supervisor Dalia Palchik

### **Opposition to a Casino in Tysons**

We ask that you join with the Rotonda Condominium Unit Owners Association in strongly opposing the proposed construction of a casino in the Tysons area because of its adverse impact on quality of life, property values, safety, and security in the area. The Rotonda Board of Directors and many of our residents are outraged that the State legislature would unilaterally move ahead on such a proposal without first consulting Tysons-based residents and businesses. Available press reporting indicates that the state legislature members sponsoring SB 675 have no connection to the Tysons area and leaves open the question of the motivation behind the quick-tracking of this bill.

The Rotonda is a 34-acre gated community in the heart of Tysons and comprises 1,168 living units with some 3,200 residents, including some 700 children. The Rotonda community was established in 1979 and its residents are the original residents in Tysons. We are supporters of the development of Tysons into the region's newest city, and have been in the forefront on working with Fairfax County to help build and vibrant and thriving Tysons community where we can live, work, and raise children in a safe and family-friendly environment. The Rotonda is well within a half of a mile of either of the two proposed sites for the new casino in Tysons, and will be directly impacted by a casino at either location.

Establishing a casino in Tysons goes against the core values of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for Tysons and will bring a host of undesirable elements into what is otherwise quickly developing into a pedestrian-friendly urban area. Frankly, the Tysons community does not need the increased traffic, noise, crime, panhandling, prostitution, increased social costs, and the potential influx of organized crime elements -- all of which are routinely associated with casinos. We respectfully request that you oppose SB 675 and help carry the message to the Virginia State Legislature of our concerns about the adverse impacts a casino will have on quality of life in the Tysons area.

Best regards,

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