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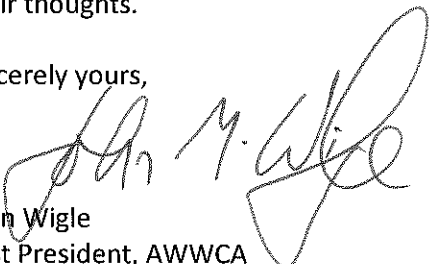
Brian McHattie  
Ward 1 Councillor  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West, Second Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. McHattie:

The AWWCA received a letter August 24 from the Sarah Matthews, president of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, asking for our support in opposing a proposed casino for downtown Hamilton. The letter was accompanied by attachments about the negative social impacts of casinos and whether a referendum should be held and whether it would be binding.

The board of the AWWCA discussed the issue Sept. 10 at our first meeting since receiving this letter. Although a casino located in Hamilton's core might not affect Ainslie Wood and Westdale as directly as other neighbourhoods, we also have concerns. We noted the Durand Association's hope for support from other neighbourhood associations in Wards 1, 2, and 3 and therefore will call our members' attention to the Durand Association's submission. We will urge our members to let us and you know their thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Wigle  
Past President, AWWCA

Cc: Durand Neighbourhood Association <Jedbrown2009@gmail.com>