



Randy Horton

Mayor

December 26, 2018

To whom this letter may present;

For the last several months as details became available about the potential responsibilities that Mayors of communities affected by the recently approved Amendment 4 might have to deal with I have done considerable research. It was my intention to become informed in various areas of operations, employee benefits, community involvement, security, financing and other matters that different operators might practice in preparation for the possibility that it might become required of me to write a letter of support for a potential operator or operators. My goal was to be able to elect to support only the best operator to receive the Pope County license if an operator chose to locate within the city limits of Russellville, Arkansas.

During this due diligence process a number of interested operators did make introductory contact with my office. These contacts were also vetted as a way of establishing what a positive influences that a particular operator might contribute in the way of benefits to the community.

While no operator has proposed a development to be sited within the city limits of Russellville, it is none the less my opinion that Gulfside Casino Partnership best exemplifies the ideal for an operator for Pope County. The community support, reputation, employee satisfaction, commitment to security, quality of properties and history of supporting and giving back to the surrounding community combined with verifiable financial stability and legal gaming operations are all factors in this evaluation. Their proposal of a resort style, family friendly development that is aesthetically compatible with the surrounding area also represent the goals that I would have applied had the development been located within the City.

If I can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Horton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randall Horton, Mayor