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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL: bthomas@cml.org

Dear Ms. Thomas,

The City of Black Hawk has been preparing for the opportunities afforded us in Amendment 77 for twenty-five years now. By the mid-1990s, Black Hawk had determined it wanted to become the premier Colorado gaming community, and we set about to accomplish that goal. Along the way, the vision of what Black Hawk wanted to become became more vivid and defined; we set our sights on becoming a premier regional gaming-centric resort destination. To accomplish this, the City has strongly encouraged, in fact, unabashedly encouraged, the gaming industry, to enhance what we had to offer the gaming public. Amendment 50, which passed in 2008, achieved 50 percent of what the City of Black Hawk wanted to see. It raised the limits from five dollars to one hundred dollars, added craps and roulette, and allowed 24-hour gaming. And now, Amendment 77 takes us the rest of the way as far as Constitutional Amendments.

Because the City has been steadfast over the past twenty-five years to establish itself as a gaming-centric resort destination, the investment, hard work, and heavy lifting have already been set in place and carried out to implement Amendment 77. Since the inception of gaming in 1990, the City has invested significant capital in new infrastructure, two water treatment plants, 2.3 million gallons of finished water storage, raw water storage, and of course the water rights. As Amendment 50 allowed for 24-hour gaming, the City's Police, Fire, and Public Works departments are ably prepared for increased visitations. These departments have the requisite equipment to maintain a safe, inviting, and enjoyable guest experience. There may be some unforeseen challenges with the new opportunities afforded Black Hawk in Amendment 77; there always are with new opportunities. The City will meet these challenges the way we have met all the challenges since gaming came back to Black Hawk in 1990; through the indomitable spirit of our dedicated and highly qualified team members, from management to rank and file, from front-line to back-of-house, we have the best there is. And it takes all of them to make the City successful.

Sincerely,

David D. Spellman
Mayor