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Milwaukee Common Council unanimous in opposition to Kenosha casino

Statement of President Willie L. Hines, Jr. September 24, 2013

I'm very pleased that all fourteen of my colleagues on the Milwaukee Common Council joined me this morning in opposition to the casino that has been proposed for the Kenosha area. The Common Council was unanimous in its support of a resolution that calls on Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to reject the casino proposal.

Ever since the Bureau of Indian Affairs gave its approval to the project, I have watched closely as the Governor weighs the arguments surrounding the proposed casino. With estimates that a casino in Kenosha could cost the Milwaukee area as many as 3,000 jobs, I urge the Governor to heed the council's call and protect these hardworking people.

The Governor has previously said that he would like to see a consensus among the state's sovereign tribal nations before he signs off upon a proposed casino. The Kenosha proposal plainly does not meet this standard, and with the unanimous opposition of the Milwaukee Common Council entered plainly onto the record, I would hope that the Governor can quickly close the door on the Kenosha casino for good.

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