

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 05-6**

2 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DECLARING**
3 **OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAS VEGAS STYLE CASINO**
4 **AT CASINO SAN PABLO.**

5 **WHEREAS**, Casino San Pablo is proposed to be one of the first urban casinos in
6 the State of California; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Lytton Band of Pomo Indians have signed a gambling compact
8 with the Governor of the State of California to build a 2,500 slot machine Las Vegas style
9 casino with “house” banked card games and a multi-story gambling complex; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the gambling compact can be renegotiated in 2008 to raise the
11 number of slot machines to the originally proposed 5,000 slot machines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the location of the proposed casino at Casino San Pablo is located
13 in the center of a built out urban area in the East Bay; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the location of the proposed Casino at San Pablo is less than one-
15 half mile from the heavily burdened and congested Interstate I-80 freeway; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the location of the proposed casino at Casino San Pablo is adjacent
17 to and would adversely impact Doctors Hospital that provides vital emergency services to
18 the residents of Contra Costa County; and

19 **WHEREAS**, numerous studies have demonstrated that legalized gambling and
20 casinos have substantial negative impacts on surrounding communities, including but not
21 limited to, parking and traffic and increases in crime, personal bankruptcy, blight from
22 surrounding closing businesses, proliferation of pawn shops, homelessness, domestic
23 violence, child abuse and fraud;

24 **WHEREAS**, there are currently five proposed casinos in the East Bay, of which
25 Casino San Pablo is proposed to be the largest; and

26 **WHEREAS**, none of the five proposed casinos in the East Bay has been
27 thoroughly analyzed for economic, social or public safety impacts individually and
28 collectively; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, there has not been a comprehensive regional analysis of the
2 transformation the East Bay would experience at the entrance and expansion of urban
3 gambling; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the people of the State of California have expressed their desire to
5 curtail the expansion of casinos and gambling in the State of California by
6 overwhelmingly rejecting two statewide initiatives to expand Las Vegas style gambling
7 to non-tribal lands and opposing an initiative to permit unlimited slot machines on tribal
8 lands;

9 **WHEREAS**, the passage of Proposition 1A in 2000 by the people of the State of
10 California never contemplated the expansion of casinos into urban areas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the State of California nor local municipalities ought not to rely on
12 gambling revenues to achieve fiscal solvency.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albany City Council that
14 the proposed casino at Casino San Pablo presents substantial social and economic
15 impacts on the interconnected communities of the East Bay Area, and the establishment
16 of an urban casino was not intended by the passage of Proposition 1A.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Albany City Council opposes the
18 proposed casino by the Llyton Band of Pomo Indians at Casino San Pablo.

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23 MAYOR
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