

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 09/08/09

Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:**           Opposing Urban Casinos

**REPORT BY:**       Jacqueline L. Bucholz, CMC, City Clerk

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**COUNCIL MEMBER LIEBER RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 09-40 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Opposing Urban Casinos.

**BACKGROUND**

Council Member Lieber requested that this item be put on the Council agenda and that the Council goes on record as opposing urban casinos.

**DISCUSSION**

There is already one casinos in the densely populated urban areas of western Contra Costa, with two others seeking to operate casinos, all within 8 miles of each other.

Council Member Lieber would like the Council to oppose the development or expansion of any further gaming casinos, as well as the establishment of reservations on which there could be gaming operations.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The Resolution addresses issues regarding the environmental quality, the negative impact to low-income and vulnerable individuals and the increase in traffic to local communities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The City could see an increase in crime, which would cost the City by utilizing its Police Department. The increase in traffic would also impact local streets, which would increase costs to the maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

