



Protect Our Neighborhoods Newsletter

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Thank you for your interest in Protect Our Neighborhoods, the grassroots group dedicated to ensuring that casino gambling is not expanded into any new neighborhoods without a vote of the people who will be impacted.

We are committed to keeping you informed of any attempts to by-pass Colorado's constitutional requirement that local voters have a say in any casino expansion plans. You can read below about how the legislature has closed one loophole that could have opened a backdoor to gaming expansion, subsidized with taxpayer dollars.

We'll keep you posted on anything that impacts our right to vote on gaming expansion.

Sincerely,



Kathy Teter
Commerce City Councilwoman
President,
Protect Our Neighborhoods

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DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2003, there have been at least four attempts to bring casino gaming to Colorado's Front Range without giving local voters a say?



LEGISLATURE CLOSING LOOPHOLE

In 2009, legislation was enacted to encourage creation of new major destination-type tourist attractions by allowing local governments to use development incentives called 'tax increment financing.' Unfortunately, the language of the 2009 law was so broad that developers and local governments could have used the tax incentives to finance construction of mega-casinos outside of the three towns authorized by voters.

State Sen. Mark Scheffel, R-Douglas County, and State Rep. Joe Rice, D-Arapahoe County, introduced SB10-31 to plug the loophole and ensure that projects qualifying for preferential tax treatment diversify the tourism segment of Colorado's economy, rather than simply shifting tourism-related activity from one part of the state to another.

The Scheffel/Rice measure sailed through both houses of the legislature and is currently awaiting Governor Ritter's signature.



State Sen. Mark Scheffel



State Rep. Joe Rice