

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2022

Resolution in Support of Sports Gaming in West Chester Township and in Support of Local Businesses' Applications for State License for Sports Gaming Establishments

WHEREAS, House Bill 29 of the 134th General Assembly legalized and regulated sports gaming in Ohio effective March 23, 2022 and codified Chapter 3775 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Casino Control Commission has jurisdiction and rule-making authority over sports gaming and has announced a universal state date for sports gaming in Ohio of January 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Casino Control Commission is currently accepting application for sports gaming licenses; and,

WHEREAS, per state regulations, only one brick and mortar sportsbook facility with betting windows and terminals will be allowed in Butler County; and,

WHEREAS, only twenty D-1, D-2, and D-5 liquor permit holders will be licensed statewide to provide self-service or clerk-operated sports gaming terminals in their establishments; and,

WHEREAS, the West Chester-Liberty Township area accounts for nearly one third of Butler County's population; and,

WHEREAS, West Chester is statistically a very safe community with committed local law enforcement and fire/EMS services; and,

WHEREAS, West Chester is a proven business-friendly community making significant local investment to infrastructure and amenities resulting in being named one of the best places in America to live and one of the best places in Ohio for business; and,

WHEREAS, businesses in West Chester Township, and specifically the Union Centre district, are primarily entertainment and dining options for adults, with demonstrated and proven success; and,

WHEREAS, West Chester Township has excellent access to Interstate 75 and Interstate 275 and the largest concentration of hotels in Butler County catering to the hospitality industry and work and leisure visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that West Chester Township is the ideal location for Butler County sports gaming and therefore, it is in the best interests of the

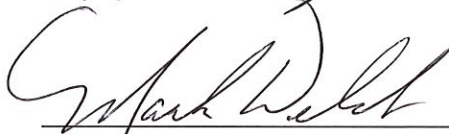
public health, safety and welfare of the Township to formally provide support for local Township businesses applying for state licensure for sports gaming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West Chester Township Board of Trustees that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees hereby directs Larry D. Burks, Township Administrator, and his staff designees, to coordinate with local applicants, and provide all appropriate and necessary support throughout the application process, in furtherance of the determination by the Board of Trustees that West Chester Township is the ideal location for Butler County sports gaming.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 12th day of July, 2022.



Mark S. Welch, Chair

YES

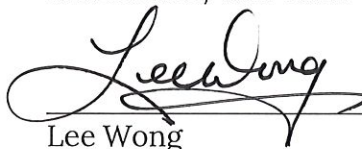
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Ann Becker, Vice Chair

Yes

Yes/No

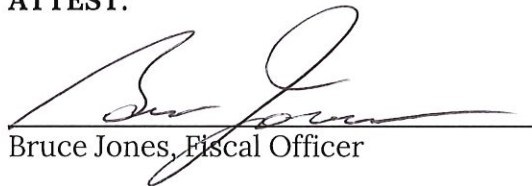


Lee Wong

Yes

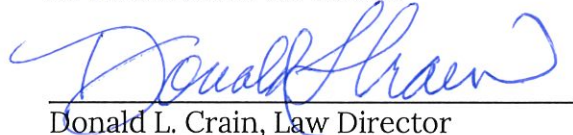
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ATTEST:



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Donald L. Crain, Law Director