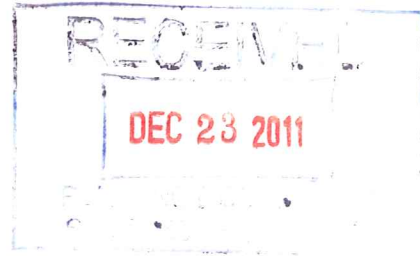


December 21, 2011



Planning & Community Services Department  
510 N. Broadway 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Billings, MT. 59101

Dear Committee Members:

My husband, Bob, and I live at 2311 Custer behind the location you have chosen for a casino and bar. We moved into our house in Sept. of 1984. At that time, Kon's Grocery Store occupied the area where One Source Lighting has their business now. There was a lot of truck traffic unloading in the back of the store all hours of the night. We knew the store was there when we moved in and knew there would be things happening around the area. But, there was one thing we didn't expect. For several years there were a number of people that congregated behind the building for various reasons including it becoming a public bathroom area and a place to hang out with friends. We called the police several time, but of course they would leave right after we would call. There were a few times the police did catch up with them and the problem eventually got better. Also, living just off of 24<sup>th</sup> St. West & Broadwater, there is a lot of traffic in the area most of the night. The addition of this casino would only add to the noise and people traffic in the area. The fact that they will only have a beer and wine license doesn't make the situation any better. When you are at the grocery store some time, look at people's carts as they head home after work. You see lots of beer going home in containers larger than a six-pack.

The neighborhood has mellowed out over the last few year and we would like to keep it that way. We strongly oppose you allowing this business to open next to One Source Lighting.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Reid