

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION NUMBER 73 - 13**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED MGM DESTINATION CASINO
TO BE LOCATED AT THE PLATEAU OF NATIONAL HARBOR IN
OXON HILL, MD**

Introduced by Mayor Jacqueline Goodall

WHEREAS, a destination casino is being proposed to be constructed at the Plateau of National Harbor in Oxon Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights borders Oxon Hill, MD and National Harbor; and

WHEREAS, there presently exists a negative impact on local traffic on the MD Highway 210, which divides the Town of Forest Heights, in addition to the traffic on Livingston Road which runs the along the towns eastern border and currently has approximately 75,000 vehicles which travel through the town daily which creates a hardship for many Forest Heights residents and surrounding businesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed destination casino would in addition to negatively impacting traffic could impact public safety, schools, town infrastructure and potentially increase social problems; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a destination casino at the Plateau of National Harbor, which is less than 1 mile from the town limits of Forest Heights, would result in the same impacts as having a destination casino built in Forest Heights; and

WHEREAS, there has not been any impact agreement proposed between MGM, Prince Georges County and the Town of Forest Heights for the destination casino at National Harbor nor has Prince Georges County proposed any impact agreement for any casino constructed within the 5 mile radius of Bock and St. Barnabas Roads that adequately compensates Forest Heights, a local jurisdiction for the potential negative impacts on our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family and we want to preserve and protect this for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a destination casino at National Harbor is not in the best interests of the Town of Forest Heights; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest Heights Town Council hereby opposes the construction of any destination casino at the Plateau of National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Maryland Gaming Commission and our state senator, state delegates of District 26 and the Prince Georges County Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

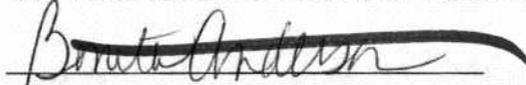
PASSED this 7th day of October 2013.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

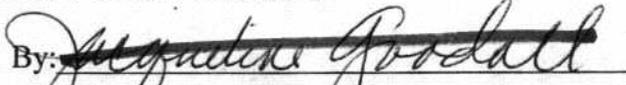
<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
GOODALL	<u>YEA</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>YEA</u>
STONER	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>YEA</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>YEA</u>
MANN	<u>YEA</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution No. 73 – 13 was passed by the required 4 yea and nay votes of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights on the 7th day of October, 2013.

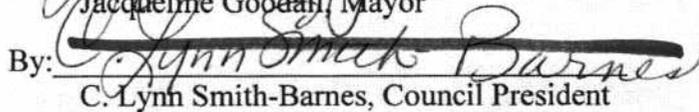
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



Bonita C. Anderson, Town Clerk

By: 

Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor

By: 

C. Lynn Smith-Barnes, Council President