

Indian Casinos Have No Future in Ohio

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MyOhioNow.com, which is seeking to pass Issue Six which would allow a \$600 million resort/casino in southwest Ohio, will be the only casino in Ohio if the initiative passes on November 4th.

"The definitive authority of Indian gaming is the Federal agency, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) which is under the auspices of the Department of Interior. They have told us that since there is no federally recognized tribe or tribal land in Ohio, there is no possibility of any tribal gaming in Ohio. We have also consulted experts in the field of Indian gaming to verify all facts," said Rick Lertzman, co-founder of MyOhioNow.com .

Kevin Quigley, an attorney of the law firm Hamilton, Quigley and Twait, specializes in Indian gaming law. Mr. Quigley has compiled a list of five areas on why Indian casinos will not be allowed in Ohio.

1. There are no federally recognized tribes located in Ohio.
2. Any tribe wanting to establish a gaming facility in Ohio (a) would first have to get the federal government to approve its acquisition for trust land in Ohio, and (b) the government has just announced new land policies that make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get such gaming lands approved.
3. No tribe has ever been approved for new off-reservation gaming lands outside the state where it is located.
4. The process for approving gaming lands is very complicated and time consuming, often taking 5 years or more.
5. Even if the federal government were to ever approve a gaming land application in Ohio many years down the road, the tribe (a) could not begin to conduct any gaming on the land unless and until the Governor first agreed to the trust land acquisition, and (b) could not conduct high stakes Vegas style gaming on the land until the Governor also has negotiated and agreed to sign a compact agreement permitting such gaming.

Dr. Bradford A. Pressman, co-founder of MyOhioNow.com concluded, "Our approach has always been to be open and honest about this project. From disclosure of our partners at Lakes Entertainment to clearly letting the voters know that this is a full-scale casino, our intent is to always respond to any questions or misinformation about this issue. Our facility will be built with private sector dollars and will be the largest private investment in Ohio in the 21st century, with NO tax abatements or credits. We are proud of this fact."

"Further, Ohio's General Assembly and Governor would have to pass a law, with majorities in both Houses, to approve any Tribal Petition. This has been tried multiple times over the years, and because there are no Federally recognized Tribes in Ohio, has failed. Only by an Act of The Legislature could the state recognize a Tribe in Ohio, and in 205 years, that has not happened and will not happen," said Dr. Pressman.

The MyOhioNow.com project is a joint venture with Lakes Entertainment (NASDAQ:LACO) of Minnesota who are operators of premier gaming facilities. The \$600,000,000 casino/resort destination site that is located off I-71 (at State Route 73) that is centrally in Clinton County. The full text of the initiative and more information about the project is available at <http://www.myohionow.com/> .

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