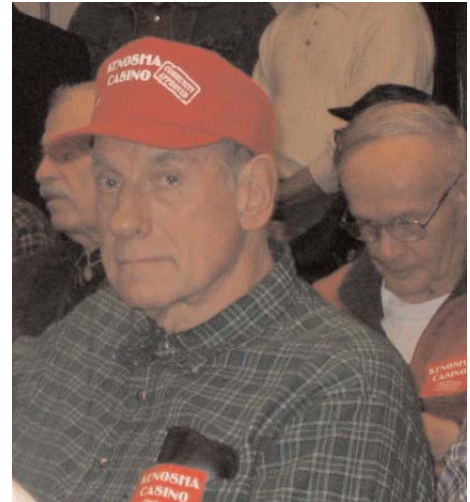


# HUNDREDS SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE KENOSHA CASINO AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

## Hundreds Turn Out to Support Kenosha Casino

More than 400 Southeast Wisconsin residents turned out Tuesday, Oct. 25, to share their thoughts on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and to demonstrate their steadfast support for the proposed Kenosha casino and entertainment center.

As speakers noted, the DEIS demonstrates that the proposed venue would bring thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in positive economic impact and increased tourism throughout the region. Supportive speakers ranged from local business owners to Dairyland employees, retired union workers to local education leaders and more. During the hearing, project supporters outnumbered those with questions about the DEIS by approximately 4-to-1.



## Community Leader Support

Throughout the evening, elected officials from Kenosha and Southeast Wisconsin cited steps that have already been taken to address any potential effects the development would have on traffic, air quality and socioeconomic factors in the community.

Additionally, community leaders including County Executive Allan Kehl, Mayor John Antaramian, State Rep. Jim Kreuser and State Sen. Robert Wirsch, also cited the many jobs the facility would provide to the region, the positive economic impact that the facility would have on local government and the fact that Kenosha residents have voted and have said that they want the casino. Also, while the legislative calendar prevented their presence at the hearing, Rep. John Steinbrink,

Rep. John Lehman and Rep. Robert Turner submitted into the record letters demonstrating their support for the project and the many benefits it will provide for Southeast Wisconsin.

Police Chief Dan Wade pointed out that he thinks the best way to reduce crime in the area is to put people to work, which is exactly what this project would do.

## Bureau of Indian Affairs - Written Comment

It's not too late to communicate your support for the Kenosha casino to the BIA. The BIA will accept written comment on the DEIS for the proposed Kenosha casino and entertainment center until Nov. 21, 2005. To submit written comments, write to:

Mr. Terrance L. Virden  
Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
One Federal Drive, Rm. 550  
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111

*(Include name, return address and the caption: "DEIS Comments, Menominee Casino-Hotel Project" on the first page of written comments.)*