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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: BINGO ORDINANCE REVISIONS

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SUMMARY

This report informs the City Council regarding the status of the bingo ordinance review mandated by City Council Resolution No. 88-475.

BACKGROUND

On June 8, 1988, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 88-475 which directed staff to evaluate the City's bingo ordinance and meet with County of Sacramento staff to determine if the City and County would consider adopting joint bingo regulations.

DISCUSSION

City/County staff discussions have not advanced beyond the informal stage primarily due to scheduling conflicts. The informal contacts have disclosed that the City and County remain on opposite philosophical sides regarding the issue of bingo parlors. The City remains steadfast in its opposition to allowing bingo parlors to open in the City. City staff regards bingo parlors as professional gambling establishments. The City allows bingo games only for the purpose of charitable fundraising. Bingo parlors allow individuals to directly profit from the games, which is contrary to City Code Section 18.110(e) which states: "That bingo games will be conducted for charitable purposes and not for private profit." The County allows bingo parlors. The County does not perceive the profits the parlor operators receive from rental fees paid by the charitable bingo operators as individual profit from charitable fundraising.

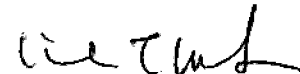
The bingo parlor issue is a major obstacle that must be resolved before joint City/County bingo regulations can be adopted. At this time, it does not appear that the City and the County are amenable to considering joint bingo regulations.

The informal discussions between City and County staff have increased the exchange of information regarding bingo operations, which has resulted in better enforcement of bingo regulations.


RECOMMENDATION

This report is informational only and does not require City Council action.

Respectfully submitted,


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