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Tyson's Casino Bill Advances to Virginia House Vienna Town Council Urges Community to Voice Their Concerns

Vienna, Va. Mayor Linda Colbert and the Vienna Town Council are disappointed to learn that a bill authorizing a casino in Tyson's has moved forward to the Virginia House for a full vote. The move comes after the Senate voted in favor of the bill, 24-16 on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025. Now the Town Council is urging residents to contact state representatives and voice their opposition.

"A casino is not now, nor has it ever been included in Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan for Tyson's," Colbert said. "The consensus from the community is that no amount of monetary gain a casino might bring to our region is worth the negative impacts on our family friendly community. That is why we are encouraging everyone in Vienna and the greater-Vienna area to contact their state representatives and tell them to oppose the casino bill."

Mayor Colbert recently sent a letter to Governor Glenn Youngkin, asking him to oppose the casino measure if it passes. She and members of the Town Council have also made recent trips to Richmond to voice their concerns and to ask legislators to vote no on the casino bill.

Vienna residents can contact their state representative, Del. Holly Seibold (D-Vienna) via email at DelHSeibold@house.virginia.gov, or by phone at (804) 698-1012 or via letter at General Assembly Building, 201 North 9th Street, Room Number 902, Richmond, Va. 23219. For a full list of Virginia House Representatives and their contact information, visit <https://bit.ly/VirginiaHouseMembers>.

The casino bill was carried over from the 2024 legislative session, postponing the vote to the 2025 session. The Virginia House is expected to take a final vote on the bill during the current Virginia General Assembly session. If approved, the measure will go to Governor Glenn Youngkin for final consideration.

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