

# **OUTLINE OF OTIS HARRIS COMMENTS TO GAMBLING AND EMPLOYMENT PANEL - NOV. 10, 1998, LAS VEGAS, NV**

## **Introduction**

- Analogy to suggest that asking the people of Las Vegas may not yield the best answers
- Compare to Detroit and Automobiles
- Agenda of interested groups were all self serving
- Some truisms of the situations
- Had world dominance and lost
- All parties lost
- Back to the basics
- Detroit not unique

## **Current Situation**

- Gambling gave city international status
- Statistics self serving and misleading
- Everyone satisfied with status quo
- Big bucks covering up problems
- Go to the people, they know the problems, the problems are theirs
- Industry Leaders giving away Las Vegas position

## **Why Gambling is different than other Industries**

- Can have employment and still be under poverty level
- Obscured problems
- Upward mobility of employment structure
- Not a socially healthy mix of jobs
- Low income trapped
- Industry preys on desperation gamblers
- No role models for young people in targeted areas

## **Back to the Basics**

- Go to the people, observe in casino, hotels
- Take a tour of Las Vegas - off the beaten path
- Talk to the minority young people

## **Early Days in Las Vegas**

- One view out front, another behind the scenes
- Displayed early signs of social conscience
- Paternalistic but took care of people

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### **Current Day Ownership**

- Preoccupied with bottom line
- Consumed by High Rollers
- Oblivious to social issues
- No inclusion of people
- City and State also lacking

### **Questions One Might Ask**

- Any serious doubt of economic value to L.V.
- What of International balance
- How are economic values reinvested
- Can Social issues be expected to surface in hearings
- Does Gambling care and why
- What can the Industry do
- What solution might look like
- Can fix come from within, not likely due to conflicting missions & thrusts
- Should other industries be responsible in other cities and why

### **Personal cases, first hand observations**

- number and cases dependent on time

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Committee on  
Commerce and Labor

FILE NUMBER...72.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing the support of the Nevada Legislature  
for the Unibex Global Corporation.

WHEREAS, Unibex Global Corporation has been designated and licensed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended in 1992, as the only authorized organization to administer the Immigrant Investor Pilot Program in the regional center which encompasses the entire State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Unibex Global Corporation, an international trade, investment and development company, headquartered within the targeted employment area of North Las Vegas, Nevada, is able to attract millions of investment dollars into the State of Nevada which can be used to support infrastructure development, new ventures and innovative arrangements that will not only create employment, but also generate wealth in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Immigrant Investor Pilot Program was created as a provision of the Immigration Act of 1990, that allows foreign investors to obtain a permanent resident visa in the United States by investing through the Unibex Regional Center a minimum of \$1,000,000 in a new commercial enterprise located outside of a targeted employment area or \$500,000 in a new commercial enterprise located within a targeted employment area on the condition that the investment will create not fewer than 10 jobs for workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Unibex Global Corporation is committed to meeting the needs of the economy of the State of Nevada by providing a cooperative regional market in which trade is encouraged, providing the necessary financial intermediation systems utilizing foreign investments to nurture the formation and growth of small- and medium-size companies and directly creating thousands of jobs in targeted employment areas across the State of Nevada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Unibex Global Corporation seeks to create national economic alliances, facilitate economic diversification and growth, and generate wealth in the State of Nevada by identifying, developing, uniting and marketing new opportunities for foreign investors and the businesses of the United States in a manner that will benefit the State of Nevada and the economy of our country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 69th Session of the Nevada Legislature support Unibex Global Corporation in its effort to bring economic diversification and growth through international investment opportunities to the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature extends its best wishes for continued success to Unibex Global Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Otis Harris, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Unibex Global Corporation.