

Enclosed please find the Bio & testimony outline of Josh Wishoff for the Commissioners.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Josh Wishoff attended Hoover High School in Glendale, California. After a local Junior College, he went on to attend and graduate from San Diego State. He is a single and living in Palm Springs, California. Josh is currently employed by SunLines Transit Agency. He also does volunteer work helping other recovering compulsive gamblers.

TESTIMONY OUTLINE

Josh will be addressing some of his early experiences with casino gambling in Las Vegas and California. He was working his way through college as a driver of gamblers to the Indian Casino Bingo games near San Diego. This initial exposure to casino gambling helped him to become smitten with the "gambling bug". On a trip to Las Vegas with his dad, Josh had some initial gambling experiences mostly out of curiosity. Josh started gambling quite regularly when a student at San Diego State. He gambled primarily on slot machines and later considered himself an "escape-relief", gambling at the local Indian Casinos.

Josh moved to Palm Springs, California (most dense concentration of California gambling). His gambling then became out-of-control with losses in excess of fifteen (\$15,000) thousand dollars. Additional negative consequences were that he had a utility service turned off and others just about to be. Josh finally "hit bottom" when all of his money ran out and his parents forced him to seek help. They also made a financial arrangement or "contract" with Josh to manage all of his \$money\$.

Currently, Josh must send his entire paycheck to his parents, who in turn pay all of his bills and provide him with weekly living expense money. Josh is living in his parent's condo in Palm Springs and considers the arrangement a small price to pay for helping to save his live. Josh is currently not gambling and has not placed a bet in over five (5) months.