

1 only \$100,000 was put aside for treatment.

2           In this county alone we received -- in  
3 this county we received \$16,666 to treat compulsive  
4 gamblers in a city that has 12 casinos.

5           I strongly suggest that this Commission,  
6 when making any recommendations, look at the fact that  
7 money must be made available for the treatment of this  
8 illness, and without such treatment, it would be a  
9 sham and a disgrace.

10           Thank you.

11           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

12           Jane -- is it Flipping, Flipping?

13           MS. FLIPPING: Yes. Thank you.

14           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Welcome.

15           MS. FLIPPING: Good evening, and welcome  
16 to Atlantic City.

17           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

18           MS. FLIPPING: It's the brand new Atlantic  
19 City that we want you to know about, and it's a city  
20 where I have raised two sons who joined the service  
21 through the Marines and the Air Corps, left after ten  
22 years and came back to this city to join the Greater

1 Atlantic City Police Department. One is captain, and  
2 another one is a patrolman who walks the streets and  
3 keeps our children safe.

4           It's a city where I co-founded the first  
5 integrated nursery school in 1950, which was licensed  
6 by the State of New Jersey, and then I went on to join  
7 the school system here, taught for any number of  
8 years; then worked with the local Community Action  
9 Agency in 1967 to bring Head Start programs in the  
10 city; served in that agency for some 15 years, when I  
11 joined the committee to bring gaming here.

12           And I'm proud that I was a part of that  
13 gaming committee because it gave me an opportunity to  
14 work with the Claridge Casino Hotel as assistant to  
15 the president for community affairs and equal  
16 employment.

17           Currently, I retired from the Claridge in  
18 1994, and of course, anyone who lives in Atlantic City  
19 who does anything never retires. I'm working now as  
20 Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club in  
21 Atlantic City, where we have a six core basic  
22 educational and cultural improvement program for young

1 children, and I'm basically here to attest to the  
2 facts and the benefits that casino gaming has brought  
3 to Atlantic City and also to our youth, not only to  
4 the Boys and Girls Clubs, but also to the school  
5 system and other parts where many of the casinos have  
6 joined forces and have adopted the school programs.

7           We have benefitted at the Boys and Girls  
8 Clubs through the benefits of gaming by not only  
9 monies, but also from the employees who have donated  
10 their time and done other kinds of things for us.

11           But most importantly I'm here to tell you  
12 that after 25 years of the Boys and Girls Clubs in  
13 this area, we are now ready to ground break for a new  
14 facility, 2.8 million, 18,000 square feet, and it's  
15 being provided by the Bally Hilton Casino reinvestment  
16 funds.

17           Twenty-five years we've been here, and  
18 it's only been since gaming that we have been able to  
19 reach this plateau.

20           I'm sure you're familiar with the Boys and  
21 Girls Clubs nationally. You know that there have been  
22 many studies done in regard to the effects of Boys and

1 Girls Clubs in communities.

2 I'm reminded that last year the government  
3 gave \$100 million to Boys and Girls Clubs nationally  
4 to open new clubs. This year another \$30 million, and  
5 we are the recipients of that through the efforts of  
6 bringing gaming here and the good work that we can do.

7 And I thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Jane.

9 Joe Kelly.

10 MR. KELLY: Madame Chairperson, Commission  
11 members, my name is Joe Kelly, and I'm the president  
12 of the local Chamber.

13 We have over 450 local business members,  
14 and I know that we've heard these numbers a great  
15 deal, but they're so compelling that it's worth  
16 repeating. Seven billion in taxes, 300 million annual  
17 funding for seniors and the disabled, 750 million  
18 towards local projects, 50,000 jobs. These are  
19 telling and very important economic data, and it's  
20 been important for our community to grow.

21 Also, the Chamber -- volunteerism. I  
22 don't know that we've talked a great deal about that