only $100,000 was put aside for treatment.

In this county alone we received -- in
this county we received $16,666 to treat compulsive
gamblers in a city that has 12 casinos.
I strongly suggest that this Commission,
when making any recommendations, look at the fact that
money must be made available for the treatment of this
illness, and without such treatment, it would be a
sham and a disgrace.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

Jane -- is it Flipping, Flipping?

MS. FLIPPING: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Welcome.

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

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

MS. FLIPPING: It's the brand new Atlantic
City that we want you to know about, and it's a city
where I have raised two sons who joined the service
through the Marines and the Air Corps, left after ten
years and came back to this city to join the Greater
Atlantic City Police Department. One is captain, and another one is a patrolman who walks the streets and keeps our children safe.

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

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

Currently, I retired from the Claridge in 1994, and of course, anyone who lives in Atlantic City who does anything never retires. I'm working now as Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club in Atlantic City, where we have a six core basic educational and cultural improvement program for young
children, and I'm basically here to attest to the
facts and the benefits that casino gaming has brought
to Atlantic City and also to our youth, not only to
the Boys and Girls Clubs, but also to the school
system and other parts where many of the casinos have
joined forces and have adopted the school programs.

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

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

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

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

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

And I thank you.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Jane.

Joe Kelly.

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

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

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