Mr. Walker? Which one is Mr. Walker? Mr. Walker.

Good afternoon. May I ask the audience to please come to order, this is a very important panel. These are important people that we need to hear from, and I would ask you to carry your conversations to the lobby.

Thank you. Please.

MR. WALKER: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. We appreciate the opportunity to speak on an issue that should be front and center in the debate over the net social and economic impacts of gambling.

At issue is the quality of jobs in the gaming industry. Our union represents some 75,000 casino, card club and race track employees across the United States, including about 13,000 right here in Atlantic City. That is more than any other labor organization. We are uniquely qualified to address the issue of job quality.

Assessing job quality in the gaming industry is more complicated than one would guess from
listening to those who advocate for or against
gambling, we hope to cut through the rhetoric and give
you some tools to assess the quality of gaming
industry jobs in Atlantic City and wherever else the
Commission may travel.

Specifically, we want to give you four
criteria upon which to evaluate job quality. Income,
does the job pay well enough to support a family?
Health insurance, does it provide family medical
benefits at an affordable price? Pension, does it
offer retirement benefits? Job security, is the job
going to be there next year?

In a moment, we are going to take you
through these four criteria, but first to give you a
little background on our union and its membership here
in Atlantic City, I would like to introduce Bob
McDevitt, the President of Local 54, which represents
employees of all 12 Atlantic City casinos.

Bob?

MR. McDEVITT: Thank you, Matt.

Members of the panel, Madam Chairman,
welcome to Atlantic City, my home town. Thank you for