

## **Argument Against Issue 2**

### **Vote No on Issue 2**

At the November 3, 2009, General Election, Ohio voters approved a state constitutional amendment to authorize casinos at specific locations in four Ohio cities – Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo in Hamilton, Cuyahoga, Franklin, and Lucas Counties respectively.

With the exception of Franklin County, the voters of Hamilton, Cuyahoga, and Lucas Counties supported the casino amendment. The voters of Franklin County opposed the casino amendment.

The reasons why Franklin County voters opposed the casino amendment last November are likely as varied as the individual voters themselves. The reasons could range from opposition to any form of gambling, to NIMBY (not in my backyard), to inappropriate subject matter for the state constitution, to concerns about rigid conditions set in the casino amendment – rigid conditions such as tax rates or preemption of some local control over the authorized casinos.

Rather than address these concerns, or the concerns of other Ohioans who may desire a casino in their community, the legislators sponsoring this amendment, and the advocates who support it, want to limit this “correction” to Franklin County, and move the authorized location from Columbus’ Arena District to another location in Franklin County.

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