



December 19, 2018

Hampton City Council
City of Hampton, Virginia
City Hall
22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669

RE: Colonial Downs Group, LLC
Rosie's Hampton
Use Permit Application No. 18-00007

Dear Members of City Council:

This correspondence is submitted with regard to the above noted conditional use permit application that is scheduled for submission at the hearing of December 20, 2018. As each of you are aware there have been ample discussions regarding this particular use within the Coliseum Central Business Improvement District (CCBID) footprint, and on behalf of the stakeholders and board of directors of the CCBID let me once again thank each of you for the time that you and the city staff have afforded our representatives to express our concerns and suggestions regarding this proposed use.

The CCBID was formed nearly twenty-two years ago through the action of the Hampton City Council as a special service-taxing district pursuant to the Code of Virginia, and was conceived at a time when enhanced security in the former Coliseum Mall area was crucial to the survival of the surrounding shopping district. The security and safety of our patrons, visitors, and residents remain our number one priority to this day, and it is from this perspective that we sought additional dialog with respect to the Colonial Downs Group's (CDG) proposed historic horse racing venture. From the outset CDG has been forthcoming with a willingness to discuss our concerns, and through a series of discussions with CDG principals, their legal counsel, and the Hampton planning and zoning staff we feel that the issues have been properly addressed and enumerated in the set of conditions of the permit and will afford the CCBID a new stakeholder poised to succeed and complement the positive image of safety and security that CCBID strives to maintain.

The CCBID therefore lends its support for approval of the CDG permit application and looks forward to a prosperous relationship with its newest stakeholder.



Sincerely,

Randolph P. Bryant, President
Coliseum Central Business Improvement District

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