

#	ID#	Resident / Property Owner	Casino Survey - Online Survey Summary - Q6.: "Are there important reasons for not supporting the establishment of a casino in Kingston?"
1	1872	Yes	<p>The presence of a casino in Kingston would be detrimental to all but the owners of the casino. They say that they give money to taxes and charity and they do, but the amount is miniscule compared with the revenue they hide in the Cayman Islands.</p> <p>At the same time commonly those who play the slots are those who can ill afford them and the children would suffer.</p> <p>Finally,if you live in central Kingston the lights at night would likely be repugnant and crass.</p>
2	2701	Yes	casino in Gananoque if I want to go to one
3	3190	Yes	A few people will get rich but many more will lose their money. There are many citizens of Kingston that can't afford to gamble.
4	3000	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a tremendous temptation to our recently released inmate community</li> <li>- moral atmosphere of a city is more important than money</li> </ul>
5	1899	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- drives yet more traffic away from an already struggling downtown core.</li> <li>- hampers the Historic image of Kingston.</li> </ul>
6	1138	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it would likely be run by an American company - meaning a portion of revenue would leave the city and province</li> <li>- it would change the character of Kingston - both important for residents and tourists (we are not Niagara Falls - nor do I think we want to be)</li> <li>- most tourists visiting a casino do not visit other businesses</li> </ul>
7	2443	Yes	- no I am strongly opposed because of the problems it brings to a community

8	979	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The OLG "Red Flag" program is not effective.</li><li>- CAMH resources are partially funded by our tax dollars.</li><li>- Casino jobs are mostly minimum wage (below poverty line income).</li><li>- Downtown Kingston cannot facilitate a casino - NO PARKING.</li> <li>- Kingston already has one bingo hall with lottery terminals in it and a second venue is scheduled to open in September of this year.</li><li>- Gambling addiction destroys families, increases bankruptcy claims, increases demands on addiction and mental health services.</li></ul>
9	2883	Yes	There is a casino down the road in Gananoque, it's only 35 kms away. They don't need the competition and we don't "need" the facility.

10	722	Yes	<p>- we live in recessionary times, when governments at all levels are encouraging citizens not to live beyond their means and to be responsible, saving for a rainy day, as it were. This idea is in *complete contradiction* to the idea of a casino.</p> <p>- the very people who tend to be attracted by the thought of making "easy money" by winning at the casino (because they also don't understand the concept that "the house must always win more") are the very ones who usually *must be most judicious with their money*. As a church worker and volunteer in this city, I see this *all the time*, i.e. I know a man on disability who told me he took \$20 to go play poker one night because the pot was pretty big. *This was on the same day he came to ask us for food vouchers!*</p> <p>- I hear that charities who help addicts benefit by receiving 2% of profits from casinos. Seriously? HOW ABOUT WE DON'T CREATE THE PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE? Using that logic, we ought to open more bars in Kingston just to help out AA.</p> <p>- I have also heard that the fact that profits go to help all sorts of charities is also an argument in favour of casinos. Not really, since a lot of the people those charities are trying to help are the very people who are attracted to, but who shouldn't be hanging out in casinos in the first place. Our society should be trying to lower the need for charitable assistance, not increase it.</p> <p>- Finally, I think that during this process, Council would also do well to interview the two following groups as their input will probably be invaluable:</p>
11	2063	Yes	<p>---</p>
12	2747	Yes	<p>#1 Casinos,like lotteries, suck money from lower income families in a disproportionate manner. #2 Employment gains of casinos are canibalized from existing business such as restaurants,theatres,night clubs</p>

13	753	Yes	<p>* Gambling brings down the quality of life in cities were it is located - I cannot think of a city with a casino in which I would like to live. And I suspect that being a casino destination will not attract many long residents to more to kingston.</p> <p>*It is not fair - or wise - to take the enterprise from surrounding towns. If Kingston is that much of a tourist destination, then people can make the trip. Let those town maintain it.</p> <p>*Being a gambling destination will probably keep away the kinds of tourists who would support Kingston.</p> <p>*With an army base and three institutions of higher education, do all these young people need easy access to gambling?</p>
14	466	Yes	<p>**State-sponsored gambling (disguised as gaming) is a REGRESSIVE AND HIDDEN TAX that predominantly affects lower income people who can least afford it.</p> <p>**A casino feels like another BIG BOX retailer to me and part of Kingston downtown's charm is the diversity of small to medium sized retailers. Our suburbs don't need another huge centre that makes us feel like every other medium-sized city in Canada. Plus, our recent experience with the K-Rock centre and it's underwhelming revenues should provide a warning to us as a city!</p> <p>**Richard Florida says and I agree "Casinos produce little real wealth for their communities. They generate virtually no economic spinoff activity and in fact tend to poach business away from other local restaurants, bars and entertainment venues." AND "Gaming's advocates hold up a vision of high-rollers and free-spending tourists, spreading their dollars around the whole city, benefiting retailers, hotels, theatres, restaurants and other businesses with their largesse. But the vast majority of casino patrons turn out to be locals, coming back night after night to spend their hard-earned money on the slots. Just 10 per cent of a casino's patrons account for some two-thirds to four-fifths of the wagers that are made on their premises, according to a 2011 study by Baylor University economist Earl L. Grinols."</p>
15	1042	Yes	<p>.It will destroy the downtown, whether it is located downtown or out of the city's core, both in revenue lost, and in ambiance and historical beauty.</p> <p>.Although a casino may draw tourists, it will draw some tourists that we would rather not have visit, aside from the destruction of many families living here.</p> <p>.Being told that a casino helps with the tax base has us laughing up our sleeves, having come from Montreal where we watched the city fall apart due to lack of funds for infrastructure and we were taxed higher than any province in the country, after having been told that the casino would lower taxes (not that we were given a choice).</p>

16	1751	No	<p>1) It makes absolutely no sense to build a casino in Kingston, when there is already one in Gananoque. Why should Gan and Kingston have to compete -- for the benefit of developers?</p> <p>2) Experience in Gan, Orillia, and other towns is that when a casino comes in, it does nothing to help local business. Why would somebody who's gambling at the Kingston casino patronize a restaurant on Ontario Street, when they can eat without leaving the casino? They wouldn't.</p>
17	920	Yes	<p>1) If the current employees from the Gananaque casino will not be able to keep their jobs at Kingston casino. 2) Could lead to more drunk drivers on our city streets as a lot of people drink while gambling.</p>
18	464	Yes	<p>1) it would take years and a lot of tax dollars</p> <p>2) I think the casino should stay at Gananoque. They earned the right to host it. How would you like the largest employer in Kingston to move to Gananoque?</p>
19	16	Yes	<p>1) The City should work a little harder to find a unique revenue draw rather than duplicating a small town 'bingo parlour' culture</p> <p>2) Government should not lower itself to such a base money-grab and should model more ethical revenue collection</p> <p>3) There is already a casino in the region to serve the area's gambling entertainment needs</p>
20	2705	Yes	<p>1)Crime will increase (fraud, theft, domestic,etc.) causing increase in social and police costs.</p> <p>2)Kingston has a large student/youth and retired/elderly population both part of the most targeted/susceptible groups for gambling. 3)We should not be competing/splitting for the gambling proceeds with Gananoque which shares our tourism region and is more dependent on such revenue than Kingston. 4)Research states that 5% of adults develop gambling related problems; we should not be inviting such social problems into our community; people's welfare before cash grab.</p>
21	769	Yes	<p>1. Gambling taxes those with less hope so that those who are financially comfortable pay lower taxes.</p> <p>2. We are robbing from our neighbour Gananoque.</p> <p>3. A casino will rob business from our local restaurant and entertainment establishments.</p>
22	2695	Yes	<p>1. Gananoque has the casino, it would be very unneighbourly to take it away from them.</p> <p>2. Municipal tax dollars should not be used to support games of chance, they are not an essential service and do not enhance our community.</p>

23	2650	Yes	<p>1. I believe a casino (ie: another large building in the downtown) is contrary to the draw that Kingston currently has. Social issues aside (it is best to not judge others' morality), it appears that those in Council in favour of a casino are thinking from a purely financial perspective - I think of Kingston's downtown as family friendly, not flashy. I think this will be a major issue in the next municipal election, and I would never vote for someone who would put a casino in downtown Kingston, because that person is clearly not representing me.</p> <p>2. Kingston's waterfront is already over-populated by over-sized buildings that detract from the enjoyment of all for the enjoyment of a few. Let's not add another one of these buildings to our downtown</p>
24	3170	Yes	<p>1. There will be hidden costs to providing a casino in Kingston. These have not yet been identified or estimated. Some are: land acquisition, traffic light(s) added, infrastructure upgrades (or complete additions),new roadways, and more.</p> <p>2. There is not an acceptable way to gauge public opinion. No sociologist would accept a Facebook poll or an online survey like this, as a way to know what the public thinks. These are dependant upon use of a computer and/or being on FB. The public meeting in Memorial Hall was attended by a minute number of citizens; and on top of that, most did not express their views.</p> <p>3. The same people repeatedly express their views. They keep saying the same thing "Citizens want (do not want)a casino in Kingston." Saying the same thing repeatedly does not make it so.</p> <p>4. Hire a legitimate pollster, from outside Kingston, to get a legitimate point of view. Let the pollster formulate the questions, make the phone calls, and analyse the data. Don't let anyone, ANYONE, on council or city staff or KEDCO, or Queen's School of Business, near the pollster. This will result in a somewhat legitimate result.</p>
25	1508	Yes	<p>1. Antithetical to cultural reputation of Kingston; casinos are inherently and unavoidably culturally negative.</p> <p>2. Leads to impoverishment of already marginal gamblers, damage to families.</p> <p>3. Gambling, even in the largest casinos like Las Vegas, has a cheap, tawdry image which will cheapen Kingston's historical image of integrity and substance.</p> <p>4. Will attract undesirable and/or criminal elements to Kingston.</p>

26	1746	Yes	<p>1. I can't believe the lack of morals in the willingness to pull the rug out from under a close neighbour who has already established a casino in their district.</p> <p>2. Our city is already supporting a large group of low income and socially dependent families due to the correctional services, this will just create another layer.</p> <p>Who supports the Bingo world now?</p>
27	2684	Yes	<p>1. Labour shortage of the work attitudes (punctuality, meticulous attention to detail, honesty) needed for casino employees.</p> <p>2. Kingston's social fabric just accommodates all the released prisoners.</p>
28	1998	Yes	<p>1. Sets a bad example for youth.</p> <p>2. Since this won't be operated by OLG (it's private), it opens up the door to organized crime being involved.</p> <p>3. It does not fit into the idea that Kingston is a great place to work, play and raise a family - we want to encourage tourism for families - emphasize history, culture, etc. How about working on the bike paths and a better boardwalk along the waterfront?</p> <p>4. Location - if it's downtown, it will detract from history, restaurants, etc.</p> <p>5. People won't come to Kingston just because there is a casino - it's not a tourist attraction on its own.</p>
29	2023	Yes	<p>1. The location being considered is downtown.</p> <p>2. Kingston has a high population of social assistance recipients which would entice them to spend the money at the casino.</p> <p>3. With the large number of day passes given to prisoners and the parolees another problem would arise.</p>
30	738	Yes	<p>1. The very nature of a casino (and there will be pressure to locate it on the waterfront) runs counter to the vision of Kingston that has been developed over a long period of time</p> <p>2. There is simply too much research showing that the social problems caused by a casino overwhelm the revenue derived from the casino. Kingston City managers MUST be transparent and forthright in sharing this information.</p> <p>3. The kind of "tourism" that will be generated will not help Kingston in any way</p>

31	1666	Yes	<p>1. there is no social benefit from gambling</p> <p>2. my biggest reason to oppose this is because by even considering it we are being horrible neighbors. We have a university, a college, 3 hospitals, prisons and manufacturing here in K-Town. What does Gananoque have? A casino. That's it. take it away from them and they are ruined. Why be so greedy? Why bring this social pest to our backyard when it seems Gan. is managing it well and benefiting somewhat from it?</p>
32	3024	Yes	<p>10 years ago Kingston said NO to a casino. Gan said YES. It has been there for 10 years and is a vital source of revenue for that community. If a YES for a casino in Kingston is a loss for Gan it is wrong.</p>
33	439	Yes	<p>2) It is a sick way to 'make money' for the city. disgusting.</p> <p>We should be working towards making our city a more livable place. How is that accomplished with a casino or even its proceeds (if there are any)?</p> <p>3) it only creates low paying jobs</p>
34	2095	Yes	<p>2. A healthy business is one that produces goods people want. What does a casino produce?</p> <p>3. It is unethical to exploit people for any reason. Exploiting addictions is also criminal.</p>
35	2985	Yes	<p>95% of gamblers are non-problem gamblers. The profit any casino derives comes from the 5% of serious problem gamblers, who cause inordinate societal injury to themselves and anyone dependent on them. A business model that is tenable only on the shoulders of hopelessly addicted individuals is unconscionable and odious. Any pretense of "helping" addicted gamblers is that, i.e., a pretense, since their activities, such as they are, constitute the only premise for profit for a casino. Take the 5% away and the business is not sustainable.</p>
36	2494	No	<p>A big reason why I am opposed to a Casino (in addition to the ones above) is that in order to have a Casino here, it means closing down the one in Gan. Kingston had a chance to open one before Gan did and declined, and now that Gan is seeing some profit/benefit from it, Kingston has reconsidered, but at Gan's expense. I feel this is unfair to that community that has already suffered job loss from other plants and businesses closing and shouldn't be further impacted by Kingston's decision to jump on this bandwagon.</p>



37	1106	Yes	A casino brings an environment of greed, jealousy, and gambling addiction. As a Christian I would like to see less gambling and drinking, and more positive places for people to gather that do not encourage ungodly habits. Our city needs to invest more money into child care subsidy (which I have been informed by a city official that there is no more money for), food banks (there are still many people here who are struggling to pay bills AND put food on the table) and other community outreach organizations. There are more positive ways to spend the money and touch the lives of Kingston residents, than to add to the financial difficulties of the community by encouraging them to squander what little money they have on gambling.
38	2788	No	A casino caters to the lowest level of life...its a haven for organized crime, corrupts many people who become addicted and serves as a nucleus for criminals in general. A historic city like Kingston does not need such a canker. It sounds just like the sort of suggestion the Toronto Mayor would make!!
39	1037	Yes	A casino could have a negative financial impact on current city businesses and establishments that provide entertainment, restaurants, etc. People only have so much money to spend on entertainment and downtown businesses already have to compete for this.
40	973	Yes	A casino does not support the historical and academic character of this city and its residents. The idea is ridiculous.
41	743	Yes	A casino ends up being a tax on the poor - it's just in another guise so it looks "respectable."
42	3062	Yes	A casino has too many negative impacts on citizens from all walks of life especially those with low incomes and those who become problem gamblers. I doubt that there will be any financial benefit to the City - a casino will take money away from other services offered and much of the profits will leave Kingston
43	1602	Yes	A casino in a prison city is just plain wrong. There are many on parole who have a tendency for addictions. a Privately run company does no benefit for a community oriented city. Minimum wage jobs present ruts instead of moving the city forward. It breeds additional crime which costs citizens more in police wages. Students looking for part time work will get caught in the industry. Low income individuals will become poorer as they try in vain to beat unbeatable odds. A casino will not benefit this city, the city will not be financially stronger with it, and crime will inevitably be on the rise.
44	1669	Yes	A Casino in a PRISON CITY such as Kingston would not be a wise decision.
45	1095	Yes	A casino in a smaller community outside of Kingston protects our high # of social assistance recipients, disabled people and those challenged with gambling addictions. Having a casino here would affect the police budget, increase poverty and crime.

46	3256	Yes	A casino in Kingston cheapens the city. It would make Kingston more like an American city than its own unique, historical, delightful self. It would alienate the people who come to visit and attract others whose presence wouldn't add positively. It's a horrible idea.
47	649	Yes	A casino in Kingston will compete with the charity bingo halls on Bath Road and Montreal Street. As well, it will disrupt McCoy's shuttle bus service to the Gananoque location. Why hurt these Kingston businesses?
48	2237	Yes	A casino in Kingston will make this city less desirable as a centre for learning.
49	3064	Yes	A Casino in Kingston would have a negative effect on the image of Kingston in general and for me personally. I did not choose to live in a Casino city. Gambling is not an acceptable method of raising revenue.
50	846	Yes	A casino is fake economic development. Kingston should focus on creating productive jobs with real career potential, not welcoming companies that drain wealth from the community. Also ... if a casino came to town, what proportion of the City's revenues share would be spent to alleviate problem gambling? Just a thought.
51	1430	Yes	A casino is largely aimed at seniors. It is a pit for Grandma and Grandpa to sink all their money and leave nothing for their kids. It can be addictive. Also, most casinos include some type of entertainment venue for live acts etc. This would be in direct competition with K-rock center and the Grand Theater, both of which the city has sunk millions of dollars into.
52	2173	Yes	A casino is not a public good, either as a service or as an infrastructure. It does not provide a basis for future business or social growth. Money and effort spent elsewhere can have a better commercial, industrial or social payoff.
53	134	Yes	a casino is not in keeping with the historic nature of our city
54	1643	Yes	A casino is out of sync with the Kingston brand.
55	3149	Yes	A casino is totally against the values of why I choose to live in Kingston; Kingston is a city rich in education, history, culture, recreation, green space, water activities - a casino is none of these and in fact worse.
56	1385	Yes	A casino isn't consistent with our image as an historical town on Lake Ontario.
57	1630	Yes	A Casino may bring more "undesirables" to the area with a view to criminal activities and gambling addiction is a real problem. If the Casino is to come to this area it should be well away from the downtown area and require transport to attend.
58	1924	Yes	A casino may change the cultural landscape of the city and lead to greater economic and social problems amongst residence.

59	1969	Yes	<p>A casino of the type proposed will compete with local restaurants and entertain venues. It seems absurd that the city would support an undertaking that would jeopardize its investment in the K Rock Centre.</p> <p>If built downtown, a casino would make the downtown a less desirable place to live.</p> <p>A casino is simply a very poor fit with the vision of the city that has emerged over the past 10 years.</p>
60	294	Yes	<p>A casino or any other gambling establishment would damage the favourable image that Kingston holds as a beautiful, historical academic and artistic city, attracting tourists and residents alike with its advanced but welcoming cultural atmosphere.</p>
61	893	Yes	<p>A casino so easily accessible will lure young people looking to make a quick buck. The young people of Kingston need to have other priorities. Families will leave Kingston and this prestigious community will no longer be attractive to newcomers. The poor will become poorer. Adult entertainment should not be the priority nor the means for the sustainable development of Kingston. Surely there are healthier options to attract people to our lovely city.</p>
62	1591	Yes	<p>A casino will attract more criminals and sleaze to our city.</p>
63	3150	Yes	<p>A casino will attract only people interested in gambling - not people interested in the variety of other things Kingston offers; also, Kingston could deteriorate as the percentage of problem gamblers (along with their problems!) increase!</p>
64	1286	Yes	<p>A casino will bring no money into the city. Money will be spent in the casino and not in local businesses.</p>
65	2946	Yes	<p>A casino will change the nature of the city, particularly if located downtown.</p>
66	114	Yes	<p>A casino will hurt existing nightclub and restaurant business.</p>
67	910	Yes	<p>A casino will impact City-owned venues such as the K-rock Centre and the Grand Theatre because, as said by Prof. Humphreys in the Whig of August 7th, "a local dollar spent by a local person in a casino is a dollar that's not spent in another local entertainment business." We have invested millions of tax dollars to renovate the Grand Theatre; let's not waste that investment by drawing money away from it, nor from the K-Rock Centre which is already costing us tax dollars that were <u>supposedly not going to be required.</u></p>
68	1995	Yes	<p>A casino will make Kingston a gaming hub and will attract crowds/ traffic and undesirable people/ behaviour. It will destroy the serenity that makes Kingston so desirable to both residents and non residents.</p> <p>We already have a casino in Gganoque which is only a short distance drive. Any resident who wants to go to a Casino can easily drive to Gananoque</p>

69	510	Yes	A casino will NOT further our image as a place where history and innovation thrive. A casino does not attract the 'creative class' nor the kind of visitors or residents that will build or develop this wonderful city. It's a morally bankrupt way to tax those who can least afford it.
70	720	Yes	<p>A casino will result in significant social issues, which will not be offset by any additional revenue. 450,000 people in Ontario are problem gamblers, which means they lose their family, their homes, their jobs. They suffer depression, anxiety, and gambling addiction often results in suicide. The highest demographic with gambling addiction is youth. With a high percentage of vulnerable people in Kingston, bringing a casino to town is NOT a good idea. The government spends less than 1% to deal with gambling addiction - and that is only AFTER there is a victim and only IF the victim or his family seeks help. The casino makes money; this is off the backs of people, many of whom cannot afford to lose it. The social problems caused by the casino are significant. Gambling addiction is often an invisible one - there are no visible symptoms and the impact is often felt after the person has lost their savings, their home and eventually their family.</p> <p>I hope the Mayor and Council are exploring the potential social impact of a casino in more detail, rather than looking at a very short term viewpoint of gaining more revenue. Social service agencies are already tapped out and there is not enough money or programs to support the existing need in</p>
71	1940	Yes	A casino will suck huge \$\$\$\$\$ from existing businesses. I don't think the city will be lowering taxes for all businesses to compensate business owners for lost income!!!!
72	2913	Yes	A casino will take away from money residents would be spending at local business, increase debt and lower our economical standing. There is little benefit to the residents or the city of Kingston building a casino here.
73	2490	Yes	A casino will vacuum money away from local businesses
74	2836	Yes	A casino would be an ugly building with an ugly purpose: to make money out of human weakness. That City Council, whose purpose is the public good, would seek to enrich its coffers by creating a public bad, is unconscionable. A casino would be a site luring the weak and vulnerable, and it would produce a plethora of related social problems. Kingston's value as a tourist destination and a place to invest, conduct business, work and enjoy its culture and community, would be seriously damaged by a casino. Kingston is a wonderful, historic city full of heritage buildings and landmarks, art, culture and natural beauty -- don't ruin it. A casino would undermine Kingston's status as an important site for cultural heritage and make the city cheap and tawdry.
75	2509	Yes	A casino would bring little or no long-term growth in employment to Kingston and could adversely affect local hospitality and tourism operations.
76	2737	Yes	A casino would cheapen our fine city.

77	1540	Yes	A casino would not enhance Kingston's tourism draw; it would be a blight. I picture students gambling away their student loans and a substantial contingent of economically disadvantaged being preyed upon. The City can do much better by making the most of its assets: unparalleled heritage sites, an exceptional educated workforce combined with major research centres, dynamic creative culture, fantastic recreational resources on our doorstep, and its location amid major population centres. A casino would skew the path forward. Along with the seductive short-term (but soon to flat-line and decline) revenue would come a lot of misery and it would undermine a productive future for the City.
78	2165	Yes	A casino would sacrifice the weak willed and lower income individuals in order to get a kickback from casino operators. The current operators are descendants of the shady individuals who built Los Vagos and other casinos. Where do the profits from these existing casinos go? Do they go to support other less desirable enterprises?
79	532	Yes	A casino would seriously detract from the quality of life in Kingston. Gambling addiction makes for family distress, crime, bankruptcy. Who pays for that? We can do without it.
80	2642	Yes	A casino would suck the lifeblood out of (mostly) seniors in the broad region. I have seen first hand what a gambling addiction can do to destroy a person and his family. The family has no control or recourse. It is a terrible, devastating situation. Why would a municipality (or any body) want to subject it's citizens to such a curse. I would gladly take higher taxes over a casino!!
81	3192	Yes	A casino would take money from those who could least afford to lose money.  Kingston has many historical and cultural attractions. We do not need a casino, which would just detract from the atmosphere of the city.
82	677	Yes	A casino, especially one with an entertainment stage, would devastate the Grand and the K-Rock Centre which would be very costly to city taxpayers. It would also hurt local entertainment providers such as Domino Theatre, Blue Canoe productions, etc. On-line gambling is becoming more and more popular -- in person gambling may not be profitable much longer. The city might be tying its hopes to a sinking ship.
83	2528	Yes	A downtown casino is unlikely to benefit the downtown: there is little positive synergy between existing Canadian casinos and the town centers they are located in; indeed, casinos are usually closed off from their surroundings. The casino could have a negative on our downtown if it had its own eateries and shops. Most casinos now stay open 24 hours/day, so that many of their customers visit when other retail businesses are closed.

84	1526	Yes	A downtown location would detract from the ambience of the city. It would be a blot on the family pleasure of the city's downtown, the lake views, the old buildings, the pleasures of walking about an old city. If there must be one put it out near the 401 where people can drop in and leave when ready without fooling ourselves that they are going to visit stores etc downtown in Kingston.
85	2906	Yes	A friend has a serious addiction.
86	1406	Yes	A gambling Casino in our beautiful city would be a blight to the environment here. It would only encourage those who are addicted to gambling and suck others into an undesirable lifestyle which does not support family relationships. There are many people in Kingston who are living on low incomes who would be tempted to try this as a (get rich quick scheme). I believe history will show that this never works and only brings heartache to those involved.
87	2889	Yes	A gambling facility will ruin Kingston's reputation, and damage the established economy. There are three post-secondary schools in Kingston. Young people come here to have their education, not fall in addiction. Parents will be hesitated to send their children here. In a long run, local residences will lose their good jobs offered by the three facilities, and city will lose revenue.
88	140	Yes	A large building like this will take up a lot of space, that could better be used in some other way.
89	2786	Yes	A large portion of attendees of casino are low income people who are desperate to win a way out of poverty. Those with little, (social assistance/welfare) spend the majority of their income at Bingo Halls, Booze and cigarettes. Do we really need to give them another addiction?
90	2094	Yes	A local casino will adversely affect both local business and residents with respect to reduced business income, less employment and a reduction in our social capital.
91	73	Yes	A lot of seniors do not have extra funds to throw away. It seems that the gov (all levels) relies too heavily on proceeds from liquor stores, gambling etc. Do not add to the social problems already here.
92	1028	Yes	A privately owned casino could bring mafia type involvement into the local area, including money laundering, bribery, etc.

93	1793	Yes	<p>a) results in closing of Gan. casino, to the detriment of Gan. &amp; its casino employees</p> <p>b) lacking required evidence that city &amp; business revenue would outweigh costs: personal anecdotal information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- low income persons using only casino vouchers and not spending anywhere else</li> <li>- high income persons going to Las Vegas in part bec. of shows &amp; "grand gambling environment" only available there</li> <li>- from personal experience, hosting charity bingos: apparently really poor people addicted to Nevada cards</li> <li>- lacking required evidence of additional policing &amp; social welfare costs</li> </ul> <p>b) non-downtown location means minimal local spending; downtown location means impossible traffic &amp; parking problems</p> <p>c) might well reduce city's cultural/historic tourist appeal, replacing it with the image of casino activities</p> <p>d) Gan. is not a very distant location for Kingston casino-users. If they can't afford the trip, then it seems arguable they shouldn't be gambling at all</p>
94	885	Yes	Addiction and social problems listed above are HUGE and the main reason to oppose having a casino in Kingston .
95	2013	Yes	Addiction and social problems will lead to long term health and medical care, which will be a great cost to human kind and to our health care system. In principle, I am also against the city trying to earn revenue from gambling, which comes from the losses of the gambler, usually from those who can ill afford to loose that money.
96	2834	Yes	Addiction for sure, and crime that may go unnoticed because where there is gambling there is white color crime and mafia like subversion
97	3178	Yes	Addiction is not the only problem with gambling. Yes City Council gets money from a Casino, but most people lose, otherwise the Casino would go bankrupt. Let's encourage healthy recreation and jobs that contribute in a positive way to our community. Let's work for the common good instead of encouraging unhealthy dreams of riches in sad people sitting in their diapers at the slot machines.
98	2745	Yes	Addiction leads to broken families.
99	1131	Yes	addiction problems associated with gambling
100	2271	No	Addiction to gaming can lead to family break up, financial ruin for those not gambling. Will the city financially support the ruined family? Basically this is wrong and unfair, and there are many other forms of entertainment in Kingston. This is a classy city, and casino will create more need for social assistance. Gananoque is not far to go to find gambling.

101	3208	Yes	Addiction, welfare will increase along with crime, people will spend money they should allocate to their families wellbeing, why cause a problem that is presently controlled, Gananoque previously voted in favour, why take it away from them. Traffic congestion if in downtown area. WE Don't need It.
102	2321	Yes	Addiction. Calling a telephone company through OLG does not help.
103	2099	No	Addictions can grab hold of you faster than you know and gambling of any kind is not any different than drinking or drug addictions.  More jobs would be great but i am leaning more towards not wanting a casino here.  Even though my children are all grown i am still afraid of what the result will be for families if a casino is put here in Kingston. There are already far to many children who have to go without because parents do not always get groceries, pay bills and rent first before they decide to go pay money out on booze, drugs and any other habits they have.  I know we are suppose to be adults and are responsible for our own finances and what we spend our money on BUT, realistically not everyone can keep a strong grasp on what they will spend if they go into a casino.
104	2053	Yes	Addictions, negative social issues, increase in prostitution and crime. No actual product is sold. The financial loss is greater then the financial gain.
105	1262	Yes	Addictions, whether gambling or drugs or alcahol, cause a regressed state of life. ALL people are susceptible. The percentage of our local families which will be affected may be a small number, but will undoubtedly affect us all in one way or another.
106	3109	No	against belief system as well
107	1470	Yes	Agreed we need more revenues as costs and EXPECTATIONS increase. A casino is just more retail jobs. And is organized crime part of the reality? I do not see any financial gains by our running a gambling house, or gaming house. Social problems are real.
108	3105	Yes	All four of the above reasons, so an increase in traffic and parking problems would most certainly happen.
109	1132	Yes	All I can add to this argument; Gan has a lot more to lose than Kingston has to gain by this Casino.
110	2304	Yes	All tourist money will be going into the casino and not put into our local stores
111	614	Yes	All we need to do is look how it has not improved communities that has supported this. Take a look at Gananoque and the dramatic increase in bankruptcies since the casino came. The town is not better off in any way



112	287	Yes	Allegedly Kingston wishes to be a sustainable city. Taking money from people who believe they will win it back manyfold over is deceitful and no way to build a society that respects the values of industry and even government itself. We retired here because we thought we were joining a healthy, society - not a city where the city government sanctions exploiting its citizens.
113	1628	Yes	allowing a casino in kingston would likely encourage students to spend time there and be more vulnerable to developing an addiction to gambling which has many extremely negative effects on family and community. it is an ethical and moral issue and needs to be taken very seriously. the harmful consequences of casinos and gambling are well known.
114	1634	Yes	Already a casino in Gananoque
115	41	Yes	Already established in Gan and should just stay there.
116	1473	Yes	Already have casino close by in Gan and competition with neighbouring community not appropriate Casinos - gaming in general is another hidden tax - usually on the people who least can afford it
117	80	No	Although a good potential source of revenue and employment, not all people see the world through dollars and cents. Gambling is not something that should be condoned, in my humble opinion. Focus on solving social issues, not creating more.
118	1404	Yes	Although I am very much in favour of supporting businesses in Kingston with the addition of new entertainment attractions, I feel that there are other options for such support that would be more likely to exert a positive affect on our community. Many of the job opportunities and tourist dollars that could be generated by the establishment of a casino, could be generated by other investments. Casinos are designed to attract those seeking escape, excess, or satisfaction for addiction. To add that element as a continuous presence in our downtown would be counter-productive, and diminish the character of our beautiful city. This quality Kingston enjoys is a rare asset much more difficult to reclaim once lost. Attracting tourists to Kingston in the interest of creating jobs, and supporting local businesses can be done in a more positive manner. My preference would be for additional funding to encourage growth in local sport, and cultural events, which given time, could generate similar benefits; while, leaving a positive legacy of improved facilities, and all the advantages exposure to such events provides.

119	2477	Yes	Although it might bring revenue into the city it does not lower the homeowners taxes. Those who have worked at the casino in Gan since opening would lose their jobs. Tearing down a perfectly good building in Gan to build a new one is a complete waste of materials and a significant cost to build a new casino - tax payers would pay for this. We have enough people living in poverty in the city of Kingston we don't need to add to it by creating a venue to hook people into spending their money. Visitors to the city of Kingston should they wish to game can make the 20 minute drive to <u>Gananogue to do so.</u>
120	1198	Yes	Although the establishment of a casino seems help with the economy of the city, this will cause a lot of social problems also. Kingston has a lot of college students. Building a casino will cause many of them to addict to it. It will have negative effects on the incomes of University and colleges. In addition, building a casino will increase the crime and cause a lot of families to break. Therefore, the city has to spend a lot of money to fix these problem. Lastly, are you sure building a casino won't <u>bring negative effect to your family and your friends?</u>
121	431	Yes	American studies show that 2.5% of their population are problem gamblers. If that translates to Kingston, almost 3,000 people would be sorely tempted or affected by the proximity of a casino. Studies also show increases in bankruptcies, broken families, depression, suicides, and extra crime.
122	1187	Yes	Another bad idea as was the KROCK. Our tax dollars keep paying for bad decisions made by council.
123	2251	Yes	Any city with a casino ( in town) brings in unwanted types of people. The addiction problems are so high even in Gananogue. These problems have never been addressed. I work with the public every day and there are many negative personal issues associated with casinos and gambling that you <u>never hear about , but I do.</u>
124	622	Yes	Any profits that the city would make from a casino come directly out of the pockets of people who can't afford it. Casinos are wrong and should not be supported.
125	1803	Yes	Anything that would add to the already over-congested downtown traffic and the ludicrous problem of finding a parking spot, will actually turn me away from goind downtown.
126	987	Yes	<u>Are we envious of the income Gan gets? Why do this now, when we chose not to in the past?</u>
127	1445	Yes	As a City we didnt want it in the past and I believe it was a good decision. It's the last thing we need in this City. We need to spend our time making that LVEC pay for itself instead of us having to pay for it. Especially because so many people who live and pay taxes in the city can never afford to go there and if and when they do want to go they don't get first opportunity to buy tickets. Where the tickets go WHO KNOWS but our citizens line up to get tickets and STILL don't get them.

128	1173	Yes	As a family physicians, the gaming addiction I have seen with the casino in Gananoque is tremendous. Please don't bring it any closer to home. People lose their relationships, jobs and housing due to this.
129	1494	Yes	As a former social worker and someone concerned for the welfare of the less advantaged in our society, I see a gaming facility as a definite liability. We would be boosting our tax revenues on the backs of the least affluent.
130	2694	Yes	As a life long resident (68 years) of the City of Kingston I have seen so many of the projects of the City mis-handled I no longer have any faith in their ability to handle small or large projects with the degree of excellence needed. This includes the travesty of waste restoring the Grand Theatre when a New Grand Theatre could have been built for the same money. The poorly planned KROCK CENTRE which has been a Financial Burden to the tax payer since it opened. There numerous other smaller projects that I have followed that are so mishandled. A smaller project is the new Skateboard Parks (some completed and some to be built). I live right next to the new one in Grenadier Park and I had to monitor the project along with numerous other residence since the very beginning. All residents that were and are involved are very disappointed in the poor communication, lack of common sence and outright lying related to one issue. Once again I wish to express that I have no faith in this city's management staff.
131	643	Yes	As a senior myself, I am particularly concerned in light of new research that shows seniors are at high risk of gambling addictions. Our city has a high population of seniors.
132	2678	No	As a student studying Psychology in this fine city I would hate to see gambling become a larger part of the community problems, as there are a large number of families already affected by gambling problem. Please do not add to a problem that tears many families apart in this province.
133	120	Yes	As far as I know, the casino is doing well in Gananoque. I don't see why Kingston should feel entitled to take that away from them.
134	747	Yes	As is the case in Gananoque, the City will depend upon this income for support of whatever expenditures the City has decided upon and when the OLG contract expires, the residents of Kingston will be in the same financial bind as Gan is now facing regarding such commitments.  Casinos are simply a scheme to obtain funds at the taxpayers expense and causes extreme grief including bankruptcy and failed relationships to the families of those who become addicted. In the end, the terrible grief caused far outweighs the benefits of the few.

135	628	Yes	As Kingston is mostly a University/ College town, we find high volumes of spending during the school year for local businesses. I feel university students would be sent a message to not focus on their education and to not spend money on important things- like buying food- and would be more apt to spend money at the casino- especially if it is easily accessible. I feel its inappropriate for a university town to establish a casino.
136	524	No	as per 4 above - addiction, mafia, crime, etc., read the stats of other cities!
137	264	Yes	Aside from our population growth over the last 20 years, there should be no new arguments to support the proposal of establishing a casino in Kingston. The one in Gananoque has served its purpose and is rural enough that we are not seeing any of the extra activity like gangs, money laundering, drugs, etc. that places like Niagara Falls see. I am not in support of a casino period! I don't even care that the quarterly revenues would help reduce our taxes because that would be a lie. Did the taxes get reduced in Gananoque when the casino came?
138	504	Yes	attracting a criminal element
139	1313	Yes	Bad idea altogether
140	3198	Yes	Because Gananoque would lose their casino.
141	3023	Yes	Because it's bad for people and people get angry with each other.
142	465	Yes	Being able to imagine this in a particular location would strongly influence whether or not I support this. A casino in the Kings Crossing district would be a cruel disaster. Put it out by the Invista Centre.
143	2268	Yes	better potential uses for the KP property (or any other proposed site)
144	1719	Yes	Big corporations tend to take money away from smaller local businesses to the point that they go out of business.
145	2746	Yes	Broken families are often the result of addictions.
146	2070	Yes	'business'will stay INSIDE the casino, not percolate out to the existing businesses
147	1056	Yes	Caller has concerns with addition problems for Seniors.
148	2220	Yes	Canot justify healthy reasons for having a casino in this town when social housing should be more of an issue.
149	485	Yes	Casino facilities are available in Gananoque, a short scenic drive east of our city, and as I understand it, this facility is not thriving as expected.
150	443	Yes	Casino revenue is an inefficient way of raising government funds. The government's take is dwarfed by the costs of operating casinos, the social costs of addiction, and the loss of disposable income to the local economy. Casinos pump money out of the retail and local business sector.
151	468	Yes	Casino supports low paying temp jobs and not full time work.

152	1991	Yes	Casino takes far away people from ethics (manytimes) and it is the waste of time and money. It becomes ediction for people. It is better to do party or enjoy the nature around Kingston.
153	2707	Yes	Casino will take away from the local stores/resturants downtown
154	2789	Yes	Casinos and lotteries market the dream of instant wealth that is very appealing to people with large debts or limited means. True gambling addiction affects a very few but how much hardship will be endured by those who make poor choices in pursuit of the advertized dream. When money for necessities is already tight, what happens when you lose a couple or few hundred dollars gambling? It is too easy to say: if they haven't got the money then they should not gamble. Who will pick up the pieces when some unfortunate finds they cannot make the rent payment, buy food for the children, a present for Christmas or a birthday, pay their electricity bill etc?
155	3021	No	Casino's are a form of legalized theft under the illusion of having fun. Historically - Casino's can do more harm than good to family's and others who simply have no self restraint. Why should we make local these temptations when enough already exist?
156	436	Yes	Casinos are a legalized form of Provincial voluntary taxation. The educated and informed must take a stand and look out for the best interests of those who cannot look out for themselves. Persons with the means and interest in gambling will find a way to travel to Gananoque, Hull, Atlantic City or Vegas. Do not pollute the social fabric of Kingston with a casino and create a venue of wealth drain and social degradation within our city boundaries. Kingston's values are above having a casino within close geographic proximity to our residents -- do not bow or cave to such a petty, cheap outlet for supposed "entertainment". Remain true to what makes Kingston high class cultural.
157	356	Yes	Casinos are a means of transferring funds from the poorer sections of the community to the richer. There's plenty of evidence that the less advantaged benefit little from casinos but that the OLG and other organizations like it distribute the profits primarily to the middle classes.
158	1524	Yes	Casinos are a reprehensible tax on the stupid. I heard Marke Gerretson on the radio this morning saying that a Kingston casino would not cause gambling addiction problems in Kingston because there's already a casino in Gananoque. This is absurd and ignores all of what researchers have discovered about addiction. It's embarrassing that our mayor should be so poorly informed and exhibiting his ignorance on national radio..
159	267	Yes	Casinos are a sign of desperation - it means the City of Kingston is out of ideas for development. Casinos are not a productive activity. Also, private casinos will mean that the workers will be under immense pressure to work for as low a wage as possible - these are service industry jobs. If approval for a casino is not accompanied by a commitment to a living wage, it will just be an opportunity for worker exploitation.

160	2825	Yes	<p>casinos are a social and economic cancer. People who want to go to one can do so, because there are already too many in existence. Putting a fancier glitzier casino in Kingston would not bring any more tourists to the area, but it would a) drain local entertainment dollars from existing venues and b) discourage many of the tourists who now come for Kingston's historic charm.</p> <p>Chasing the revenue is a fool's game--if most of the increased patronage will be from within the province, then we're simply shuffling dollars around, at great social cost. The American casino operators will do well. Ontario won't.</p>
161	1732	Yes	Casinos are a tax on the foolish.
162	1058	Yes	casinos are almost certainly a net social loss and shouldn't be embraced.
163	3031	Yes	<p>Casino's are another big step toward the moral decay of our city, and nation for that matter. Casino's are in the business to make money, and lots of it, that money will come out of the pockets of hard working people who think they have a chance to get ahead in life but infact, 90% of these cases end in dispare.</p>
164	503	Yes	<p>Casinos are associated with money laundering and organized crime. Casinos are associated with prostitution.</p> <p>When I drove through the midwest U.S. I saw casinos everywhere and it was depressing.</p> <p>Our society is shallow enough without the municipal government flogging a casino as a place to have fun.</p>

165	742	Yes	<p>Casinos are depressing places, full of people walking around in a zombie-like catatonic state giving their money away as if in a fog of despair and loneliness. I would rather the city not be known for a Casino.</p> <p>Furthermore, they are like giant vacuum cleaners sucking money out of the poor and the stupid to provide amenities for the middle and upper classes.</p> <p>They provide a handful of low-end, minimum wage jobs, but they are a neon-over lit blight on the landscape. We should not enable the government's addiction to this kind of revenue stream.</p> <p>It's a testament to the City's lack of vision that this idea is even getting consideration. This city has so much more to offer if it could only bring itself into the late 20th Century.</p> <p>A casino would be a huge step backward -- though of course it would be good for a handful of developers and their lapdogs on council.</p>
166	3169	Yes	<p>Casinos are designed to make every visitor a potential loser and only a very few select visitors winners. Therefore other than a select few kingstonians will be loser's, maybe you should put that on the sign, so people know what they get before they come here.</p>
167	2101	Yes	<p>Casinos are designed to siphon money away from people.</p> <p>Private operation enriches the owners not the community. Who treats Gan's addicts? and at what social and monetary cost. Too many "may"s Too many hidden costs</p>
168	349	Yes	<p>Casinos are everywhere. With a very few exceptions, they do not reflect the unique nature of a place. Kington's downtown is old and beautiful and unique - there is nowhere like it. Would a casino add to that or nullify it? Obviously the latter.</p> <p>Why should we trade the unique nature of this city for something that can be experienced anywhere?</p>
169	2876	Yes	<p>Casinos are for idiots that don't understand statistics. No intelligent person would play a game in which the house always wins.</p>
170	514	Yes	<p>Casinos are immoral. They prey upon the weak and vulnerable. They create gambling addicts who in turn abandon their families, embezzle funds from their employers, and generally ruin others and their own lives. Why would the City of Kingston want to be a part of that?</p>

171	85	Yes	<p>Casinos are inward focused facilities. They attempt to keep people inside and gambling. Casinos, by definition, leave the majority of people who use them poorer (i.e. with less money to spend downtown) than they were upon arrival. Living in proximity to a Casino is not desirable. The City could devalue the prime development land in the North Block by letting a Casino be built on the site.</p> <p>Gamblers are served well by a Casino just 20 minutes away in Gananoque. There is no need for one in our historic downtown.</p>
172	547	Yes	Casinos are just ethically wrong, preying on those who don't have enough money to begin with.
173	2037	Yes	Casinos are not culturally relevant to the lifestyle of Kingston residents and are a negative for anyone thinking of moving here.
174	1392	Yes	Casinos are not good employers. Most of the jobs are part time with no benefits and the wages are low.
175	10	Yes	Casino's are notoriously internal. I don't believe they add anything to the public realm.
176	2242	Yes	Casinos are parasitic businesses that feed off of the weaknesses of humanity.
177	77	Yes	<p>Casinos are put in areas as a last ditch effort to bring tourism, there are many other opportunities that do not lead to the added social and addiction problems casinos do for Kingston. There is a reason Toronto has not gone forward with the approval of a Casino.</p> <p>The employment opportunities from a casino is not the type of employment Kingstonians need.</p>
178	2875	Yes	Casinos are traps for those who don't have enough money to begin with. They fall prey to the false hopes that they can have all the dream of if they just keep going back!
179	621	Yes	Casinos area a sign of decadence.
180	509	Yes	Casinos as a generator of income and tourism are on the way out, as the market has become saturated. Why therefore would Kingston want to get involved at this late date?
181	440	Yes	CASINOS ATTRACT CRIME,CRIMINALS AND SOCIETAL UNDESIRABLES.
182	3003	Yes	Casinos attract criminal activities; loan sharks, drug dealers, dating services, massage parlors and prostitution. This happens in many communities in the US and Canada. Maybe the government will consider selling these services in the casino to get in on the take. Like a pimp or drug dealer. Is this really where Kingston wants to go.
183	1950	Yes	Casinos attract gangs.



184	2766	Yes	Casinos contribute to the breakdown of families when people get addicted and spend money there instead of providing for their family
185	496	Yes	Casinos create negative energies. Kingston has much to offer and does not need to resort to casinos to enliven the city or to promote it. Surely we are able to co-create a reality of peace and beauty here without the use of "gambling facilities" which only serve to promote addictions and to generate a low level of energies.
186	270	Yes	Casinos disadvantage those who have the least to lose. While they may bring money into government coffers, this money comes disproportionately from people with fewer resources. In practice, casinos are fundamentally inequitable.
187	2776	Yes	Casinos effectively amount to a tax on the poor.  There is a massive class of individuals in Kingston with inadequately addressed mental health issues (wait times to see psychiatrists are shameful). It's socially irresponsible to seduce these vulnerable people and squeeze them for cash.
188	663	Yes	Casino's encourage gambling and reckless spending of money which in turn leads to poor financial decisions and has repercussions for the social welfare of the community. There are enough casino's close to kingston anyway, why bring more social problems to our city? Why contribute more reasons to family breakdown?
189	3066	Yes	Casinos exploit those who use them, and can lead to addiction, financial ruin, and other social problems. We don't need to be raising money on the backs of others or stoop to such means of raising money. I would like Kingston to be known for reasons other than being a casino town. Let's build other more positive things to bring money/tourism to Kingston, and provide more positive environments and activities for people to involve themselves in: sports, theatre, music, art, to name a few. There is "hidden" crime such as the fact that casinos can be used for money laundering. We don't need this.

190	1015	Yes	<p>Casinos have been shown to have a net NEGATIVE benefit to a community. They promise increased jobs but fail to account for the loss of jobs that result from neighbouring restaurants, hotels and other entertainment venues being forced out.</p> <p>Gambling preys on the poor, with 60% of revenue coming from those with low income (less than \$25,000). Casinos may provide tax dollars but these dollars are coming from the poor.</p> <p>Gambling is addictive and detrimental to family life. It has been linked to divorce, child neglect, and suicide.</p> <p>Kingston is a small city with a great deal of charm because of the many local restaurants, shops, and entertainment. Kingston is a family city and I am very opposed to having a casino in Kingston. The risks to our community (social issues, net loss of jobs, preying on the poor) are far too great.</p>
191	874	Yes	Casinos hurt small businesses, as visitors will lose their money at the casinos and not support local business.
192	1958	Yes	Casinos in small cities tend to kill the downtown business community. The Casino in Gan is just close enough to be comfortable but not too close to cause issues.
193	184	Yes	Casinos lower quality of life. Vibrant, liveable, healthy, sustainable communities and cities don't draw residents and visitors to them with casinos.
194	286	Yes	Casinos make money because the majority of gamblers lose money. Someone who has come to town as a tourist, or someone who resides in Kingston, is not likely to want to cap off an evening of losing money by spending any more money at local shops and restaurants.
195	789	No	Casinos not only cause those least able to waste money to do exactly that, but other social problems quickly appear in their vicinity, such as prostitution and additional alcohol/drug abuse.
196	1862	Yes	Casino's only bring in low paying jobs, it will hurt the fabric of Kingston's downtown.
197	2621	Yes	Casino's prey on the poor, and the elderly.
198	1663	Yes	Casinos prey on the weakest members of society. They also attract "seamy" characters such as loan sharks, prostitutes, drug dealers, etc. I feel that the provincial government went down a very wrong path by getting into gambling to raise funds for government coffers.
199	1737	Yes	Casinos prey on vulnerable people. Increase our taxes if the city needs more revenue.
200	630	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-casinos provide limited benefit to the community</li> <li>-provides more opportunity for people to sink into further debt</li> <li>-casino's result in far more losers than winners economically &amp; socially</li> </ul>

201	714	Yes	<p>Casino's ruin families and ruin lives, they are addictive, and attract people from lower income brackets who either dig themselves more into debt or resort to crime.</p> <p>Rates of suicide are higher for people who gamble excessively and for their family members. Bankruptcy, a common consequence of a gambling addiction, has serious adverse effects on individuals and families. In a Quebec study, 28 per cent of people with severe gambling problems had declared bankruptcy and one-third had debts between \$75,000 and \$150,000. A further 35 per cent were about to declare bankruptcy.</p>
202	306	Yes	Casino's serve to take away money from already economically disadvantaged groups. We would need more social services regarding gambling addiction in the city. This would be more problem than it is worth.
203	955	Yes	Casinos unravel community spirit/support from corporate and local business and other groups - they back off since there's more money in the coffers from the casino. On paper, the numbers look appealing but towns with casinos pay a bigger price with dissension and disinterest in the community. Kingston is vibrant, we don't want a casino!
204	2804	Yes	Casions tear families apart peoples money should be spend money supporting smaller businesses
205	1357	Yes	Certain locations, e.g waterfront, would warrant more intense opposition. The general case for casinos being made by the Provincial Govt. and the OGLB is disingenuous and misleading
206	2641	Yes	Changing the atmosphere of the city from a heritage site to a honky-tonk one with the introduction of criminal elements who flock to these venues.
207	1796	Yes	Changing the nature of Kingston
208	2576	Yes	Charity Bingo would probably die. (We are experienced volunteer workers for bingo. This is the view of most volunteer workers and paid workers we have spoken to.) Bingo supports individual charities and rewards them for work. They will not get any such support from a casino which only gives money to the city for whatever use they choose.
209	1852	Yes	Cheapen the reputation of the city.
210	2953	Yes	<p>CHILDREN will ultimately suffer from lack of food, lack of attention, lack of enjoyment because the parents will be too busy spending their money at the casino. Once these parents spend their hard-earned money, they will then have to go to places like Money Mart to borrow what they lost, end up at food banks to feed their kids and ultimately burden an already near bankrupt welfare system.</p> <p>THINK OF THE HELPLESS CHILDREN PLEASE</p>

211	3120	Yes	City council need to stop looking for the quick buck and either fix the current issues with this city or get the hell out of council and find someone else who knows wtf they are doing. City council is driving this city into the ground and dont know how to resolve the issues so a "quick buck" solution (casino) has been found.
212	1599	Yes	City should be thinking of more important issues for their citizens e.g.: housing, health issues, road maintenance, job creation programs
213	748	Yes	Communities nearby offer a casino. It is already established and provides jobs. Why compete with our neighbours? We chose to retire here because of the atmosphere. We are opposed to the casino which will detract from this city's unique culture.
214	2927	Yes	Competition with existing facilities in nearby communities.
215	3154	No	Concerned about the link with casinos and crime
216	724	Yes	Could add to the crime rate in Kingston.
217	977	Yes	Could cause serious societal issues- gambling crime, abuse and further problems for the poor
218	2652	Yes	Could easily divert income out of the local economy, feeding government instead of local businesses. Could lead to lost business and jobs. Making money off the backs of the addicted is not how I want my city to fill its coffers.
219	1204	Yes	Could lead to more crime - muggings for example.
220	2174	Yes	Councillors appear to assume that one can divorce the moral/ethical issues as regards gambling from the economic factors concerning casinos. This is misguided as the on-going work of Dr. Garry Smith, University of Alberta has always revealed.
221	1102	Yes	Council's attention should be directedWhat are the City of Kingston's responsibilities. Will extra policing be required. What is the total cost the City will have to bear. Visitors from the US who visit Gananoque will not necessarily travel further to Kingston. (fact) Criminal elements will be worse than they are now. Irresponsible.
222	1449	Yes	crime and gambling go along together.
223	2939	Yes	Crime increase
224	785	Yes	Crime levels rise with the building of casinos, both in the immediate area and the surrounding municipalities.  A casino would permanently and irreparably change the image of Kingston, especially in terms of tourism.
225	1215	Yes	Crime rate and divorce rate will increase.
226	690	No	Crime rate increases, suicide rate increases, families fall apart... no money is worth those bi-products.

227	706	Yes	Crime rates will increase which costs more money in the end as more law enforcement will be needed. Also it costs the government more money to imprison people who do the crime. The worst of it is my generation (20-35) are already in enough financial problems without adding gambling. It will destroy families guaranteed
228	2449	Yes	Crime will go up. More stress on social assistance
229	2647	Yes	crime!!!!!!
230	2231	Yes	Crime. Poverty. Casino's only help to further separate the rich from the poor.
231	3214	Yes	Criminal activities such as money laundering.
232	2204	Yes	Criminal activity and bikers!
233	3118	Yes	criminal elements
234	1667	Yes	Cultural vitality of gaming facilities is questionable; environmental impact through the lifecourse of a casino is problematic; social legacy leaves something to be desired; not enough time to do a proper scan of the research to determine these and many other factors related to developing this project.
235	352	Yes	<p>Currently there are multiple opportunities for people to gamble, all the time. There is only so much money to go around, so what casinos take in, other sites will lose (such as the Bingos that support local agencies).</p> <p>A casino should NOT be located in the city core - which should be emphasizing residential development (full time people who spend money downtown every day).</p> <p>How does the casino 'fit' with Kingston's high profile effort to become a sustainable city?</p> <p>Casino jobs are low end and do not contribute much to any community.</p> <p>Casinos are a trap for many people who waste money they cannot afford to lose. Whatever happened to the notion of a 'civil society, with a local government who works in the best interests of citizens rather than trying to find more ways to fleece its citizens?</p> <p>NO - to a casino!</p>
236	28	Yes	Dangerous for the large student population of Kingston
237	109	Yes	data suggest that casinos are at best revenue neutral for the communities in which they are located. given all the problems that they bring, what possible reasons would favor locating one in kingston?

238	1075	Yes	<p>Dear Mayor Gerretsen and City Hall Councillors,</p> <p>May peace come to this house of government. I am definitely against having more casinos built, especially in the Kingston area.</p> <p>Have you stopped to think of the reason the Ontario and local governments have been considering this expansion? It is because of the huge amount of money, 34 millions of dollars in ten years, that poured into the Gananoque and the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands coffers, and into other municipalities, money which patrons gambled away. How many families or seniorsâ€™ lives were dramatically affected because of this? How many people had trouble paying their own debts because of gambling away their hard-earned cash and pensions?</p> <p>Every time I see the existing casino shuttles ready to whisk away people free of charge, leading them into temptation, I am grieved.</p> <p>Ontario has a huge debt load. Surely the province and the municipalities can come up with godly solutions to paying their own debts without increasing the debt load of their constituents! Paying fair taxes is our duty, and stewarding them well is yours. But we expect you to protect our citizens, not exploit them! That is why I am against the government advertising for LCBO and lottery tickets as well as casino expansion. Enough is enough!!!</p> <p>Recently, I have worked hard with a senior who is now 85 years old and was addicted to a different form of gambling â€” to lottery offers that came in the mail â€” promisingâ€” thousands and millions of dollars in prizes if she just sent in a cheque for about \$30. They let her win a small</p>
239	381	Yes	<p>Deeply concerned about privatization of the gambling industry as this extra layer of administration means less money for the municipalities hosting and less money for the problems associated with gambling.</p>
240	1557	Yes	<p>Depending on where it is located and what the design looks like, it could be a blight on the skyline/landscape. Will too many students get lured in?</p>
241	1515	Yes	<p>destruction of families and destruction of families</p>
242	645	Yes	<p>Developing a casino industry in Kingston is not the way forward for this city. Although I'm sure that casinos bring lots of revenue to cities, they bring with them a lifestyle that is not needed in Kingston. Adding a casino to our landscape, in my opinion, cries out that we are desperate for finances, which I don't think we are.</p>

243	2709	Yes	Disagree with using gambling as a means of raising income for city or government. Seeing low income earners buying 10 lottery tickets a week yet unable to buy basic food items is a prime example of the "draw" of any form of gambling.
244	2838	Yes	Does not attract the type of tourists Kingston needs and wants, nor will it bring the needed business to downtown shops and restaurants.
245	1437	Yes	Don't trust the OLG. They control the agenda.
246	1448	Yes	Downtown casinos have a negative stigma that will attach itself to the downtown, and effect tourism
247	1182	Yes	<b>DOWNTOWN LOCATION WOULD CREATE ADDUITIONAL PROBLEMS</b>
248	2497	Yes	<p>Economic studies show correlation between crime rates and development of a casino within only 3 years. How is the city going to respond to dealing with organized crime and casinos and the negative social repercussions.</p> <p>Economic gains are the basis for erecting a casino in Kingston, however how are these funds going to be used? Are they going to be allocated to various organisations and areas that need funding, like social welfare and other community services? The city needs to be accountable for all these issues.</p> <p>Just because negative social impacts are not quantifiable and hard to track, does not mean they should not be considered.</p> <p>"A study from Statistics Canada shows that wealthier people, on average, spend more money on wagering. But gamblers who have less money spend a larger percentage of their income on gaming activities." - CBC NEWS</p> <p>Question: What kind of Kingston do you want to make?</p> <p>Casinos and legal gambling contribute to local markets and don't necessarily impact the tourism and travel development.</p> <p>I truly believe that in creating a casino you are tampering with the beautiful and historic city that we have. Kingston promotes sustainability, liberal thinking, and neighbourhood and community values. We have lovely farmers markets, great local events and a good down town core. If you are looking to increase tourism and the economy let's focus on maintaining and preserving the historical sites</p>

249	2406	Yes	Employment. Many fellow Kingstonians are employed at Gan. I doubt there is a guaranteed transition for employment from one casino to another. Gan is close. It's already established. If it aint broke, don't fix it!
250	704	Yes	Entertainment does not provide sustainable, long term jobs; people are fickle about what they spend their entertainment dollars on; Casinos bring "unsavory" elements with them that do harm to the community Why do we wish to encourage activity that only leads too many to addiction? Gambling is a kind of recessive taxation!
251	1972	Yes	Establishing a casino in Kingston does not represent the city's economic development credo of combining history and innovation. It is a path of least resistance "cash cow" in the short term and does not create a sustainable city in the long term.
252	3032	Yes	Ethically, it seems inappropriate to make money from addiction gamblers for the benefit of the City.
253	2387	Yes	Even if a casino brings more money to the city of Kingston, the money will be at the expense of Kingstonians.  Money is hard enough to obtain, and building a casino will only make times harder for the people only trying to get by on what little they have. Addiction is greatly frowned upon, but temptation is everywhere, realizing that one can be easily transfered into to the other, the idea of bring such a temptation can be extremely devastating to the residence on this once great city.
254	1840	Yes	Every casino I've been to is filled with the elderly and people who clearly could not afford to be gambling with their money.
255	2598	Yes	Every supposed benefit of a casino has a strong negating effect. High crimes, social problems, low-skilled jobs will swallow any short-term incomes via larger expenditures for police, rehabilitation and welfare. Please take the long term view. Kingston deserves better, can do better, than this.
256	1624	Yes	Extra expense of moving it from Gananoque for no real overall benefit. Political games being played by the Liberal government
257	603	Yes	Extra police will be necessary as the possibilities of crime increasing in the area is a given. Just ask the cities that have a casino. Muggings, serious auto accidents, intoxications. The list can go on,.



258	2074	Yes	<p>Extra policing and monitoring cost will likely occur, and I doubt that will be paid by casino profits. Kingston would be much to work with the business entrepreneurs in the City to make investing in business endeavours feasible and appealing. This would be a welcome change from the ongoing actions of placing huge obstacles in front of these entrepreneurs when they attempt to make real progress towards making Kingston a long-term vibrant community, in which they can do business. This would also contribute to our youth staying in Kingston for the long term because there would be good jobs available, not just call centres and similar businesses.</p> <p>A casino doesn't add high quality jobs or contribute to a high quality of life to our community.</p>
259	2827	Yes	<p>FIRST #1. With so many casinos it is foolish to think that a new one here will add to tourism. AND it will certainly cause the one in Gan to close (I heard a rumour that it is closing anyway -- if so, a sign that they are not as viable as everyone thinks).</p> <p>SECOND #2. The casino "as entertainment" will compete for support with already fragile venues in Kingston --Grand Theatre, Thousand Islands Playhouse, Symphony, KROCK.... The casino will seriously alter the Kingston brand of culture and negatively affect tourism.</p> <p>THIRD #3 AND MOST IMPORTANT Casinos as a source of income are well known to be an immoral tax upon the poor. The people who gravitate to them include those who can ill afford it. It is a shame that our government has become so "addicted"/ dependent on them. Some city councillors say that decision has been made for us by Queen's Park so we do not need to worry about it--BUT many governments have made immoral decisions in the past (e.g. interning Japanese citizens during the war)--and we look back at those who resisted with admiration. In the case of casinos, each municipality can decide about it for itself notwithstanding the Queen's Park view. i.e. Kingston should be prepared to make that decision for itself. If we have the option not to accept it, we should do so -- and take pride and show leadership in that decision.</p>
260	169	Yes	<p>Food banks &amp; charity kitchens &amp; Church groups can provide evidence to how families suffer because of gambling addictions</p>
261	1032	Yes	<p>For one gambling shouldn't be encouraged. For another, there is a casino in Gananoque, so if the numbers for expected revenue are coming from there, then the actual numbers from both casinos (if one were established in Kingston) would probably be much lower as the clientele would be split.</p>

262	2952	Yes	From information available it is not clear that there are net economic benefits to communities with casinos. Local people and visitors only have so much money to spend in Kingston - unless we are talking about making Kingston the Vegas of the north. I would not be in favour of that for our city.
263	2942	Yes	<p>From: monica.macdonald@live.ca [mailto:monica.macdonald@live.ca]  Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 11:16 AM  To: Contactus  Subject: Web Comment via www.CityOfKingston.ca</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING COMMENT WAS POSTED VIA THE WEB SITE</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Date &amp; Time:Wednesday, August 22 (11:16 AM)  Visitor Name:Monica MacDonald  Visitor E-mail:monica.macdonald@live.ca</p> <p>Reply Needed?:YES</p> <p>Message:</p> <p>i would like to voice my opinion on the possible cassino being added to kingston.  i dont want a cassino in kingston, so many marriages and families have been wrecked due to gambling problems and financial debt and stress due to gambling. it does not show a responsible use of money and it todays society, we surely need to be responsible with what we have.  as a kingston resident, i request that the opinion of the people be strongly considered when making such a life changing decision. this situation should not be taken lightly.</p> <p>-----</p>
264	617	Yes	Gaining tax revenue through gambling profits is a never a long term solution to raising revenue.

265	1386	Yes	Gambiling is not an addiction that our city should be supporting. Crime follows most addictions, and gambiling is no exception to this.
266	2655	Yes	Gamblers aren't shoppers, please put your efforts toward protecting and preserving our downtown in other ways.
267	534	Yes	Gambling addiction is serious and OLG has not adequately responded to it in other jurisdictions. Maybe they can't, but who pays for the embezzlement, crime, heartache and bankruptcy that result?
268	1822	Yes	Gambling addictions destroy lives and devastate families. Please do not let Kingsnton open a casino here. We have such a wonderful reputation as a city of historical importance and beauty, please do not cheapen this by opening a casino. I have lived here all my life and would be extremely disappointed in the Mayor and City Council if you agree to this. Thank you for paying attention to a very concerned citizen.
269	1284	Yes	Gambling addictions will cause the community more problems in the long run.
270	1905	Yes	Gambling and Casino often lead people to spend there money to without understanding the consequence and it is a really bad addiction. It might threaten other tourist business in Kingston.
271	2644	Yes	Gambling and casinos have a huge negative social impact on our society - addiction, taking money away from seniors and lower income earners. I think a casino could detract from the historical beauty and class of Kingston - it just doesn't fit (I wouldn't want Kingston to become like Niagara Falls). Citizens will use their discretionary income to go to the casino instead of supporting local business (no money left for home improvements, dining out, or for family needs). Once a family member is addicted, it is almost impossible to control (having a gambler blacklisted from a casino is totally voluntary). I don't see huge improvements to Gananoque as a result of their having a casino. Doesn't make sense to me to move the Gan casino here at huge expense and upheaval. Put the money you would spend on building a casino (including all the money spent on the time to research the possibility - what a waste!) back into Kingston. I find it interesting that you have 6 reasons to support a casino listed but only 4 reasons to not support a casino - seems biased.
272	520	Yes	Gambling by and large takes money from those who cannot afford to waste money. It promotes values that harm society, including greed and instant gratification. Casinos provide no lasting benefit to the community or to our city.
273	2022	Yes	Gambling can also cause increase in alcohol intake which can lead to social imbalance, and can also cause car accidents, and the loss of innocent lives in our city.
274	2761	Yes	Gambling can be addiction. It effects families and individual lives. I see no benifit of a casino based on its inherit risks.

275	1895	Yes	Gambling causes those in financial difficulty to put more trust in the hope for a win which then causes them to spend more money than they can afford. People who may already feed a small gambling addiction through bingo and lottery tickets would be more inclined to spend large amounts of money at a casino leading to debt and other social problems.
276	1051	Yes	Gambling does not bring any real material benefits to the city. Money is spent there but the city itself does not gain any useful services or industry. In fact, a casino may take money away from useful industries as more people will waste money gambling.
277	695	Yes	Gambling doesn't create any new money -- it just redistributes it. Typically it drains the pockets of those with "bad luck", often people who are desperate for other reasons. If the hope is -- and I suspect it would be -- to draw tourists to Kingston -- you should know that the casino will do its uttermost to make sure that all their money is spent within the casino itself. These are not "community-friendly" facilities.
278	2862	No	Gambling establishments become addicting to governments. They come to rely on the revenues, as we have learned from the experience with Gananoque and Leeds and the Thousand Islands. They lead to social problems, and exacerbate other addiction problems.
279	1724	Yes	Gambling institutions are associated with higher levels of gambling addictions (most important, by far), suicide rates, and exploitative criminal activity.
280	1844	Yes	Gambling is a "tax" on those who cannot afford it or who are unable to entertain themselves otherwise. Too easy to lose too much money. At least bingos are limited.
281	627	Yes	Gambling is a known addiction and causes crime. This is all about money and I hope this is not what this city is becoming. You will also be introducing gambling to young students who could become ruined for life, when we are trying to do just the opposite. If I was a parent sending my child to university I would not pick Kingston if it had a casino.
282	1692	Yes	Gambling is a lazy negative way of making money. The only money the city will see is from property tax which will then be spent on addiction, crime and drugs
283	1344	No	Gambling is a major problem affecting/causing the break down of a family....debt, food, shelter, emotional disruption of children's lives
284	2100	Yes	Gambling is a social disaster. people need money to spend for their families,not to spend it on gambling tables,gambling lead to poverty and social problems and bankrupcy, it is a bad idea,take for instance "Windsor Casino" no no no for Casino.
285	177	Yes	Gambling is addictive. I don't think we as a city should benefit financially from someones addictive habits.
286	2116	Yes	Gambling is an addiction. Our city doesn't need it, it ruins lives. Keep it away PLEASE!!!!

287	3006	No	Gambling is an easy tax that takes more money (relatively) from the poor. As a society, we should make the tough choice of where we obtain our funding for public services without causing disproportionate ill of a fragile segment of our population.
288	1420	Yes	Gambling is essentially an activity where you aim to "get something for nothing", or at least for as little as possible. Our terrific city is built around some admirable institutions, such as Queen's University and other centres of learning, where the goals are to work hard, and then be rewarded by something valuable---usually a degree of some sort---which will have been earned through hard work and application, not just chance. Some other institutions, our prisons, seek to rehabilitate people who have often been sentenced to prison for behaviour which resulted from the "get something for nothing" approach to their lives. A casino would tear down Kingston's reputation and quality of life, by showing disrespect for the values of hard work, diligence and honesty which underlie the institutions which give our city much of its admirable quality and which give our youth admirable values by which to live
289	673	No	Gambling is morally wrong and leads to moral decline in cities.
290	2989	Yes	Gambling is no way for a decent community to raise funds
291	1605	Yes	Gambling is not what God want us to do.
292	3251	Yes	Gambling is one of the best ways organized crime has of laundering money. We don't want anything in the city that draws money from such sources. The OLG will not be able to control it.
293	2516	Yes	Gambling is presented as "entertainment", when it is more correctly a tax on stupidity and poor judgement that causes problems across the social strata.
294	2582	Yes	Gambling is usually addictive, leading to serious social issues-in the community and family problems
295	741	Yes	Gambling preys on the poor and other socially vulnerable members of our city. When I worked at the psychiatric hospital, patients would get in lots of trouble by gambling in Gananoque - having the casino here would just facilitate that further. I have seen patients commit suicide because of gambling losses. We should not "enrich" our city through this dreadful scourge. Keep casinos as far away from Kingston as possible!!
296	1462	Yes	Gambling preys on the weak and is not a suitable way to raise \$ for the province. Costs outweigh benefits
297	1081	No	Gambling ruins people's lives. Not only their lives, but the lives of those they love and who love them, especially those in the vulnerable sector (i.e. children and the elderly)

298	3200	Yes	<p>Gambling ruins the life not only of the gambler, but also of their family - especially children. Even if the gambler does not gamble to great excess, the gambling still tarnishes their quality of life.</p> <p>Kingston should not seek revenue from BLOOD MONEY -- revenue from the misery or detriment of others. Whatever good the revenue may do, the means are still immoral. It is simply wrong.</p>
299	1910	Yes	Game addiction will increase theft/robbery crimes rate in the city.
300	101	Yes	Gaming addictions destroy families and marriages. No amount of municipal income is worth the cost of contributing to increasing divorce rates and sacrificing the well-being of children caught in the mix. Other concerns such as traffic issues are minor in comparison.
301	2679	No	<p>-Gaming can lead to terrible addiction and major social problems.</p> <p>-I think fewer tourists would want to come to Kingston because the historic character of Kingston would be changed by a casino.</p> <p>-A casino would worsen the already bad traffic and parking problems.</p>
302	847	Yes	Gaming DOES lead to addiction or whatever you want to call it for people who people who don't have a lot of money and think that gambling is a source of income. I could be wrong ... but I'm not.
303	2918	Yes	Gaming is a real social and ethical problem with known victims. I can think of no argument for a casino that would offset the social harm that would result from it. Look at the research.
304	618	Yes	Gaming is designed to target those who don't have self control, and thus overspend and those people find themselves accumulating more and more debt.
305	667	Yes	Gaming leads to depression and financial loss for families already in financial dependancy on Government support.
306	1690	Yes	Gan and landsdowne made \$30m over 10 years. That's \$1.5m each annually. On Kingston's \$300M+ budget....big deal! Increased policing costs and social issues will suck that up easily. Focus on making the K rock a success ant forget about inflicting us with a casino!
307	212	Yes	Gan already has one. As neighbors we should support them. They do not have hospitals, colleges & universities, corrections, military and huge industrial business to help support their infrastructure as Kingston does. We had our chance and we blew it. Suck it up and find other ways to make our community money. Be responsible politicians and spend your time and our tax dollars on things that matter and when businesses like Lowes come to town, don't give a hard time about zoning. Get it changed and move on! If for some reason we do steal the casino from them, it should NOT go downtown. People who come to the casino will not spend their money anywhere else but at the casino.

308	2531	Yes	<p>Gan casino is close enough. Don't litter Kingston with yet another unnecessary establishment that further tips the scale between upper and lower class.</p> <p>Kingston is known for and even enforces it's historical heritage year after year. The fact we're even considering this contradicts that.</p> <p>If I could trust that the profit gained from a local casino would actually benefit the general public of Kingston then my answer would be completely different. However it is my belief that once again property tax would rise and municipal services would decrease.</p>
309	1685	Yes	<p>Gan had it first when Kingston did not want it so they should reap the benefits. A larger facility should be built in Gananoque.</p>
310	527	Yes	<p>Gan has a successful casino and it would be very inappropriate to take it away from them now that it is established. It is only 1/2 hour drive away and tourists can visit Kingston easily if they come to the casino.</p>
311	3241	No	<p>Gan needs the jobs there,if that casino were to close , that town would all but close up</p>
312	958	Yes	<p>Gananoque already has a casino and Belleville has been looking at getting one for years. I don't feel a casino is a valuable asset to our community and would pull revenue from our neighbouring communities especially Gananoque which is only 30 minutes away.</p>
313	1341	Yes	<p>Gananoque already has a casino which is only 20 min away. City is doing just fine with it's attractions and amenities.</p>

314	1518	Yes	<p>Gananoque already has a casino. We need to support our smaller municipalities and rural areas.</p> <p>There is a bus to take Kingstonians to the Gan casino.</p> <p>We don't need to support the expansion of the corporate casino world even though it may be convenient for government to have its casinos run by outside entities in the event of scandal or corruption.</p> <p>We do need to be mindful of the local horse racing industry with its genuinely local origins, rural employment opportunities and contribution to the successful operation of local veterinary practices, feed suppliers, etc.</p> <p>Local racing helps knit communities together.</p> <p>Local racing with its slots should not be ended just to provide commercially run casinos with competition-free market areas.</p>
315	1706	Yes	Gananoque already has a cassino. Looks like a Liberal scheme taking it out of Conservative territory.
316	2285	Yes	Gananoque already has one and it's okay for people from Kingston that want to gamble that they have to drive their. If they have to make an offort, it's less easy to developp an addiction.
317	2359	Yes	Gananoque already has one!
318	2436	Yes	Gananoque already has one.
319	394	No	<p>Gananoque Casino is less than 15minutes from my house. Why do we need another?</p> <p>There is enough poverty and social problems already in Kingston.</p>
320	518	Yes	Gananoque has a casino and that small town depends on this facility for revenue. They have lost some other sources of jobs, such as factories. It would be very unkind, to say the least, for Kingston to take the casino business away from Gan.
321	830	Yes	Gananoque has a casino. Let's leave it there!
322	2437	Yes	Gananoque has a casino. It is not fair, not neighbourly, and downright rude for Kingston to consider the possibility of a casino when this means Gananoque's would close.
323	1093	Yes	Gananoque has the Casino, why take it from your next door municpal, bad policy.



324	1877	Yes	Gananoque is 20 minutes away. There is already a casino there. Having one here is pointless plus there would be competition and one of them would have to close. If it's the gananoque one, then you just ruined a good chunk of their tourists income.
325	1002	Yes	Gananoque is close enough if people want to gamble. keep the temptation away
326	319	Yes	Gananoque is doing a fine job of beautifying and cleaning up the waterfront and Main Street with funds received from OLG. I do not believe that the powers that be in City Hall will use the income from a proposed casino to clean up this town.
327	474	Yes	Gananoque is living proof that a casino does not bring tourists and their money. There are more empty stores there than ever, restaurants closed and always parking available which would indicate that casino goes just stay at the casino. Small businesses do not benefit! Re jobs, isn't the city trying to keep grads here? The focus should continue to be on creating jobs that support this concept and that of enhancing a historic city with beautiful parks, an exceptional waterfront, an active arts community, great recreation opportunities and unique, privately owned businesses. This is why people live here and why tourists come. Kingston is referred to as the best retirement city, we must be doing something right! Re social problems, this needs to be pursued, both from a financial and social perspective. Is getting a nice, easy handout of \$ from OLG what Kingston is all about? I don't think so!
328	1423	Yes	Gananoque is not far away, they want it, and it's not worth the adverse affects.
329	1787	Yes	Gananoque is our neighbour and struggling...sadly what little revenue the town gets is from the Casino. The folks that play and leave take their money and the impact of their addiction (if they have one with them when they go) the rest of stays local and although I don't have numbers, I suspect the negative social impact outweighs the fiscal and monetary benefits for their community.  Kingston already has enough socio-economic problems...we don't need more.
330	3180	No	gananoque is very close and gone through all this. I do not believe the area needs two casinos! this is my MAIN reason for objecting, what an incredible waste of money and also a greedy and uncharitable lack of support for another community close by.
331	2248	Yes	Gananoque losing their major employer.  I know people who will spend far too much time there if it is so handy.
332	1397	Yes	Gananoque needs the jobs there
333	2800	Yes	Gananoque should keep their casino. It wouldn't be fair to take it from them.

334	2506	Yes	Gananoque stepped up when we turned it down last time, and for us to take away the income that the casino has provided to a smaller community like Gan, would be un-neighbourly and dishonourable. Our loss indeed, but one we must bear.
335	3137	Yes	Gananoque wants to keep it... Let them!
336	1749	Yes	Gananoque will lose theirs.
337	1373	Yes	Gananoque would loose theirs It's a bad habit Residents would spend all their money at the casino
338	250	Yes	Gananoqui is close by! Lets spend the money on fixing Kingston's roads. We don't need speed bumps.The streets have enough natural ones!
339	188	Yes	Get the K-Rock Centre operating "in the black" before taking on any more questionable entertainment type projects with taxpayers' money.
340	1687	Yes	Given that there is a Casino less than 30 km away in Gananoque, the city is 'gambling' on being able to attract customers away from that establishment. At the same time, has the City of Kingston considered what effect that would have on Gananoque, our neighbour? Or are we just not interested. Cooperation with our neighbour in terms of bringing tourism to both communities might be something to focus on, not trying to poach from them.
341	1384	Yes	Government should be in the business of policing gambling, not aiding and abetting it.
342	581	No	governments get blinded by the revenues generated and then have little regard for the harm they do. Subsidized senior's bus trip to the casino anyone?
343	46	Yes	Governments that rely on the weaknesses of people to raise money are not worthy of support. The majority of jobs created will be part time, seasonal and generally low-wage, low chances of advancement.
344	487	Yes	Government-sponsored gambling is an indirect form of regressive taxation that, on the whole, takes money from the pockets of those least able to afford it (those on lowest incomes) and puts it into the general tax pot. It is a socially unsustainable enterprise that is entirely incompatible within a city whose council and staff - and many thousands of residents - claim to be trying to make it the most sustainable in Canada.
345	620	Yes	Great profits for the owners. Financial disaster and addiction for SOME. YOU choose.
346	3219	Yes	had chance to have it and it was turned down. to take it away from Gananoque is not right.
347	2472	Yes	Have enough social and moral problems in Kingston, we do not need a casino

348	600	Yes	<p>Having a casino brings the wrong type of tourist or interest in a city. The money the city makes from it is doubtful because of the source of it, gambling, and so a lot of gamblers have problems of addiction and so a lot of related family and life problems because of this addiction like people gambling all they have...so making money from a person that might have lost everything to it and put his family in bankruptcy is bringing bad luck and carma to yourself, also there is the reality that those casino are related to other crime industries as mafia and the people that looses and then have more debt unclean problem because they bet all they had and then are brought into crime to pay back their debt or to pay their bills and as well drinking problems and violence in general. Also it brings so kind of miracle money making mentality in the population and nobody try as hard to have good idea or work hard. This city is build beautifully and it's history is beautiful as well and importance on the university, retired resident, army base=safety town, Art and culture, family oriented and market and water sport perfect area.</p> <p>I beleived a casino will bring a disaster to it as all other city a casino was available in. I am from Montreal and at first it sounds nothing to have the casino but it brought only dark to our beautiful</p>
349	123	No	<p>Having a casino in Kingston would destroy the culture, spirit, and heritage that Kingston has worked hard to build, and not just because of the negative social consequences, which will affect not only gamblers but their children, work, neighbourhood, etc.</p>
350	1878	Yes	<p>Having a casino is just opening the doors to disaster with respect to gambling addiction which could just lead to deeper problems such as debt, depression, increase in crime, family problems. The list is endless. I think there are better resources to tap into with respect to increasing revenue.</p>
351	3040	Yes	<p>Having a casino will lead to social problems such as addiction. Not only will the city end up paying for more support services for those that become addicted, but it is morally questionable to tempt people to gamble. If the council disapproves of a casino, they will avoid negative fallout and protect families from addiction and prevent degradation of our city.</p>
352	1090	Yes	<p>Having a casino will not be a tourism draw to the region/city, especially if the Gan casino remains. Having both would be foolish and having it in Kingston is not something to be proud of. If the city has to rely on the casino for extra services, maybe those services are not needed after all. It is unlikely that the casino will attract significant durable investment and it will not likely promote the use of services such as the airport.</p>

353	1916	Yes	Having had casinos in Ontario for some years now, the pool of gamblers has probably levelled off. By putting a casino in Kingston we will not be attracting or making "new" gamblers, it will be the same group, just re-organized from the existing pool with no net gain in government revenues. (Just rearranging the deck chairs) If Kingstonians are looking to gamble Gananoque is only 20 minutes down the 401.
354	623	Yes	Having lived in Saskatoon at a time when they were contemplating the same question, I became quite familiar with the pros and cons of such a venture. The overwhelming evidence from other communities was the dramatic increase in social problems and the negative impact on the city's culture.
355	442	Yes	Having previously lived in a city with a casino (Windsor) I can say from experience that casinos do not increase spending at local restaurants and shops. People who come to visit a casino are often only interested in the casino. They go there, spend their money and leave.  Also, Gananoque already has a casino. We should not be considering stealing a casino from a community that has already invested in one.
356	2842	Yes	health care more important, education etc - many social issues
357	1452	No	health issues for individuals and families close by casino in Gananoque, Gan is better, already in place, closer to American visitors
358	2161	Yes	Higher policing costs. Addicting young people (students) to gambling.
359	776	Yes	Hindering local businesses. Why go to a bar or local game store when you can go to the shiny casino. From a planning perspective, casinos don't create energy in a neighbourhood, they suck it out of the surrounding area.
360	2223	Yes	Historically, the crime rate rises in cities that build casinos.
361	82	No	HOW DARE the City of Kingston even consider stealing Gananoque/Lansdowne's Casino when they turned it down flat when it was first proposed. Keep your paws off our Casino - we took the risk and we should continue to reap the benefits.
362	1233	Yes	<a href="http://youtu.be/_K3NOwtNUko">http://youtu.be/_K3NOwtNUko</a>
363	1842	Yes	huge negative social implications
364	1684	Yes	I am against taking the infrastructure money away from Gananoque, it seems almost petty since the city turned down the casino and Gan had the advantage of getting the service.
365	2893	Yes	I am concerned about the negative influence that a casino would have on our city.

366	821	Yes	I am concerned that a casino will change the atmosphere in Kingston in a negative way. I would rather see other initiatives for city revenue and tourism that better reflect our strengths, such as arts & heritage.
367	2867	No	I am not a resident of Kingston but live close by and frequently visit. Casinos lead to addiction and unhealthy life styles. I would like Kingston to think of a more creative way for people to spend their leisure time.
368	1750	Yes	I am not in favour of causing the existing casino to relocate from Gananoque. Doing so would not seem to serve any useful purpose.
369	945	Yes	I am opposed to gambling and don't like how our government is addicted to gambling revenues. I find that casinos have a negative, crass effect on communities. Kingston has a wonderful atmosphere of the arts, learning, the military, and the waterfront and a casino would cheapen that and attract the wrong element of people. Casinos are all about money and they offer nothing in the way of community values. Our society needs fewer gambling opportunities, not more.
370	867	Yes	I am quite happy to go to Gananoque when I feel like gambling at a casino. When there is a Casino in the city it is no longer an exciting treat and I will go even less. It's frivolous spending to build a new facility when the one in Gananoque is just fine.
371	2569	Yes	I am strictly against gambling of any kind, not on religious grounds, just having common sense. It would tempt too many financially 'unstable' people to try to get 'rich', then have to use the food bank, because they can't make ends meet. Please, let's not approve of a casino in Kingston.
372	486	Yes	I am strongly opposed to gambling in any form. It is a moral issue as well as a social issue.
373	773	Yes	I believe a casino is a negative factor in any city or community. I don't think that income for a city from a casino is a positive or justified way of getting more finances into a city. I believe a city should try to open positive doors of influence wherever possible for the people of the city and not negative doors wherever possible.
374	639	Yes	I believe a Casino will turn our city into a channel for unwanted type guests and other travelers. It will give way to the increase destructive behaviour patterns. it will greatly stunt our economy by encouraging carless money habits. It is a very unwise use of tax payers money and will stunt or slow down production in other areas. There is already a casino 30 min down the highway. <b>THE PEOPLE OF KINGSTON DO NOT WANT A CASINO IN OUR CITY</b>
375	2146	Yes	I believe gambling on this scale causes social & personal problems and it should not be promoted just to try to make money. It may also provide a foothold for organized crime.

376	786	Yes	<p>I believe in preserving this City's character. A casino would neither complement nor enhance Kingston as the tourist destination it prides itself to be! I believe a casino in Kingston would detract from already-existing local businesses and services.</p> <p>If Kingston citizens are patrons of the casino, they will lose money. Why impoverish our own citizens for the sake of the City's coffers? It's bad public policy for a government to make its own citizens losers for it to gain. There are fairer, less wasteful, and less harmful ways to help pay for City services.</p>
377	130	No	<p>I believe it would change the feel of our city for the worse and bring in people for the wrong reasons. Right now, it is a beautiful, safe, historical and friendly city. I don't want that to change.</p>
378	2921	Yes	<p>I believe it would take away from the uniqueness and the quality of life that Kingstonians enjoy. I feel a casino here would cheapen our reputation ie. Niagara Falls.</p>
379	204	Yes	<p>I believe Kingston has enough going on to draw tourism. Furthermore, I would not want to take away from Ganonoque's economical advantage with their gaming facility.</p>
380	1043	Yes	<p>I believe morally the government and or city can support life stimulating and other job boosting activities rather than gambling.</p>
381	763	Yes	<p>I believe our waterfront can be made very beautiful...even more than it is...this is already a tourist destination...make Kingston more family-friendly by improving our beaches and water facilities. A casino is aimed at adults only.</p>
382	469	Yes	<p>I believe that a casino would degrade our beautiful city. A casino feeds on the addiction of people, why not put the money of building a casino into building our city with park projects or other social programs that support individuals in a positive way.</p>
383	2720	Yes	<p>I believe that as a city with several educational institutions which cater to young adults (often away from home for the first time) that we have the responsibility to them and their parents to keep our city a place where they safely can come to study. A casino environment would not be conducive to this.</p>
384	1882	Yes	<p>I believe that gambling is wrong.</p> <p>The love and pursuit of money is the root of many problems in our society.</p>
385	1552	Yes	<p>I believe that it will lead to an increase in criminal activity including break-ins as gaming addicts attempt to get more money for their habit.</p>

386	754	Yes	I believe that Kingston, in its endeavour to be "the most sustainable city in Canada" would be taking a step backward by building a casino. To me the goals of having a casino here are counter to the goals of being the most sustainable city and I think Kingston would be doing itself a disservice to build a casino. In addition, I am morally opposed to governments using this method to obtain income for a city. There are many other ways to support healthy community development that will lead to citizens contributing positively (financially and through active involvement) to the continuing development of Kingston. I envision a casino as a significantly negative component of a community, especially one that has a large proportion of its population relying on government support for basic necessities. Rather than putting money into another building development that will waste electricity, water and other energy resources, why not protect and promote the rich natural environment of Kingston and engage all members of the community in being proud of the city they live and taking responsibility for it
387	848	Yes	I believe that supporting a casino so close to one already is a waste of tax payers money and could lead to a higher crime rate. There are alot of people addicted to drugs and sleeping on the streets and shelters in kingston already it is only going to add more fuel to the fire, due to not paying their rent or hungry from not buying groceries also crime will rise too with things such as robbery assaults etc... because of all the prisons who release inmates here in this area. Tax payers will be paying for more police service and protection. People who can afford to go the casino good, let them go to Gananoque then there are shuttles all the time for people without cars or if they have cars let them drive twenty minutes , Its not far at all  Secondly it will ruion the economy of Gananoque and it has expanded so much since the casino arrived there it would be a shame for them to loose all that money people spend when they go there let them be prosperous for once
388	1196	No	I believe that the slots/casinos should stay with the provinces racetracks. They are an ideal location and the province should continue to support an industry that provides millions of \$ a yr back into the province and community.
389	982	Yes	I believe that with the entertainment business (shows and concerts) proposed with these new casinos, that it will take away business from the Grand Theatre and KRC, which are underused.
390	687	Yes	I believe the City of Kingston needs more commerce driven initiatives that would bring employment to the city, than incentives that would enhance every type of addiction, ie from narcotics to robbery etc

391	322	Yes	I believe the City of Kingston should deal with its existing problems and businesses before committing itself to a new giant project. Also, assisting those with low income and housing needs will be easier *before* there are gambling problems to contend with in addition.
392	143	Yes	I believe the city's money could be better spent on infrastructure or other necessary projects as opposed to frivolous enterprise such as this.
393	1857	Yes	I believe the Gananoque casino is close enough to Kingston and we do not need another one in such proximity to our lovely city. The benefit of earnings from a casino do not in my opinion outweigh the dangers of gambling for our residents and the lifelong heartache that can result for our young people.
394	2344	Yes	I believe the less Casino's there are in the world, the better. I used to live in a small city where there was a Casino and that town was filled with gambling fools who were only in debt and that Casino killed many of the local businesses. Kingston has a beautiful reputation as a city that houses a brilliant university like Queen's. Being a Queen's student's parent I know that students here are already spending many nights at clubs and adding a Casino in the mix will not only trash our students but will trash our city's name. If a Casino were to be built here, I believe parents of future Queen's hopefuls will not allow their children to study at Queen's due to the Casino. Casino's bring nothing but a painful wound in our sickening economy. I stand for, and seek to encourage a vibrant economy as good for the nation's general welfare. I am for jobs for all people; but I am convinced that certain profits do not compensate for certain losses; that is, to lose morality, family stability and other cherished virtues, for the mere gain of material prosperity are in my books a bad bargain. Building a Casino here will be the worst move this city can make.
395	2617	Yes	I believe the residents would see no benefit to having a casino. I don't believe our council is interested in the residents receiving any benefits from the money the casino would make, for example lower property taxes (the taxes in Gan are half of what they are in Kingston). The casino in Gan is near the US border and right off the 401 which makes it easy for US residents and people traveling the 401 to get into the casino. Unless the casino in Kingston has way more to offer than the one in Gan, why would anyone traveling from the US or east of the city drive to Kingston? If most of the residents of Kingston are opposed to the casino, council can't depend on its residents to go to it and spend money.
396	2693	Yes	I believe those on council in favour of the casino, because of the estimated ~\$3 million/yr revenue, have not considered the collateral costs (both social and actual \$ -business and social) associated with the societal damage caused by such a short sighted decision.
397	49	Yes	I believe we should use resources elsewhere... providing FAMILY orientated things instead of a casino. Why not fix up Lake Ontario Park and make a beach there for families.



398	660	Yes	I believe you will be opening up to a whole host of other problems...such as increased crime (weapons, drugs, prostitution) etc if one is opened. Family members with addictive behavior could struggle too.
399	2147	Yes	I came to this city as a Queen's student and fell in love with the culture and serenity of this place. I've stayed and my husband and I intend to raise our children here. A casino in our city contaminates the essence of this city's spirit. Had one been in place 8 years ago I can't say my parents would have supported my decision to move 5 hours away from home in a new city. Had a casino been operating here a year ago, my husband and I may not have decided to buy our home here. Please do not allow the tranquility, safety and reputation of our city to be tarnished!
400	760	Yes	I can't think that we need to support necessary programs through this means; while I'm not totally opposed to minor gambling I don't think it is the best nor responsible way to raise revenue. As well, the waterfront needs to be protected for use by all of us ( what there is left!!)
401	3201	Yes	I consider it a tax grab. Oftentimes taking money from the poorer segment of the population.
402	329	No	I currently am employed at the Gananoque location and would not even consider a commute to Kingston. In addition I want the financial contribution to remain in the area where I reside.
403	781	Yes	I definitely support attracting more businesses to support the funding of city activities but a casino brings with it problems that could lead to the breakdown of homes which are currently in a fragile state.
404	1848	Yes	I do not consider a casino a very expedient way to empower the citizens of Kingston
405	247	No	I do not feel that Kingston is a Casino town. The historical aspect of Kingston is what brings people to the city. There is a Casino 15 minutes away and that is enough.
406	2512	Yes	I do not support competing with Gananoque for the casino.
407	1513	Yes	I do not support private ownership of casinos there being in my opinion greater risk of criminal involvement and profit would be directed to shareholders rather than supporting the public good.
408	25	Yes	I do not think a casino is not a priority facility to have in our city. Why not focus on incorporating entertainment places that would support a healthier community; supportive of physical activity and healthy eating.
409	2856	No	I do not think a casino will be a good thing for the residents of Kingston, especially for those with gambling issues, a casino will be extremely destructive for many lives and families. There are many low income families that do not need a casino close by to spend money they don't have!
410	297	Yes	I DO NOT want my tax dollars supporting a casino - BAD enough that MY tax dollars are going to support the LVEC.

411	749	Yes	I don't believe the other two unmarked reasons above are an issue. I am concerned that the bulk of the money raised by a casino would come from those who have the least money available and that they will go short of food, especially nourishing food and will probably fall behind on rent payments because of spending money at the casino. Further I don't think a casino will raise much new money; it will just redistribute money from one section of the community to the casino and probably from those who can't afford it; some will obviously go to the city but the rest will be going to the casino operators AND WILL BE LEAVING THE CITY. A casino will also bring in undesirable people into the city. We could also see an increase in petty and other crime as patrons become addicted to gambling and steal to support their habit.
412	1590	Yes	I don't gamble. I remember the arguments from ten years ago----- nothing has changed. The midtown area needs help before we start building casinos, or are we to be overrun with student accommodations and all its attendant miseries.
413	1383	Yes	I don't like displacing many folks' jobs in the Gan area for a likely very marginal gain in Kingston. Displacing the casino from Gan to Kingston will be a very large negative impact to Gan and a possible minor plus for Kingston.
414	498	Yes	I don't really know about the cost vs. income reason above, but I don't think we should make decisions purely for economic reasons. Why does "bringing in tourists" always seem the goal? The question is this good for the city of Kingston, its residents, considering all aspects: social, environmental, overall quality of life. Gambling just doesn't seem like a healthy way to make a living, doesn't encourage the best in people--it seems to me just a way of sucking money out of people.
415	345	Yes	I don't think a casino reflects the type of community-oriented city that Kingston is. I fear a casino would reflect negatively on our wonderful city. Casinos generally tend to attract those who cannot afford to be there - hoping to get more money from their smaller incomes. Look at Windsor as a model. A giant casino in a city that is struggling. It just doesn't suit us.
416	482	Yes	I don't think it is right to attempt to take this venue away from Gananoque. Let's invest the money into developing a better waterfront for Kingston - better for families and tourists.
417	2744	Yes	I don't think sufficient thought has been given to the negative ramifications of having a casino in Kingston -- I'd hate to think that City Council has a hidden agenda here. Somethings are more important than revenue generation -- like a great lifestyle.

418	1469	Yes	I don't think that a casino fits the Kingston brand, a high-end, family friendly tourist destination. Other than in places like Monaco, casino's are associated with social problems, urban decay, cash grabs. They tax the poor and hopeless disproportionately. We are better than this and need to leverage our knowledge economy and attract small to medium sized business to create real jobs, not low end jobs like this.
419	2892	Yes	I don't think that a casino is a facility that is needed in Kingston. Any new casinos will be owned by private companies or corporations , some of whom it has been mentioned have ties to major gambling organizations in cities such as Las Vegas. Money isn't everything and we shouldn't sacrifice our current lifestyle for the sake of gambling revenues.
420	727	No	I don't think that people who view a casino as a form of entertainment will visit more that once or twice /year. But those who have a problem with gambling are the ones who will support it at the expense of the needs of their families. As a caring citizen, I go against the plan to have a casino in Kingston. I live in Gananoque, I read in the Newspaper that the casino here has brought good income to the businesses in town but when we ask those store owners they reply that very few people from the casino ever visit their store/restaurant.
421	1151	Yes	I don't want Kingston being known as a 'casino town'. I am proud of Kingston's reputation as having one of Kingston's finest downtowns in Canada.
422	2400	Yes	I don't want my husband at the casino!
423	67	Yes	I don't want to live in a city that would look to a casino to raise tax revenue and to revitalize an area of the city. Casino's act as a tax on the addicted and desperate and can lead to numerous social problems.
424	1763	Yes	I fear that a casino would have a negative impact on Kingston's business community, particularly on our vital downtown, regardless of where it was built. We have spent so many years developing our downtown area that it has become the envy of many city planners in North America. It is my understanding that most gamblers seldom venture outside the casino to shop, eat or drink elsewhere if it can be obtained at the casino. Furthermore, I am very concerned about the social consequences should a casino be built here, i.e. personal bankruptcies, increased welfare cases, crime and prostitution and the influx of loan sharks.
425	809	Yes	I feel a Casino will cheapen the image of Kingston and negatively effect Kingston's night life and take business away from current Pub/Bar/ and restaurant owners. I also don't want to live in a city that promotes addictive behaviour.

426	1349	Yes	I feel that casinos give people the thought that they will win big with just one more spin and we all know that machines are set to win at certain times. I truly think there will be more addictions, use of food banks and people neglecting their families. I know we are to take responsibility for our own actions however if this were the case then we wouldn't have homeless shelters, food banks, etc. As a society we should be working together to protect and help each other not provide more opportunities to fail.
427	2672	Yes	I feel that casinos promote both moral and spiritual corruption in the localities they inhabit.
428	1864	Yes	I feel this would be a Big Mistake for the City of Kingston to have a casino here. This city has alot of low income people who will end up in a worst position then they are now, because they would go to this casino to try and become rich. The city will see alot more people not just low income, at the welfare offices and food banks once they have lost everything including their cars, their homes and their families. Landlords including the mayor might end up with not getting their rent from tenants because they will all be broke after spending everything they have on gambling there. Its bad enough that bingo halls are getting gaming machines, which they didn't need. The stores in the downtown area will also suffer because patrons at the casino will just stay there and eat, so restraunts and other stores may go under. Since Gan. already has a casino and if one is built in Bellville, why would they need another one so close. Again, this would be a Big Mistake for this city as the city would have to pay out more for the food banks and welfare offices. Has the councillors and the mayor even thought about this. I think not. This again would be a BIG problem just like
429	491	Yes	I feel very strongly that Kingston already has a plethora of social problems which are not being adequately addressed through our social support systems. The addition of a casino would tax our already overwhelmed services for addictions. The city of Kingston is working toward becomming a sustainable city, my hope is that the "gaming industry" is not one which will grow as it takes rather than gives. Kingston would do well to look at creating more oportunites for community development where people connect in meaningful ways.
430	1563	Yes	I feel we had an opportunity years back when we had the choice of the casino to be here in Kingston or Gan. We choose not to have the casino here. I think it should stay in Gan.
431	1112	No	I have a close family member who has lost everything due to a gambling addiction. Home,car,job & family.

432	3121	Yes	I have been to casinos with friends/family therefore it is not a case of not having entered a casino. I have close family members with gambling addictions in another city who have access to and attend a casino (Gatineau). The financial impact on the families has been devastating and unless you see that first hand you have no idea of the potential repercussions of bringing such a venue to a city. Additionally my concern is the loss of government oversight with the new private ownership model. Let's not fool ourselves into thinking that that does not bring other problems along with it. I will be also contacting Kevin George, my councillor to voice my concerns.
433	1917	Yes	I have family members who are strongly addicted to gambling and in danger of losing their home. I do not think a casino would benefit the people of Kingston.
434	641	Yes	I have heard from a lawyer who lives in Gananoque that the number of bankruptcies increased dramatically after the casino came there. I would be concerned that the same would happen in Kingston.
435	944	Yes	I have lived in cities where there was no casino and once one was placed in the area I watched my hometown businesses go downhill; the city was starting to fill with pawn shops, dollar stores, etc. I love Kingston too much to watch it head down this same path; Casinos really don't add to the culture, history and feel of a great city. Quite the opposite.
436	2356	Yes	I have lived in Kingston for 40 years and I Love it because it is a very wholesome city with so much to offer for families and people of all ages. I feel the same about the POKer Run, that it is so opposite to the values that define our city. Gaming is a big industry and I do not think there is anything positive about it except to provide funding to the government. I do not think that a casino will provide any benefits to Kingston and if people want to gamble away their money there is a free shuttle bus to Gananoque several times a day. I am also very supportive of our downtown and I know that it is struggling to be as vibrant as it has been in the past, and I do not want anything to take away business from our downtown. Personally, I would vote against a mayor who supports a casino in Kingston
437	1260	Yes	I have not seen valid proof that a private casino has had a net positive effect on a city the size of ours.
438	3261	Yes	I have personal experience with family members who have gambling addiction with the Gananoque casino. A Kingston casino will only create a worse family nightmare. Gambling addiction DESTROYS families. Is this what we want for our families in Kingston at the cost to get more money for the City. I don't think so.

439	1637	Yes	I have struggled with a gambling addiction for many years. I received help a couple of years ago through Options for Change and am now gambling free. However, I saw the devastation that gambling brings to the gambling addict and their family and other loved ones...I have personally seen families destroyed, homes lost, and deep despair brought to those who become addicted. Therefore, as a resident and property owner in Kingston, I am strongly opposed to having a casino brought to Kingston. I firmly believe that it brings much more financial devastation and hardship than it brings economic growth. Please consider all aspects of this action and vote against a casino. thank you.
440	1304	Yes	I know of two people who developed VERY unhealthy addictions. My one buddies mother spent her last bit of money at the Gan casino. She was out of gas and he had to go there and fill the car up. He couldn't trust his own mother to use the money on gas... My own Mother started going daily and lost a good amount. She thankfully noticed her problem and stopped going.
441	2501	Yes	I recently moved to Kingston for the cultural and social aspects of the city. A large institution such as a casino is nothing more than a way to separate wealth from the middle and lower classes. It is not in the best interest of the people of Kingston. Second, Kingston has a large retired population on fixed budgets. Taking advantage of them is unethical as this is what the casino is aimed at. Third, we are just further inviting organized crime into our city when we should be doing the opposite. Last, after reviewing the survey it is obvious that the decision is already made by those who are traditionally not affected by negative aspects of the casino and who will likely be among the few that will gain.
442	3185	Yes	I regard a casino as incompatible with the image of itself that Kingston ought to be promoting. We should attract visitors for less socially destructive activities
443	2454	Yes	I see it as a waste of city property and funds.
444	460	Yes	I strongly feel that Gananoque should be allowed to continue to operate THEIR casino. Kingston had their chance for same in 1992 but rejected it.
445	2226	Yes	I think City Council needs to be thinking of ways to revitalize the downtown (a good swimming beach, for instance; encouraging everyday stores--somewhere you can buy meat, somewhere you can buy a needle and thread, for instance). I am afraid the casino will continue to hollow out the downtown and make it less pleasant for those who live and work here. We need downtown schools, not a casino--where is the political will to keep downtown schools open(especially KCVI)? Also, parking is desperate downtown--we don't need to compound the problem.

446	2954	No	I think gambling and gaming is a poor thing for a city to be supporting - Council should have some regard for the good name of Kingston, old fashioned though that concept may be.
447	1890	Yes	I think it can lead to more crimes in the city.  It is also against my cultural believes.
448	13	Yes	I think it is a waste of resources (therefore completely in opposition to our goal to be the most sustainable city in Canada) and will be damaging to our neighbours in Gananoque. They have a perfectly functioning establishment - it does not make any sense for Kingston to try and move it.
449	1044	Yes	I think it is bad for the young people can get mixed up in that and gambling additction can lead to Marriage break up. leave it in Gan where US tourists can get to it. Why take it from Gananoque where they are doing fine with it.
450	1644	No	I think it will ruin the history of kingston
451	1800	Yes	I think it would affect the atmosphere of the city in a very negative way. The problems and negative atmosphere inside the casino would spill over iinto the neighborhood and area around the casino.
452	1339	Yes	i think money could be spent on things like roadwork. id rather sink money into Gan casino if i feel the need than to continue pooring money into vehicle maintainence due to horrible road conditions.
453	2092	Yes	I think one casino in Gananoque is enough for this area, and we are over saturated with gambling options at present from online gambling and lottery tickets at every corner store, grocery and drug store.
454	2923	Yes	I think that it is immoral and a conflict of interest (because they make money and regulate) for governments to have as a source of income activities which depend on individuals weaknesses.
455	1691	Yes	I think that it would have a devastating effect on the much smaller community of Gananoque. How would Kingston feel if Gananoque did the same thing to the city of Kingston!! We already had our chance and gave it up!! Let's be reasonable!!!
456	1143	No	I think the casino in Gananoque is in jeopardy and if there has to be a casino open - it's a nice safe distance away. I think a casino will make Kingston a very seedy city.
457	150	Yes	I think the money from a casino is not money that we need. There are other industries we can attract that will not bring social problems with it.
458	1183	Yes	I think we also have a group of society that is impoverished enough and this will only add to their problems, relating to addition or friends/relatives

459	939	Yes	I think you formulate your question rather lightly. Bringing in a casino will definitely bring in organized crime, stealing, robberies and break-ins. Do you want to wreck Kingston of our serene safe hospitable environment? Gambling is a form of regressive tax. I hope you highly educated councillors will come to your senses to say no!
460	1993	Yes	I used to live in Gananoque and when they had their Casino in 2001 I left Gananoque with my family for Kingston. Now after a decade the Casino is likely to close in Gananoque. I wonder why Kingston is indulging in this type of project which can result in numerous social problems.
461	1091	Yes	I want to contribute to and live in a healthy city. Casinos are an empty source of entertainment that bring with them black market activity and cater to outside interests. Kingston is a culturally vibrant and interesting city and a casino would change the complexion of the city in a negative way.
462	2108	Yes	I will also be very worried about the Bingo Halls that will lose patrons and in turn charities that depend on Bingo money will lose out.
463	336	No	I work at the casino and like where it is located now. Kingston had a chance to have the casino 10yrs ago and opted out. Now that you've seen the amount of money the host county and town/city receives, you want in.
464	2583	Yes	I work with low income seniors and know a number of seniors already addicted to gambling of different types.
465	1974	Yes	I worry about the effect a Kingston casino will have on Gananoque.
466	3164	Yes	I would much prefer that Kingston stick to its current profile of a culturally vibrant city unlike any other in the country, with its attractive downtown, its history, its universities etc..
467	1117	Yes	I would like to see research done on how many local residents have already suffered from the OLG Casino in Gananoque. I know of two people personally that lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, their home and health from gambling addiction. It's a horrible way to make money. Kingston is better than that. I'd be ashamed if this goes through.
468	947	Yes	I would not be in favour of undermining our neighbour, Gananoque. They have had 10 years experience operating a gaming casino, and we would be stabbing them in the back, so to speak. A casino in Kingston would seriously affect them and probably close them down - not fair. We had our chance to have a casino a number of years ago and turned it down. So be it!!!
469	2020	Yes	I would rather direct funds to more important projects such as fixing the streets of princess street especially in downtown as well as expanding the airport facility. I would like to be able to fly to Ottawa or Montreal directly instead of going through Toronto.



470	3036	Yes	I would rather see the city focus on creating positive influence jobs through finding new companies to create manufacturing and R&D opportunities than through businesses that will cause more personal economic & social harm
471	866	Yes	If a Casino is a gamble at all on being an expense on the residents of Kingston then I am very much opposed to accepting on in the area.
472	268	Yes	If built in suburbs/outskirts, it could draw people away from downtown and other economic centres and would require people to drive (not env. friendly), casinos usually have large landscape footprints, using up land that could be left green, in agriculture or more sustainable development. It also encourages people to spend money they don't have or could be spending on better things, like paying down their debt or giving to charity.
473	1113	Yes	If it is opened by the highway, it won't really draw people to downtown for food and entertainment.  If the casino is strictly a slots and jack table type of deal like 1000 Islands, it really won't bring much employment or add to the character of Kingston. I think of the casinos in Halifax and Ottawa/Hull where there are restaurants and live stage performances/entertainment. The casinos become a part of the community instead of a one-stop place to drop some money. They employ many different people for different tasks other than a simple slots and jack table establishment.
474	2255	Yes	If it isn't be the waterfront, to plant another building in downtown Kingston like the K-Rock Centre is ridiculous. Talk about an eye-sore and taking away from beautiful Kingston. We'd definitely lose our place as the most romantic city in Canada.
475	3056	Yes	If Kingston gets an OLG casino then Gananoque will lose its casino.
476	347	Yes	If Kingston wants to be a "worldclass" city, surely there are other features we can offer visitors. Casinos are not prime "attractions" in the great cities of the world--Paris, London, Rome, Tokyo, Sydney, all of which I have visited and enjoyed.  In addition, I think that casinos take advantage of, and exploit, people's weaknesses and vulnerabilities. <u>A great city contributes to people's strengths, not their flaws.</u>
477	732	Yes	If the Casino is built in the downtown area, there will an additional stress on an already stressed flow of traffic on the bridge, ferry, marina also on policing & hospitals
478	2380	Yes	If the casino is located on the North Blocks it could deter potential high density residential development in that area, which in the long term could be much more beneficial to the economy than a casino. Also does a casino really fit with the 'Kingston Brand'. Do we want to be more like Niagara on the Lake and Victoria B.C. Or do want to be like Niagara Falls or Windsor?

479	1439	Yes	If we knew that it was going to be a major casino with venues, my vote would be yes. If it will be a casino like Gananoque, it is not worth it. Shows and venues and restaurants are attractive. This is the type of Casino Kingston should have....classy....let me reiterate, not like Gananoque!!
480	1808	Yes	if you are in authority to make decision please make right decesion for the future generations. casino owner will make large amount of money and leave many social problems for the city to face and fix. 80% of the revenue will come from low income familes's pockets.because these are the people who will be easily targeted,they would like to make more money to quickly solve their financial problems. surely some will win and some will loose in gambling , think about the looser and their families? you will have more gamblers,robers thieves,people with mentle illness and broken families in the end. We have to think twice before taking any action. what are we giving and leaving for our children?
481	413	Yes	Im concerned about the financial position of the lower class society, including those on government support, spending money on something that provides nothing in return. Those who have the money and would like to spend it foolishly should go to Vegas or Gananoque.
482	1122	Yes	I'm especially concerned if the casino would be located within walking distance of queens or st Lawrence college. It's our responsibility to protect vulnerable demographics - not to take advantage of them.
483	3122	Yes	I'm mainly concerned about the Gananoque Casino; it seems unfair that Kingston took a stand against a casino previously and is now reconsidering its position, which sounds like it could have a substantial and negative impact on Gananoque.
484	995	Yes	I'm not the moral police, and have no issue per se with a casino in Kingston (as a matter of fact, if there wasn't one 20 minutes away I'd be in favour of building one). What I do have a problem with is that the current casino really isn't that far, or that old. I think it's tough to justify the \$\$\$ that it will cost to build one in Kingston, especially considering our taxes will only cover 1 garbage bag come September. Plus it will mean the closure of the casino in Gan. If there was no casino close by, or the casino in Gan was old a decrepit, it would make sense to build one in Kingston, but to fork over \$5-10 million to build a casino, just to close one 20 minutes away doesn't seem like the best idea to me. And if both do somehow stay open (from what I've heard that is not an option with OLG), then neither casino will likely make enough money to justify the costs.
485	1270	Yes	Immoral, wrong, bad

486	3012	Yes	Important reasons for NOT supporting the establishment of a casino in Kingston is that a casino will lead to hightened immorality and foolish spending of ones money. It will cause much more harm than good to Kingston and we must be the city that shines not a city that promotes bad use of hard earned money. Money that is taken away from children's needs; family grocery bills and other responsibilities to one's family that will cause unnecessary negative influence in the lives of many.
487	1608	Yes	In a city with little low income housing and huge population of low income households this would be a unwise use of land space.
488	2716	Yes	In a time of economic austerity, it is unconscionable for a government to consider providing a mechanism clearly designed to help individuals part with their hard-earned money. The house ALWAYS wins. The individual ALWAYS loses.
489	2835	Yes	In cities where there are Casino's it has not been a benefit to the citizens as caller see's it only as a liability in her experience.
490	2802	No	In efforts to improve their current lifestyle many citizens who are low income/working poor are already looking to lottery tickets to win the "big prize". This is money from their budgets that may have been targeted for food, rent, etc. Having a casino within the city only increases the possibility that more citizens would spend their limited funds trying to win "bigger prizes".
491	3037	Yes	in Europe casinos cannot be built or operate any closer than 500 meters from any school or hospital. There is a casino already operating close to kingston
492	860	Yes	In my opinion Casino's are tacky, attract a different type of tourist who go to the casino, gamble, eat and drink then go home. They have no interest in our attractions or what this wonderful city has to offer. We can do better!
493	451	Yes	In my opinion the city of Kingston needs to spend our money on things a lot more important than a casino. A third bridge crossing would be a great place to start.
494	2514	Yes	Increase in addictions. Attracting "low life". Lowering the tone and reputation of our historical city.
495	512	Yes	increased crime
496	1484	Yes	Increased crime including illegal/dangerous drugs, prostitution and illegal sex-trade activity increased. All these and more would be increased exponentially. Other items to consider are family breakdown, increased alcohol addition and increased alcohol related traffic infractions (DUI) and death.
497	2681	No	Increased resource and cost burden on already stretched organizations who look after the monetary and mental health well-being of residents, due to likely increase in number of addictions and related problems.

498	2428	Yes	Increases the number of low-paying jobs for Kingstonians.
499	1408	No	Increasing city sprawl.
500	680	Yes	Influx of criminal element to Kingston
501	2021	Yes	Interesting wording in choice # 2 "GAMING" not "Gambling" can lead to addition, what a soft sell!!
502	1618	Yes	Is contrary to the culture and climate which has been developed in Kingston.
503	3193	Yes	is it morally right to allow an institution dedicated to playing odds against people's psychology into kingston? If it isn't morally right, as I believe, then why then should a such an institution be allowed to operate in this city.
504	843	Yes	It brings bad company.
505	1934	Yes	It can increase the crime rate in the city, attracting thugs, mobsters and criminals
506	2187	Yes	It can increase the crime rate in the city. It can have a negative effect on the quality of life in our lovely city. It can have a negative effect on the security of the downtown neighborhood
507	1538	Yes	IT CAN LEAD TO ADDICTION AND OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING NEGATIVELY AFFECTING FAMILIES
508	2441	Yes	it cause more harm than good
509	1821	Yes	It cheapens the city. This is such an amazing city to live in - rich with diverse culture , social movements, nature wonders and a strong focus on community. A casino does not fit in with my ideas of what makes Kingston an great place to grow in.
510	1573	Yes	It could attract the wrong sort of people to the area of the casino. It could cause bad feeling between Gananoque and Kingston communities.
511	3199	Yes	It could lead to more criminal activity in the community. It will take money out of the pockets of tourists who would spend in local stores and restaurants.
512	1736	No	It could mean the loss of tourist dollars. Some of us do not like to visit places that allow gambling. The Downtown business community does not support this. If there was any possibility of them making money from a casino being in the downtown. They would be the first to support it.
513	1646	Yes	It does not build on the character of our wonderful downtown. It delivers a blow to our neighbour, Gananoque. There is no doubt they would loose business. It will not build tourism as there are plenty of casinos from which to choose. Most of the business would come from residents within 50 miles.

514	2143	Yes	<p>It does not fit with the architecture and feeling of the city. It will be ugly and out of place.</p> <p>There is also not enough capacity in addictions services not to mention effects on Ontario Works, Children's Aid, and mental health services.</p>
515	3082	Yes	<p>It doesn't bring real tourists, it brings gamblers. Although initially there would be an increase of hotel/motel guests because of the curiosity that anything new brings to a city (novelty) this would not last and soon people visiting the casino will resort to play and lose their money (well known that more lose than win) and will not have funds to spend and visit the city. Raise in pawn shops, petty crime, addictions, and squatters stuck in town because they cannot afford to leave and see more gambling as their ultimate potential way out.</p>
516	1347	Yes	<p>It fosters the irrational belief that anyone can win.</p> <p>It attracts an undesirable section of the population.</p> <p>It sanctions the expectation that money can be acquired without working for it.</p> <p>It will eventually fall into the hands of organized crime.</p>
517	3259	Yes	<p>It goes against our vision in the strategic plan.</p> <p>This isn't something I've seen bless &amp; free communities, and support them fundamentally.</p> <p>Share their spoils- yes, but the spoils of sometimes the predominantly weaker of the society- exploited.</p> <p>I just don't think it iives with the vision for a sustainable Kingston.</p>
518	3072	Yes	<p>It goes against the city's strategic plan and sustainability plan. I think it is not a good stewardship practice to feed on the addiction of people to fund our city. Casinos stay in buisness because of addiction and the poor.</p>
519	3055	Yes	<p>It has a negative social impact on the community.</p>
520	1914	Yes	<p>It is a bit like saying that we should support arms trade so that people will have jobs. Economies need to be powered by people doing things that are useful. Anything else is an unsustainable nonsense. This will not be a positive contribution to Kingston becoming a greener, healthier city.</p>
521	2714	Yes	<p>It is a form of disguised taxation to which I am opposed.</p> <p>It is morally wrong for a government to draw revenue from the weaknesses/addictions of its citizens.</p>
522	990	Yes	<p>It is a highly socially irresponsible way of generating revenue. It is repugnant, in fact.</p>

523	2176	Yes	It is a lamentable sign of our times that we can think of a casino as an economic solution for Kingston. Let us build on traditional strengths, encouraging and publicizing our theatres, arts, educational sites and capitalizing on the depressed economy to attract more modest regional tourism. Of course that is the logical shift. I'd suggest that gardens are a huge international attraction. With so many local Master Gardeners with volunteer spirits, let's use part of Lake Ontario Park as a provincial or regional spectacular Provincial or National Garden Site. Contact me and talk about this if if you like. I garden and I've had chance European visitors photograph my place. Bring them in!!
524	441	Yes	It is a negative venture playing/preying on people's problems.
525	341	No	It is a waste of tax payers monies to build a new casino, when there is a perfectly good casino already in the area. the area cannot support 2 casinos.
526	1331	Yes	It is a well accepted statistic that people that can least afford it are those most likely to take part in gambling. It is wholly wrong for government to support encouraging such a waste. I would rather see other more socially acceptable, sustainable, modern efforts be put into play with my tax dollars to improve the city and bring tourists to such.
527	666	Yes	It is abusing vulnerable people. There was televised news discussion about the the human cost of it in New Brunswick a few years ago. It was clearly a major social danger.
528	577	Yes	It is addictive and might bring in the wrong crowd.
529	790	No	It is immoral to take people's money- to prey on people's weakness. The money that is spent there won't be spent somewhere else in the local economy
530	149	Yes	It is important not to place the casino in the downtown. The North Block is slated for housing, not gambling and parking. Housing provides taxes and enlivens the downtown. Gamblers most likely would just stay in the casino, not benefit the downtown businesses.
531	3106	Yes	It is irresponsible and immoral for governments to continually use casinos and gambling, which are basically taxes on suckers and addicts, as sources of money.
532	3029	Yes	It is is socially irresponsible. It is a tax on the poor.
533	2757	Yes	It is morally inappropriate to have a casino anywhere. Gambling is wrong and has no place in society.
534	2988	Yes	It is morally incorrect, taking money from that sector of the population that can least afford it.
535	2729	Yes	It is not a socially responsible business.
536	2000	Yes	It is not an industry that produces ANYTHING. It just moves money from those who can least afford it to others.
537	1565	Yes	It is not consistent with the historic charm and natural beauty that make Kingston a tourist attraction.

538	2260	Yes	<p>It is not fair to the other, much smaller communities (i.e. besides Gananoque) that depend on the Thousand Islands Charity Casino. While Kingston is struggling with ways to maintain revenue, so are these communities. The City of Kingston has a greater amount of resources at its disposal in order to create revenue, whereas the Leeds and Thousand Islands Township has minimal resources.</p> <p>Introducing a casino to Kingston is a band-aid solution - it will stop the bleeding, but in the end it will <u>either fall off because it is useless, or it will have to be ripped off.</u></p>
539	1080	Yes	It is not fitting for the community.
540	2670	No	It is not in keeping with the family, university town, artistic sense of community with which I associate Kingston. Kingston is one of the last small town feel cities in Ontario. Bigger is not always bigger!! Racier does not always win the race!
541	1036	Yes	It is not that gaming "can" lead to addiction and other social problems, it DOES lead to addition and other social problems. This is a simple claim of empirical fact. Casino gambling is pure economic parasitism. It drains the community (or the suckers we import as tourists) and gives back nothing that could not be had more cheaply and less harmfully. For example, if people care about entertainment, as many casino supports claim to, let's talk about how to give Kingston's already vibrant local music scene a boost rather than building a giant negative-sum gaming centre.
542	2688	Yes	It is not the \$\$ or tourist drawing card we think it might be. Kingston has the capacity to be known as both a family friendly and a 'hip' tourist region. I would like to see us work towards this status seriously and not jump at gambling dollars! I have been at conferences in Reno and Los Vegas and watched as Casino sponsored van loads of seniors (some cognitively disfunctional) are brought in at 7:30am in their pajamas for 2 hours of gambling before the general public tends to arrive. It appeared unethical but certainly within the rights of a private corporation to do. As the retirement capital of Ontario, I don't want us walking this road. I do not want to be part of a city that reaps its tax dollars off the backs of those who can least afford to loose money
543	325	Yes	It is not the kind of business/industry development I want to see in the City.
544	953	Yes	It is not what God want people to do.
545	3184	Yes	<p>It is only fair to leave the Casino in Gananoque.</p> <p>It is also not clear where the profits go from a privately owned casino. To the Trump or any other Vegas company? Are we to send the profits to the US gaming outfit in the states?</p>

546	2754	No	It is simply a waste of time and effort. Much better to work on attracting less controversial and more widely accepted forms of investment. Think about families and young people, not "easy money". Think of the Olympics! Kingston has such a good start, so do not risk this on such a questionable enterprise. (I was a resident from 1986-2005, and proud owner of two homes in K-town - take care of what you have - I hope to return one day!)
547	2760	Yes	It is sinful and wicked.
548	1434	Yes	It is socially irresponsible to intentionally take advantage of those who are most likely to go to a casino namely those from a lower socio-economic status or even those with impaired decision making faculties.  I also believe that the downtown of Kingston is a rare a precious place- so many small cities have become gutted out by suburban sprawl. We need to make an effort to support what is important downtown: independently owned shops and restaurants.  It saddens me to see the systematic ugly-fication of the heart of the city. Let's not make it worse.
549	470	Yes	It is supporting an addiction and Kingston is supposed to be a healthy sustainable city. That is what makes me proud to live in Kingston.
550	1555	Yes	it is totally dispicable to have voted against a casino, had gan proceed build their own, their economy has adapted (other businesses)to now usurp it from gan. The affect as people spend at the casino and don't spend in kingston businesses will hurt small businesses,their investments in their businesses, their employees as people spend less in their businesses and shift the dollars from individual small businesses and resturants to the new casino.
551	699	Yes	It is unneighbourly to compete with Gananoque. It buys into the OLG's strategy of pitting communities against each other.
552	1829	Yes	It is waisting people's hard earned money.
553	1836	Yes	It is well set-up in Gan, we can get there, and we would not be good neighbours in taking it away.
554	256	Yes	It isn't a matter of "bad feelings" or "competition." If the province opens a casino in Kingston, they CLOSE the one in Gananoque as mandated by the distinct "gaming zones" released this year. Kingston doesn't need the money: relatively, the city is rich. If Gananoque loses its casino, the town could die. Their Mayor has every reason to be upset that this discussion has even been instigated.
555	383	Yes	It just doesn't seem to be something that will really improve our City. Has Gananoque improved because of the Casino? How much money do they really get from it?



556	2533	No	It may be a cause of criminals or accidents
557	580	Yes	It preys on those people looking to make a quick dollar which are often those people who have no extra discretionary money. I see it as encouraging a decline in work ethic and morals.
558	3187	Yes	It preys upon the more desperate people in society and rarely leads to positive social outcomes. Besides there are already several within easy driving distance, some of which offer free bus service.
559	1402	Yes	It ruins the city's historic branding. It tragically entices students and younger citizens into destructive life patterns. It divides and destroys families.
560	1403	Yes	It seems hard on Gananoque, which has fewer sources of income than Kingston does. I'm also a bit worried about having a possible casino operated by a private, for-profit company.
561	2453	Yes	It seems inefficient to add another casino to the area.
562	174	Yes	It seems mean to undercut Gananoque's ability to continue with the casino that supports that smaller community's needs.
563	1645	Yes	It seems that most people who are into government gambling (lotterys, casinos, bingo, etc.) are people from lower income groups. The people who are least able to afford it or assess the minuscule chance of coming out ahead.
564	273	Yes	it sends the wrong message about who we are as a city.
565	1412	Yes	It simply is not the right fit for a University town. This would never wash close to Harvard or Princeton. If we want people to want to send their kids to school here this is the WRONG move. What kind of town do we really want to create here? This move will effect the legacy we leave to our children. There are MANY reasons why people choose to travel. Beauty is one of those reasons. Lets encourage people to visit Kingston for beauty NOT greed. People do not visit Paris to gamble. What reputation do we want to have as a city? And more importantly exactly what kind of travelers do we wish to attract? A university town at the end of the day should appear utterly safe. This will not accomplish that. When people from Kingston are in the mood to gamble its not a long drive to the nearest casino. If revenue must be made lets be a little more original and creative than this please? I have no issue with people wishing to gamble but people who pick where to travel BASED on if a casino is at hand are looking for a certain kind of travel experience. I for one would prefer to be a town people wish to bring their kids with them to. I would expect more for and from this town.
566	2586	No	It takes away from our neighbour's (Gan) main source of revenue. Kingston has many attractions which generates money and so is just greedy to take it from Gan. I also think it takes away from the image of Kingston being a heritage city. No need for it...
567	2077	Yes	It takes money out of a family that usually is not replaced.

568	2656	Yes	it taxes the stupid and the vulnerable it lowers the values as a society
569	3063	Yes	It tells this generation of young people that financial success does not require working, and rather then invest their money in a possible charitable cause that gives greater return on the investment of lives, that it is acceptable to just throw your money away to chance!
570	1827	Yes	It was not long ago that the Whig ended up with two stories on the same page - one about a gambler supporting his addiction by stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from a publicly supported organization dedicated to helping the mentally handicapped and the other about an equivalent amount of money that Gananoque was making from the casino. In a larger city (even one without decent public transport)more people will have easy access to the casino and this compounds the social problems, which end up costing us all money. One of the reasons I chose to move to Kingston rather than Windsor, in 1996, was because I wanted to avoid the casino's tawdriness in Windsor. As to employment opportunities, I suspect that there are Kingstonians working at the Gananoque Casino already.
571	2994	Yes	It will cause poor families to become even poorer there will be people that will spent there rent money on gambling!
572	1431	Yes	It will also be an attraction for drug dealers. There is also a potential for increased violence around this venue.
573	1925	No	It will attract a different kind of tourist, taking away from Kingston's beautiful and picturesque image.
574	2091	Yes	It will attract more problems, cost more money for Police patrols...
575	2798	Yes	It will attract organized crime almost immediately.
576	2874	Yes	It will attract the crime element of society to our downtown and discourage tourists from coming here.
577	2358	Yes	It will attract the wrong kind of people to the area. Our police can't even control a few students at Queens, much less the riff-raff a stupid casino would bring.
578	1109	No	It will be a bad influence on students (like me) who haven't been exposed to casino's prior to coming to Kingston; it will attract sketchy related undercover activities, I believe it won't have any positive influence on the city, and I would NOT feel safe AT ALL knowing there's a casino in the city. I love Kingston as a quiet peaceful small-town, and I believe a casino would destroy that.
579	2897	Yes	It will be detrimental to the downtown.

580	3233	Yes	It will be privately run and managed. Most jobs that it will create are likely to be part time and poorly paid.
581	553	Yes	It will be very difficult for the Town of Gananoque. If people can't afford to go there they shouldn't be going to any casino in Kingston.
582	555	Yes	It will cause conflict and animosity between Gananoque (whom already houses the casino and Kingston) We should support our neighbours with the already established facility. Kingston does not have a suitable space for a casino and Gan already has one in a great location, plus jobs will be lost in Gan if we open one in Kingston.
583	2998	Yes	It will cause family problems - more addictions and crime will rise....
584	3041	Yes	It will cause problems for the sector of society that can least afford to squander money.
585	1074	Yes	It will cheapen Kingston's image. It will REPEL the type of person who is drawn to Kingston for the old European-town feel. It would be like taking decades of tourism branding and flushing it down the loo.
586	2211	Yes	It will detract from Kingston's historic and artistic atmosphere. It might attract gambling tourists, but could discourage visitors who are coming to enjoy the rest of the city.
587	2397	Yes	it will effect the local business big time
588	1372	Yes	It will either shutdown Gan's casino or will be too many in one region. It is not a positive image for a city like Kingston which has so much else to offer. Casino's lead to a very seedy image and that will block real businesses from moving or growing here.
589	3026	Yes	It will erode revenue from cultural entertainment facilities and food service establishments as these services will be offered by a Casino complex at a discounted rate to their true cost in order to attract customers to the gambling venue. This will be especially problematic with private operation of the casinos.
590	3213	Yes	It will have bad effect on the whole living environment, especially in the future it is not good for our children
591	2499	Yes	It will impinge on businesses such as the K-Rock Centre (which we are already subsidizing) and the Grande Theatre, which has done an amazing job in bringing world class talent to Kingston. It will threaten local dining establishments. Not everyone wishes to walk through a casino in order to have their entertainment, either. It also will affect our neighbouring community, Gananoque. I don't feel that the benefits will outweigh the social and economic costs of having it.
592	3083	No	It will mar the character of the city as a lovely getaway, historic site, family town, and recreation destination. It will degrade severely the impression of the city itself.

593	1542	Yes	It will not add to any spending of entertainment dollars outside the casino. These are sole destination attractions; people arrive and spend their money inside the casino and then leave. There is no knock-on effect for the community. It's also a beggar-thy-neighbour policy to take a casino and major employer from Gan which will have a dramatic effect on that city's employment but marginal effect on Kingston if brought here. Kingston does not need to be known as a gambling destination, we have many other draws without this taint.
594	2381	Yes	It will put numerous people out of work in Gan. Kingston had the chance years ago to have a casino and the answer was NO. Live by the old saying "You can't go back".
595	1597	No	-it will raise taxes -it will contribute to moral decline -at time will attract unwanted elements -contributes to addictions for some
596	2515	Yes	It will result in the closing of the Gananoque Casino putting people out of work
597	2017	Yes	It will slowly eat the heart out of Kingston's downtown.
598	1500	Yes	It will split entertainment revenue away from the Grand and KRC leading to lowered revenues overall for all 3 if a casino was allowed.
599	2429	Yes	It will take away from Gan. Somthing the city already had one shot at and turned it down. Now all you see is dollars, but at what cost to the rest of Kingston?
600	415	Yes	It will tarnish the image of Kingston. It's distasteful to have / support such a thing and will lower the perception tourists and other Canadians have to the quality of Kingston. Are we just trying to create a tourist trap? Do we not care about spending money on local businesses? Casinos are rigged to have the house/casino win. If you want more tax money, then try to increase taxes.
601	705	Yes	It would attract and promote more criminal action. It would place a burden on the city to help the repercussions of gambling addiction It would create more social issues in families and personal lives
602	1623	Yes	It would be a mistake to remove the casino established in Gananoque. Unethical and can cause unhappy neighbour relations. We said 'no' ten years ago. What would have changed?
603	1948	Yes	It would be an unethical theft from Gananoque
604	2992	Yes	It would be convenient to keep the existing casino in Gananoque. It is only a 20 minute drive from Kingston.
605	644	Yes	It would be easier and more accessible for young people to attend. At present they require transportation to get to Gan.

606	2014	Yes	It would be ethically abhorrent/bereft to locate a casino here, or anywhere in Canada. The research on the negatives is absolutely clear. Similarly, the short term benefits are known and well outweighed by the short and long term negatives.
607	1005	Yes	It would be taking valuable jobs from those in Gananoque...a community that needs the business far more than Kingston does. And noone attending the casino ever spends money in town, apart from accommodations...
608	1441	Yes	It would be to close to my money! Way to easy to pop down and blow \$20.00 (which would turn out to be more like \$60.00 or more) to often. Now I head to Gan just a couple times a year. I spend NOTHING in Gan when I go to the casino. Just drive to the casino, lose my money, then drive home.
609	1052	Yes	It would be un-neighbourly to try to take Gananoque's casino, especially since Kingston rejected the chance when Gananoque chose to have it
610	1861	Yes	It would disrupt healthy family life for the participants, taking parents from their children for long periods of time.
611	2307	Yes	It would draw business away from established Kingston business's, i.e. restaurants Too many grey costs associated with the casino the most severe being addiction. There are social costs to the family, starting with absent parent(s) and funds directed away from the children/family's needs.
612	2630	Yes	it would have a huge adverse affect on the K Rock Centre
613	2873	No	It would simply help further the province's addiction to revenue from gambling.
614	2349	Yes	It would take away the already established casino in Gananoque. A privately-run casino would not bring the social benefits of the government-run casinos. It would compete with existing bars and other entertainment establishments. It's not the right fit for our City.
615	1040	Yes	it'll really trash up the city. a historical city like this.. let's keep it classy.
616	823	Yes	It's bad for social cohesion and encourages unhappy behaviours. We'd be better off with bike paths and nature trails.
617	3079	Yes	It's fine where it is. I would rather not have it in my back yard, thanks!
618	759	Yes	It's going to bring money to the casino, not to Kingston. It's going to change the character of Kingston. It will take the casino away from Gananoque where it is already established and wanted.
619	2142	Yes	it's is a lot easier to "police" unwanted activity "organised crime, drugs etc" in a smaller city, we have enough problems already in Kingston. The profits from the casino are going to the US instead of staying in Canada as the do now with the OLG

620	1107	Yes	It's not a good atmosphere to have in our community. Casinos are known for laundering money. Children of gambling parents suffer from the lack of nurture they receive.
621	607	Yes	It's not compatible with Kingston's sustainability objectives.
622	2619	Yes	It's scummy to make money off the typically poor and uneducated who visit gambling establishments. I would be ashamed to have this in my city.
623	574	Yes	It's the poor and marginalized, who can least afford it, who tend to gamble. When you can't see a way out of your financial difficulties, you take desperate measures, which is what gambling is.
624	2413	Yes	I've always seen Kingston as a very family-oriented community. By placing a casino here in Kingston, not only does it promote the unhealthy lifestyle, but would also contribute to the growing social problems in the city (homelessness, etc.) Traditionally speaking, tourists come into Kingston because of it's richness in history and culture. By putting a casino in Kingston, it would jeopardize it's traditional image and make Kingston seem somewhat trashy.
625	710	Yes	Just like the downtown arena...  It will enhance Kingston's unsavory aspects, drugs, criminals, guns, crime.  It will create a huge negative impact and I will not be a tax payer in a city that has a casino.
626	731	Yes	Kingston already has a relatively larger population of people who are financially "at risk" compared to neighbouring communities like Gananoque. If people in this at risk cohort have easier access to gambling at highly addictive machines the social problems in Kingston will multiply and cost the city more than it recoups in tax revenues.
627	151	No	Kingston already made their choice to NOT have a Casino and that is why Gananoque has it. Kingston decided to spend tons of money on the K-rock centre which was clearly a poor choice. Kingston also has way too much low income people who will spend their non deserving government money at the Casino instead of using it for what it is given to them for.
628	3086	No	Kingston can't deal with it.
629	1754	Yes	Kingston declined a casino about 10 yrs ago. Gananoque accepted it, set it up and has operated it since. To now change our stance is unprincipled and unfair to Gan.
630	3236	Yes	Kingston did not want a casino 12 years ago. Now after observing the success of the Gananoque casino - Kingston wants one. Kingston built the K-Rock Center where they (councillors) wanted it to be. I have been turned away 3 times because there was no room for my wheelchair. I wrote the mayor this concern. He did not even have the courtesy to respond or acknowledge. Leave the casion where it is - be good neighbours.

631	1598	Yes	Kingston didn't want it when Gananoque built it so don't take the business away from them now.
632	1509	Yes	Kingston didn't want the casino when it was established in Gananoque so they should leave things as they are. The citizens of Gananoque shouldn't have to worry about loosing the casino or their jobs. If the citizens of Kingston want to go to the casino they will take on of the shuttles or they will drive.
633	3039	Yes	Kingston doesn't need any more low-paying service jobs!
634	475	Yes	Kingston had its chance at a casino and passed on it. The casino went to our neighbours in Gananoque. Shame on Kingston for going after this; it is basically stealing from our neighbours! Shame, shame, shame!  I am not against gambling or against casinos, but Kingston's chance has long come and gone. It is time for Council to stop dredging up old decisions, but rather to live with them and come up with their own ideas. Ideas that don't pit Kingston against its neighbours.
635	859	Yes	kingston had its chance at a casino when the gananoque casino was built...we passed on the opportunity then. It is greedy and hurtful to our neighbors who also shop and use our merchants and facilities to gripe about it and potentially claim it now. We have a fairly vibrant decent economy going as is and dont need to squash anothers just for this chance. Also the last thing Kingston needs downtown is another hideous edifice like the Krock center ot the new base sports dome
636	2240	Yes	Kingston had their chance and didn't want it. Now they want to play in the sandbox. Too bad! Leave it to Gan. - Why detract or even force Gananoque's to close...how many casinos do we need...are we trying to be the Vegas of SouthEastern Ontario????
637	1635	Yes	Kingston had their chnace years ago but turned the opportunity down. No reason to be interferring with the revenue Gananoque is receiving from it.....GOOD for GAN.....
638	1642	Yes	Kingston has a casino - close enough - just down the road fifteen minutes  Kingston and Gananoque have a lot of things in common and need to work together to bring tourists to this area - we need to support each other, not disrupt a benefit that the other has. It is a lot harder for Gan to raise sufficent funds for things it needs.
639	1911	Yes	Kingston has a certain public image as a family-friendly tourist destination. Also, the city has a tendency to breed students then send them away b/c of lack of post-undergrad employment in the area. Money should be funnelled into providing sustainable employment.

640	357	No	Kingston has a large demographic that is living at or below the poverty line. It is not supportive of these individuals and their families to install a casino which may lead to greater detriment in some of these homes. Not only may this cause greater debt, but may cause greater stresses in mental issues, family finances, and schools. I do not think it would be responsible of the city to add a casino. Casinos are built in such a way that most of the time, people are at odds to lose money. I suggest the city look to other ways to spend that money responsibly in building up the city.
641	723	No	Kingston has a lot of integrity as a charming, historic city. Installing a casino seriously detracts from its beauty.
642	869	Yes	Kingston has a strong and charming history/scenic downtown that attracts tourists. We don't want Kingston to be known as just another city with a casino. If it is on the out skirts of town, it just draws away from the downtown, local businesses etc.
643	2640	Yes	Kingston has a unique socio- / socio-economic representaton due to the portion of the population directly related to the proximity of the penitentiaries - social problems created by casinos would quickly be intensified...
644	634	Yes	kingston has a VERY high welfare rate and gambling is just too tempting for those already disadvantaged. They along with others are spending \$\$\$ on a dream that is just to costly. It's already been proven one's chances of winning the BIG one virtually nil!!! and that includes lottery tickets.
645	385	Yes	Kingston has a very large population of people living in poverty. Currently, the nearest casino is out of reach of those who have no car. Putting this kind of hyped-up temptation so close to everyone will increase gambling behaviour, which is associated with addictive behaviour. do the math
646	3157	Yes	Kingston has a vibrant downtown and the casino could take too much business away from the downtown core irregardless of location of the casino.
647	2648	Yes	Kingston has an already impoverished community. This I believe would being doing a disservice to those that are marginalized.
648	1783	Yes	Kingston has branded itself as a beautiful and serene tourist destination. The addition of a casino will detract from this image. For many of the same reasons it is a prime living destination for retirees most of whom won't want to live in a casino town.
649	3078	Yes	Kingston has enough "party atmosphere" problems with the Queen's U. students, without multiplying the throw-away-your-money and party tendency and making our city's reputation worse than it has been. It will be the children who suffer the lack of control of parents who gamble away everything. Let's protect our most valuable resource: the next generation.
650	2734	No	Kingston has enough of a bad name for unruly students and this will solidify such bad name.



651	364	Yes	<p>Kingston has enough social problems to deal with already; the temptation for additional addiction and social problems that will be created with a casino will compound. The compounding of existing social problems is not clearly indicated in the suggestions in Question #5 above.</p> <p>The City of Kingston is trying to establish a persona of a city with a dynamic lifestyle, arts, culture and entertainment (or at least that is what the Kingston Life magazine portrays)...a casino will reduce the validity of this persona. It is highly unlikely that the word 'casino' will be associated with 'culture'. You can't have your cake and eat it too!</p> <p>The reasons listed above in Question #3 for the support of a casino are really just a rephrase of only one overall reason and that is 'increased revenue for the city'. Note that even the reduced costs for travel for local residents means the ability for Kingston residents to spend more money). Not one of the reasons for supporting a casino in Kingston suggests that there might be added value for supporting the dynamic culture, lifestyle, arts and or entertainment that Kingston is starting to get well known for. Don't ruin the hard work that has been put forth in this persona development.</p> <p>If a casino was built here in Kingston, it would also take away clientele from the casino in <del>Cap. you're robbing from Peter to give to Paul. Cap is our next door neighbor, respect those</del></p>
652	193	Yes	Kingston has no business stealing casino revenue from our neighbour, Gananoque, by competing for the same business. I have no doubt a Kingston casino would spell the death of jobs and revenue sharing at the 1000 islands casino.
653	1276	Yes	Kingston has no business STEALING from Gananoque.
654	626	Yes	Kingston has not suffered through not having a casino. This will lead to a number of problems in the community. The money would be better spent investing into the youth of our community to educate them on ways to earn money that give a return 100% of the time based on effort rather than chance (I am 26 years old). Teach our community to invest into our people, providing grants and funding for people who otherwise could not get an education.
655	400	Yes	kingston has so many great qualities, so many talented people, and therefore such great potential for excellent tourism ideas and revenue. gambling is an unimaginative and an utterly unhealthy entertainment industry to bring in. kingston councillors certainly have more imagination and integrity than to allow this.
656	596	Yes	Kingston has so many other opportunities to increase revenues - Gananoque does not. The casino is it's major revenue-maker and they need it, far more than Kingston. It is not right that we now turn around to our small neighbour and say 'tough' because we've now changed our mind

657	646	Yes	<p>Kingston has so many wonderful historical attractions, and natural beauty attractions that have been developed and are still being developed. A casino would detract from that in many ways. It is not an image that I would want to see start. It would also detract from those attractions that have already been established. It would most certainly take revenues from them because people have a certain amount of disposable income for a vacation destination.</p> <p>For residents that would use the facility there would also be an impact of the social problems that arise from gambling. With the demographic that includes a larger percentage of released offenders than most we would be promoting a very unhelpful institution (especially those who have served time for crime related to or resulting from gambling addiction)</p>
658	2910	Yes	<p>Kingston is a beautiful full City, a moderately safe and friendly place to raise a family. A Casino is not just gaming center, it brings with it a lot of things, as mentioned before addictions, social problems; these things can lead to more broken homes. Let's keep Kingston, the beautiful, family friendly and safe City it is. There is already a Casino a short drive away, no need to put another in Beautiful Kingston. Thank You.</p>
659	2643	Yes	<p>Kingston is a beautiful historic city which attracts tourists from all over the world. A casino would only denigrate the image of the city. Gananoque has a successful casino which is important to their tourism. Kingston which has so much more to offer has no right to take it from them. This proposal (casino) has been put before council several times before and council has had the good sense to turn it down. Clearly the vast majority of citizens of Kingston are opposed to this type of enterprise. Our present council would do well to listen to them or face the consequences at the next election.</p>
660	2984	Yes	<p>Kingston is a beautiful town and a casino would detract fm the present attractions of the city, such as a vibrant downtown, beautiful waterfront, many homegrown shops and restaurants. A casino would cheapen the appeal of Kingston.</p>
661	1622	Yes	<p>Kingston is a classy town... not a gambling one. There is a casino already so close to Kingston that it's redundant.</p>
662	1881	No	<p>Kingston is a great city to raise a family. Let's not give easy access to gambling to families!!</p>
663	507	Yes	<p>Kingston is a great place to live - it's safe, prosperous, and beautiful. A casino would add a "tacky" element that would reduce my overall opinion of the City. I have been to casinos before and often a lot of the people there appear to be those who can least afford to be losing money playing games. Casino revenues, like lotteries, are a tax on lower income households. Their addictive quality can convince people to spend money on games, even when it involves shortchanging their budget for essential items - food, shelter, education, clothing, time with family and friends.</p>

664	2546	Yes	Kingston is a historical-based tourist destination. The addition of a casino will take away from the beauty and wonder that exploring the city has to offer. People will come to spend money in a dark and loud adult-based venue and completely ignore the rest of the city.
665	1427	Yes	kingston is a small quiet residential city, where we have a lot of seniors and children.
666	463	Yes	Kingston is a unique city, as we have so many prisons in our area. Many of these inmates have chosen to live here, and a large proportion have addiction problems. It is also a problem for violence against women. In London Ontario the womens' shelters noticed when the casino was opened there they had an influx of trafficked women. My concern also would be private owners of the casino would pay minimum wage and not have the best interest of our city in mind. The bottom line for them would be profit.
667	3034	No	Kingston is a University town and parents send there kids here thinking they will be safe. This could cause gambling issues and crime in our city.
668	735	Yes	Kingston is aiming to be a sustainable city and casino's are not even remotely "green." I also think it will take money away from local businesses if people go wasting away their income at a casino.
669	1184	Yes	Kingston is already socially stratified, and this leads to social discontent and crime. A casino would worsen the problem because casinos tend to make money on those from the lower economic sectors who can ill afford to gamble, but are tempted to do so because of the prospect of sudden escape from their poverty. We know already that the odds are stacked against the gambler; that's how casinos make a profit. A few people get rich, while most are made unhappy. So while a casino markets the fulfillment of dreams, what it delivers, more often than not, is bitter failure. In their net effect, casinos are pernicious machines for creating misery.
670	3203	Yes	Kingston is an historic city and a casino would detract from the great reasons we have for people to visit here
671	1212	Yes	Kingston is an historic city with wonderful architecture and a caring populace for its beauty and heritage. A casino (especially in downtown Kingston) would be a blight on the city. What a pity. Politicians who think that this low-class way of raising money is appropriate to Kingston should move to Niagara Falls.
672	3195	No	Kingston is an important historical city in Canada. A casino will cheapen and diminish it's aesthetic charms and disrupt it's social fabric.

673	2604	Yes	Kingston is famous for being an historical town. Having a casino does not fit with this image. Glaring lights and big signs don't go with limestone and the quiet of a lakeside setting.  I am very concerned what gambling could do to our society. It will take money from people who can least afford it.
674	3177	Yes	Kingston is known for its beautiful architecture and grassroots artistic concentration. The cultural and aesthetic value inherent in our community is what makes Kingston so attractive and appealing to residents and tourists. Our community would be adversely affected by the addition of an ideal that is diametrically opposed to that which makes Kingston so special.
675	2715	Yes	Kingston is not, and has never been, THAT kind of city. Please do not change it.
676	1239	No	Kingston missed its opportunity years ago. Gananoque did not and have reaped the benefits. Why shut their's down and spend millions to open one here? It doesn't make any sense.
677	2958	Yes	Kingston residents already made their wishes known and I see no reason to reopen the issue. The burden on families, social services and volunteer organizations (like Gamblers Anonymous) will be enormous and impact the fabric of life in Kingston
678	2026	Yes	Kingston should not pursue a Casino at the expense of Gananoque's Casino. We had our chance years ago and seeing how successful Gan's casino has been is not a reason to try and grab a piece of the pie
679	822	No	Kingston was appose to it years ago when it was built in Gananoque and now all of a sudden they want it. What about all the people that work at the casino now? will their jobs be transferred to the new location if it is built up here in Kingston.
680	275	Yes	Kingston was given the chance to have a casino before the casino in Gananoque was around and I don't think it is right that they see the way Gananoque has benefited from the casino being there and now wants to take it away from Gananoque to benefit for themselves. I think it is plain selfish and I wouldn't support it
681	972	Yes	Kingston won't be as safe and pleasant as it has been.
682	3183	Yes	Kingston's council and its citizens decided not to have a casino back when this opportunity first came up, which is likely a big reason why Gananoque went ahead with their decision to have it. It would be terribly unfair (and insulting)to Gananoque to change our minds now.
683	3152	Yes	Kingston's downtown area should continue to promote its historical aspects and a casino doesn't fit with that. If a casino is considered, it must be outside the downtown area as a separate destination.

684	2625	Yes	Kingston's historical importance, historic sites like Fort Henry, natural beauty and local charm are very attractive to visitors; and a casino would diminish, not increase, that appeal. Let Gananoque attract the gamers, who may still come over to Kingston to see our beautiful city anyway.
685	1271	Yes	K-Rock Centre has been a money-losing disaster, despite all the glowing promises, which sounded very much like the current enticements for the casino. We don't seem to learn. An American gaming company will not care about Kingston's heritage - or its citizens. No, no, no.
686	3027	Yes	KRock Centre is a perfect example of an irrational move, wasting taxpayers money and definitively not helping to regenerate downtown Kingston, that is slowly dying...
687	638	Yes	K-Rock Centre is a disaster...the city needs a THIRD crossing BEFORE it contemplates ANY additional major projects. The argument that these facilities bring in revenue is a complete joke. Furthermore, what a completely unethical position this would be towards nearby Gananoque. If Kingston had a casino, Gananoque would lose. I think it speaks volumes about the integrity of council that they are even talking about a casino.
688	2186	Yes	lack of focus of the population to the downtown, increase sprawl to the west or east end.
689	220	No	Lack of space, Gananoque casino is also very close as it is. Should have done it before Gan did, now it would be a waste of money. Two casinos are not needed at such a small distance.
690	1502	Yes	Leave it in Gananoque, improve the race track in Kingston!!!
691	3175	Yes	Leave it in Gananoque.....do not take away jobs already there. We passed it up!!
692	1589	Yes	leave it in Gananoque, it's close enough.
693	3267	Yes	Leave it in Gananoque. It's far enough away that the effects are only on the habitual gamblers.
694	2151	Yes	Leave the casino in Gananoque as it will attract more Americans since it's closer to the border, rather than building one in Kingston.
695	656	Yes	Leave the casino in Gananoque where it should be. It's a ten minute drive from Kingston and should be left where it is. Kingston does not need a casino.
696	2259	Yes	LEAVE THE CASINO IN GANANOQUE!! WE DIDN'T WANT IT WHEN IT WAS OFFERED AND NOW WE DO BECAUSE IT IS A MONEY MAKER!?! SHAME!! GAN DESERVES TO KEEP THEIR CASINO! THEY DESPERATELY NEED THE JOBS & REVENUE!!

697	975	Yes	<p>Legalise bad behaviour.</p> <p>Encourage greed in the society - reward without effort.</p> <p>Bad influence for the younger generation.</p> <p>Encourage other illegal activities (eg, money lending, thef, etc) as the side effects.</p> <p>Gambling is the 'day dream' game for the poor to become rich and for the rich to show off their wealth.</p> <p>Societal emotional/mental problem can be worsened by the establishment of the casino. Because people would go for the wrong place for solution of their problem through escapism and craziness.</p> <p>Mental/emotional problem is more dominant in the society, not about revenue or income. Only through proper health care and learning to love each other genuinely can solve our problems.</p>
698	2050	Yes	<p>Let Gananoque continue to run their casino. The money they receive is from a government run operation. A private company will concentrate on profit for themselves and would not be so generous in sharing.</p>
699	333	Yes	<p>Let me count the ways..... a casino in the heart of downtown Kingston where there is little parking as it is seems shortsighted at best. The K Rock centre already has parking at a premium. There have got to be more options than plunking it downtown. Why not on land closer to the 401 - the old race track for instance. To clog up the downtown area is not practical and we already have a casino a short 15 minute drive away.</p>
700	3179	Yes	<p>Let us avoid a tacky, scruffy tourist town. Let us go with the historic aspect of Kingston. Clean the place up. Absolutely nothing redeeming about a casino or its clientele. They will not particularly spend money in other businesses around town. Busloads of gamblers will come in and leave the city without staying. Look at Orillia casino.</p>
701	1834	Yes	<p>Let's face it, a Casino is really just an easy way of taking money away from people who are often desperate and don't have the money to loose.</p>
702	2383	Yes	<p>Let's face it, the cons outweigh the pros, why go into competition with already established casinos near Kingston. It opens the doors for all kinds of criminal activities in the city, not just to mention the damage that could be caused by disgruntled gamblers in the city. Gambling addiction becomes an issue especially without programs to counter it(also paid by us...the taxpayer).</p>
703	427	No	<p>Let's make Kingston more family friendly, or it will soon be full of retirees, and Queens student. This is not appealing for vacationers.</p>
704	1913	Yes	<p>Let's not be greedy. We've got several establishments that are new that aren't doing well as expected. Let's move on. Taxes are high enough.</p>

705	58	Yes	let's see... loan sharks to prey on gambling addicts. Prostitution ... children and families suffering as a result ... It is not called a "stupid tax" for nothing...
706	3013	No	let's stop it now, our future depends on strong family ties, that are ever getting less time...internet, electronic everything..., our children don't need this as an example of a strong lifestyle, we have great facilities for sport recreation and arts, let's build a strong community, not an addictive one. Finances are #1 argument/stress in husband and wife...let's not add to it Kingston!!
707	1788	Yes	Life is more than a cheap thrill. Take a stroll through any casino and look at the per centage of desparate people spending their money who can't afford to be there in the first place or simply cannot pull themselves away from the machines. Is this what society has come to?
708	203	Yes	Location! Where would it go? The area around the Krock centre is jammed with traffic constantly. The Casino in Gan has lots of parking and is conveniently placed. Tell me where, in Kingston, this would be placed?
709	2027	Yes	looking at other cities Casino does not increase merchants business only the casino makes money no one else, in fact business tends to decrease with the arrival of casino
710	2831	No	Loss of charity casino in area may result in less revenue for charities and more involvement of Mob and crime. Loss of revenue for local entertainment and restaurants. Many seniors go to casinos and waste their low incomes, so more dependent then on food banks etc. Take a look at faces in Gan casino - a lot of desperate unhappy people wearing diapers and afraid to leave their machines.
711	331	Yes	Lots of activities can lead to addiction and social problems so I don't believe that that, would be a reason to oppose the casino. To me a casino is garish, morally bereft and undignified. I would never tell anyone not to frequent a casino, it is not my place. But I certainly do not want that culture to be displayed on princess street. To me a casino has no more class then a strip joint. Same family. If one likes to frequent such places, then do so, but not in full view of young people who might be influenced. Lets not pretend it is just harmless entertainment, because, truth be told, it is not.
712	3011	Yes	Lots of research has been done in other cities with casinos that demonstrates that casinos actually bleed money from a community instead of contributing to the local economy and health of residents. We should learn from the mistakes made by other municipalities.
713	1633	Yes	Low staff salaries based on minimum wage.
714	782	Yes	MAIN CONCERN IS THAT PEOPLE WOULD BECOME ADDICTED TO GAMBLING.

715	2082	Yes	Main reason: There are a lot of post secondary institutions here. I think it's a very bad idea for broke students away from home for the first time to have easy access to gambling facilities. I'm sure many of their parents will consider this as well when choosing a university or college. Other reasons would be: Bankruptcy, poverty, corrupt values, false sense of something for nothing, demotivation...
716	3127	Yes	Many business people in the Gananoque area have not seen an increase in their "bottom line" - just ask them
717	745	Yes	Many coucillors have decided before hearing from the public they represent. We have no idea of the location or type of casino before the Aug 8 vote.
718	1475	Yes	Many of our residents already live within the poverty level and would be enticed by the lure of easy money. More trouble for us than it would be worth.
719	1776	Yes	many people can't treat a casino (gaming) as a form of entertainment, and lose control searching for that magical "win" . "THE HOUSE ALWAYS WINS"
720	683	Yes	Many people on fixed resources are tempted to risk funds they cannot afford to lose for a chance to win big....loss of such necessary resources brings all sorts of other problems and increased stressors into family life. Please turn down a casino in Kingston.
721	774	Yes	Many people on lower incomes use bingo as a form of entertainment this is gaming within a certain level of cost. The casino would put these folks in the position of losing larger sums of money and lead to more costs to the tax payers in the end.
722	707	No	May resort to criminal activity to fund gaming addiction. Will result in increased social & health costs to all Ontarians to support those with addictions.
723	986	Yes	Maybe the city should consider investing the money in its cultural institutions instead!
724	1130	Yes	Misguided role of government in procuring operating revenue - taxation needs to be more progressive
725	276	Yes	Money could be better spent on industries that do not have a negative impact on the public and thier health
726	1458	Yes	Money should not be brought in to our City through a means that will cause addiction and other problems for some of its residents (and residents of neighbouring communities).
727	1990	Yes	Moral issues
728	285	Yes	Moral issues of spending your money on something that is useless. Is their proof that the casino brings Gananoque much revenu?
729	1996	Yes	Moral reasons
730	1883	No	Moral reasons -- there are far better causes that need our attention



731	3001	Yes	Morally it ruins families and marriages,by getting into debt and fights within the home. Put a bad name on a beautiful city. i would not consider to tell people to visit as much with one here where i own a home.
732	2850	Yes	morally my family stands against gambling of any kind and does not want that to be apart of our city's landscape and the type of people it will draw. Gambling has destroyed many families and our family will stand firm against this in our city.
733	981	Yes	moraly to take it away from Gananoque is terrible. Kingston passed on the offer once and therefore should accept the decision. Gambling is a huge tax on the poor.
734	2451	Yes	More crime & burden to social assistance
735	240	Yes	More opportunity for local residents, who can least afford this type of entertainment, to squander their assistance benefits, small incomes, short pensions, etc.  A casino with a restaurant, bar, and its other amenities will adversely affect on local businesses.
736	2319	Yes	more places to sell alcohol, more people staying out all night, sleeping all day. More people in debt, more people having no money.
737	1766	Yes	Most of the money passing through the casino will be funnelled out of Kingston, yet this city will be saddled with the social costs for many years to come. We already voted NO years ago. Let Gananoque and Leeds and the 1000 Islands keep it!
738	2615	Yes	Most of the profit made by the casion will leave this area.
739	1512	Yes	Most people come to Kingston to work, play and retire and to have a safe, enjoyable and culturally rich community. A casino will detract from that richness. A casino adds nothing to a community except a lowering of economic and social standing and distress for the poor, the unemployed and the students. The economic benefit is almost non existent. Profits from the casino will flow across the border.
740	2765	Yes	Most people lose at casinos, therefore they will not have money for rent, mortgage, food, or support their families in other ways. It adds to the breakdown of families.
741	166	Yes	Most people who attend these establishments have a gambling problem.
742	1530	Yes	Moving the casino from Gananoque to Kingston could potentially cause strained relations with our neighbour.
743	523	Yes	Much more crime because it won't be Ontario Government Operated, it will be private enterprise and not likely even controlled by union interests which at least protect employees.

744	2957	Yes	<p>Municipalities should concentrate only on services they provide to citizens. The City of Kingston should be content to pay for these services through reasonable tax rates and user fees. What it cannot afford it should not aspire to offer.</p> <p>A casino is not a service but a money maker, and a flawed one at that. Should the casino become a necessary means to pay for services the City could not otherwise afford the City would then have an addiction of its own.</p> <p>Do NOT go down this road please</p>
745	531	Yes	<p>My experience -- Windsor, Atlantic City -- the presence of a casino tends to create a deserted, bleak wasteland around the casino (the casino moves mightily to get all people into the casino -- restaurants, entertainment, etc -_and KEEP THEM THERE_ It is a highly mistaken idea that a casino boosts the local economy -- it boosts the casino owners, rarely anyone else.</p>
746	1281	Yes	<p>my father in law committed suicide dur to gambling addiction</p>
747	3148	Yes	<p>My one and only reason for NOT supporting a casino in Kingston is the fact that Gananoque would lose their casino, therefore losing revenue for their restaurants, hotels, and retail stores. We in Kingston, being a larger community, are fortunate to have many more employers, post secondary institutions and attractions that encourage spending in our city. To take this from Gananoque would just be inexcusable.</p>
748	2252	Yes	<p>My parents and their friends are having money trouble enough with there being one in Gananoque; Shame on all for thinking of taking advantage of Kingston the same way.</p>
749	2215	Yes	<p>My view is that this activity is an entirely reprehensible means of obtaining revenue. It should not, under any circumstances, be positively supported by a municipality.</p>
750	3110	No	<p>Myself, growing up in Kingston, feels that Kingston should focus on bringing more music, and art to the City. If someone were to ask me, why should i go to Kingston, the last thing I would want to say is because we have a casino. I believe what draws people to Kingston is the music, amazing food, and the history Kingston lies on. Building a casino would only draw Kingston farther away from it's roots and cause more social problems. As hard is it mite seem, money isn't everything. I'm strongly against supporting the establishment of a casino in Kingston.</p>
751	3227	Yes	<p>Namely that Gaming can lead to addiction and other social problems. Those who play in casinos are generally those who cannot afford to.</p>
752	2539	Yes	<p>Need to increase police presence. Organized crime involvement. This idea was turned down EMPHATICALLY in 1993 or 4 gy the then 3 councils of the region. Please don't continue!!!</p>

753	1108	Yes	<p>Negative social impact is an important factor in NOT supporting the establishment of a casino and it was very well articulated at this evening's meeting. Furthermore, this city has more than its share of social problems to deal with given the significant number of families that move here to be with their loved ones in prison and the parolees.</p> <p>The casino will create employment and generate tax revenues, however, I have not seen any documentation that these will be net increases. The only studies that I have seen indicate that the establishment of a casino will be at the expense of existing businesses.</p> <p>How many net jobs would there be if employees of the Gan casino simply work at the proposed casino?</p> <p>Significant municipal tax dollars were invested into the K Rock centre and the Grand and I understand that they continue to require our tax dollars to operate. If a casino is established, it will offer headliner shows that will compete directly with these venues and therefore they will require even more subsidy.</p>
754	2005	Yes	no
755	478	Yes	no
756	1614	Yes	No casino for Kingston. It leads to gambling addiction
757	794	Yes	<p>No reasons whatsoever. I'm strongly opposed to this. City Council refused to listen to residents a decade ago and voted agnst it. We don't, 10 years later, take advantage of and abuse our neighbours in Gananoque by deprive them of a casion they were willing to design, open and operate successfully for this long period of time. Kingston neglected to pay attention to their city voters 10 years ago, this time we want city council to finally pay attention to Kingstonians and turn this opportunity - leave it with Gananoque who were smart enough and brave enough to challenge and tackle it a decade ago. Let Kingston and our City Council demonstration repect, integrity and intelligence in this political move.</p>
758	2936	Yes	No spinoff for local businesses, increased costs for social programs/policing.

759	3207	Yes	<p>None of above I noted for a casino in Kingston 10 years ago and was rejected. Gananoque has a casino and so we don't need 2 and it's unfair to close Gan.</p> <p>I am opposed to so many casinos. If someone can't travel to Gananoque to gamble then they shouldn't be gambling here. I think 1 casino in cities over 1,000,000 is ok and others in smaller centres as long as they are 200KM apart from each other. Kingston had its chance and blew it so I'm definitely against it now.</p>
760	1362	Yes	Not a sustainable long-term growth contribution to Kingston nor a healthy one
761	2489	Yes	<p>Not enough info from the Ontario Gov't. Seems Ontario may be saturated with casinos with no guidelines for returns.</p> <p>Also, Kingston didn't want it first time around. Not fair to Gananoque now.</p>
762	1900	Yes	Not good for raising kids and youth in a city that supports gambling casinos
763	1988	Yes	Not good for the spirit of nice town like Kingston
764	2860	No	<p>Not only can people lose their houses, spouses, children and jobs due to gambling addictions, the government will have to step in and provide them with welfare, housing, etc...churches and volunteers will be feeding them and keeping them off the street. It won't be tourists spending their money there, it will be Kingstontians. Plus, Gan casino is a half hour away. A casino can easily put theirs out of business and cause poverty and other social issues in Gan. They are our neighbours and shouldn't be treated like that.</p>
765	2973	Yes	<p>Not only residents could be spending \$ at casino rather than elsewhere, but visitors/tourists too. When a tourist comes to town and wants to gamble at a large (as expected) casino, they are not in stores, museums, restaurants etc. So a lot of smaller places are hurt. And jobs lost.</p> <p>I also think that having a large casino here takes away the image of Kingston that I think a majority of residents would like to have promoted. So even if some jobs are created I think we will have lost something in stature.</p>
766	2348	No	NOT worth it - social cost and long term spending need will not outweigh the fast profit
767	2055	Yes	Numerous surveys have shown Local governments always lose in the long run
768	1887	Yes	Of course!!! Kingston is a city of students and baby boomers. Obviously they both will have negative impact out of it!!!!

769	2886	Yes	On a matter of principle, I think that the rejection of a casino bid ten years ago by the City of Kingston should be upheld. I think that Gananoque took a leap of faith in accepting the bid and should continue to reap the benefits of their efforts. In addition, I think that the location of the current casino on the outskirts of Gananoque is well suited for the purpose and keeps the "temptation" far enough away from pedestrians that it reduces some of the inherent risk of a community casino. I think that a downtown Kingston location for a casino is "trouble waiting to happen".
770	2295	Yes	On the list of "positives" you list that it will attract business and investment. There is no proof of that. Pure speculation by land owners which seems to be one reason hiding in the background of this proposal.
771	2061	Yes	Once the city decides to accept revenues from gambling, the city begins to RELY on gambling revenues. The Province is already in this situation with the OLG; the municipality should NOT go down the same path. Once gambling revenues are included within the budget they will be relied upon forever. It is a decision we can NEVER turn back from.
772	30	No	One in Gananoque with a shuttle between Kingston and Gan, no need.
773	1875	Yes	One of the main reasons I am opposed to this is the fact that Casino are linked to excess crime, and while Kingston boasts good and positive trending in terms of crime, this could potentially destroy that. Having lived downtown for so much of my time in Kingston, I have seen and have lived in very poor living standards and the casino will be homing beacon for these exact type of people making it even harder for them to continue supporting their families. The casino will raise crime levels the same way oxycontin and other addiction based epidemics did, the only way to avoid this is by <u>avoiding the casino.</u>
774	3252	Yes	One of the unique positive features about Kingston is its vibrant downtown area. I fear a casino, especially in the downtown core, would greatly detract from this. I think fewer people would go strolling around an area where there is a casino with all of its perceived or real threats.
775	2704	Yes	ontario does not need another casino, particularly so close to an existing one, it is a zero sum game with little net benefit. government dependence on gambling revenues is as much a disease as addiction to gambling
776	282	Yes	organized crime and associated problems
777	619	Yes	Organized crime, prostitution, assaults ALL increase
778	1699	Yes	Other businesses in the city may be affected adversely by a casino. There could be more crime in the city associated with a casino. There is already one in Gananoque.

779	668	Yes	Other options can and should be explored to develop Kingston and draw businesses, tourists and new residents to the area. Let's keep Kingston as a family-friendly city, a big "draw" to new residents and a big "plus" for current homeowners.
780	1912	Yes	Other than financial gain or loss ,what kind of society do we want to create? one that depends on easy money that leads to addiction and broken homes or clean society that strive to work to build a clean one
781	399	Yes	Our "image" as a city needs to be considered: the city is working on a Cultural Tourism plan and I don't see gambling fitting in to that -- also, to emphasize the second bullet above, there's an ethical dimension: I don't want the poor to be subsidizing our town -- it's a regressive tax, in effect.
782	2098	Yes	Our city is a tourist attraction place and having a casino here will cause an increase in crime and addiction and also will have an impact on our children and family life.
783	768	Yes	Our downtown is becoming vibrant again, with small business owners. Don't stunt their growth!
784	1731	Yes	Our vision of Kingston and the place we live in does not include a casino. Kingston is a historic town with deep culture. It should build its identity on history, culture and not become a nondescript city which has no unique identity. Please do not add another eye sore to our historic city. Instead preserve its heritage and history.
785	545	Yes	Overpopulated surrounding area. Transience. Locally owned and operated businesses could suffer because spending would be allocated elsewhere. I believe our beautiful City is better than that; and I'm saddened to hear that the casino is even being considered
786	2708	Yes	Parents of prospective students wishing to attend Queens and/or St Lawrence College will not want their children in a community with a casino.
787	2866	Yes	Parking is already a nightmare downtown, with the addition of the arena on event nights it is worse and now with the possibility of a casino. Spending occurs inside the casino not in downtown restaurants, people get inside and do not usually leave and come back. This why there are usually no windows or clocks. Casinos do not want the players to keep track of time or realize it is a beautiful day outside.
788	2840	No	PARKING PARKING PARKING k-ROCK CENTRE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE

789	791	Yes	Parking. Look at the size of the lot in Gananoque. Where in Kingston would you be able to have a parking lot that size, including parking for tour buses, especially if the City is contemplating building the casino in downtown Kingston?
790	2500	Yes	Particularly because it will be a private casino, there are no benefits to the City of Kingston. at least with Charity ones our local progams benefit...but if you look at the stats amongst kingstonians with an addiction to gamblinng, you are looking at approx 5,000 kingstonians who will be negatively effected by this. I would like to see what the effects of the Gan casino is...rumours of bankruptcy rates, people losing their houses, etc. have increased quite significantly and doesn't that cost the city more in the long run? I think there are a million other ways to bring more tourism to Kingston than providing a past time that is so prevelant to addiction and does nothing for your mental or physical health. Lets look at options like special weekend package rates for tourists including our local restaurants, hotels and tourism features...that will bring more people to our city and for a healthier reason than GAMBLING!!!
791	3217	Yes	Patrons won't spend outside casino, in our community.
792	2378	Yes	People are losing their jobs, homes and families because of gambling.
793	3116	No	People have enough problems with spending habits and making a casino accessible will lead to more problems
794	152	Yes	people may come to town to gamble and simply stay in the casino, not venture into the city.
795	567	Yes	People thought the lvec was a great idea too.
796	3226	Yes	People who cannot afford it will spend there money and hurt both themselves,their families ; and it will lead to an increase in crime .
797	3	Yes	People who least can afford to lose money at the casino will have easier access. Gambling addiction affects society as a whole.
798	2513	No	Personally, I despise casinos and everything about them. My parents, married for 54 years, just split after many years of torment, lying, deceit and sneaking around. My mother couldn't take it anymore. They are 74 and 72 years old. What a waste! Dad blew anywhere from 100 to 150 thousand dollars from their retirement fund and mom didn't know any of this was happening until about 7 years ago. She finally took a stand and left after many times of trying to rebuild trust and then finding out he had lost yet another \$5,000 when he had told her he was visiting a friend for a few hours (only one of many lies and scenarios he would make up to cover up his addiction). She finally just gave up and is now living on her own.
799	61	Yes	Personally, I feel that there's many other things that Kingston could be spending money on to attract tourists. Also, I feel that making the casino in Gananoque shut down because Kingston has now realized that getting in on THAT casino would have been prosperous is positively deceitful. It's certainly not going to pull any people from Gananoque to Kingston, that's for sure.

800	2300	Yes	Placing a massive energy hog anywhere near Kingston severely contradicts the vision Kingston has stated to be the "Most Sustainable City in Canada". Just because the wind farm produces a lot a renewable energy doesn't mean we should waste it. If people have a need to gamble, they can go to Gananoque to the Charity Casino.
801	2049	Yes	Please see letter containing 12 points sent to Daniel Shipp by email & hand delivered to City Hall.
802	1939	Yes	Policing costs will go up. Jobs that are created are not high paying jobs.
803	561	Yes	Potential for civic strife between communities--e.g.Gananoque and Kingston
804	2270	Yes	Problem gambling issues are often experienced by people who most at risk of being impacted significantly by their addiction. Populations at high risk of having problems include older adults and young people between the ages of 15 -24. Kingston has a high number of both of these groups - with the retirees and the students at the universities and colleges. A casino that is easily accessible is attractive to people and will negatively affect the quality of lives for these people.
805	1660	Yes	Profits are questionable and services may be strained in other areas. Currently, policing expenses are very high and would continue to drain services from other sections of the city. Also, think about the impact on Gananoque, our next door neighbor.
806	1045	Yes	Promotion of gambling and lotteries is promotion of a regressive tax that bear most heavily on the people who cannot afford it: the poor.
807	1771	Yes	Proven over and over - casinos lead to social problems...addictions, etc. A little bit of extra money for Kingston isn't worth the trouble!!!
808	1575	Yes	Pure greed.If money is so needed,why not just legalize prostitution,drugs,loansharks etc..put it in the very capable hands organized crime,tax it at 80%,and fill the coffers.Wait,that sounds like the Ont. gov.
809	698	Yes	Puts us in competition with Gananoque. Waste of money & resources to build a new building when one already exists in Gan. I don't think any economic advantage is worth promoting gambling. I am against making gambling easy for people - fosters addictions - there are few resources in our community to help with these addictions when they occur.



810	2782	Yes	<p>Q5 - sets pre-established biases. A casino in Kingston goes against everything we should be trying to do as a community particularly in light of our goal to be Canada's Most Sustainable City. We need to be leveraging our history, our environment, our geography and architecture as well as becoming a world class research and service focused education centre. All of this rather than preying on the weak in our society for the sake of a few extra dollars. We already have two awesome entertainment venues that would be hurt by the addition of a casino if it also offered entertainment the way casinorama does.</p> <p>Take a long look at our future in this City and hopefully you will see that a casino is not conducive to being Canada's most sustianable (and rensected) City</p>
811	1309	Yes	Q5 should have fill in the blanks..... none of those reasons are my top three..... but out of the choices.....
812	2057	Yes	Queens and Royal Military Students! Adults can not deal with the lure of east money let alone these Students.
813	2110	Yes	Quit trying to rip off Gan of the revenue a casino brings to the community. This alone shames me to be a kingstonian not to mention the corruption this will attract.
814	923	Yes	Read the Sadinsky report. Casinos fundamentally alter host communities and open the door to significant ancillary organized criminal activity. Kingston will be less diverse and more dangerous. There is also a significant duty of care issue that has not been resolved.Kingston could find itself on the hook for millions in punitive damages if it becomes party to the neglect and exploitation of those suffering from depression,, compulsive disorders and substance abuse.
815	2345	Yes	Religious. Poor will be exploited
816	2276	Yes	Removes money from the cycle which could be supporting local small businesses
817	1082	Yes	Renovations are occurring all over the city and there are many areas of Kngston that need to be upgraded and/or improved upon. The money and other resources would be better spent fixing those things.
818	3132	Yes	Reportedly it is to be built and managed by a large American gaming corporation so the profits will mainly flow to outside interests and to the Provincial government. In addition, Gananoque has been in the business for some time. Doubtless a casino here would have serious negative impact on that city and our relations with it.
819	3071	Yes	Reputation, vibe, feel, social environment... whatever you want to call it that we have in kingston. I think it would change for the worse.

820	1837	Yes	Research indicates the casino owners are mainly interested in getting as much money as they can and that is why they have their own restaurants and in some communities they even build hotels. It will hurt our business and cost the city a lot to provide increased policing, social services and counseling. You need to do your research. Find out the effect it has had in all these areas in cities which have introduced gaming; cities that have had a casino for more than ten years.
821	1023	Yes	Revenue from Gan is marginal. There will be displacement of entertainment income and no guarantee of increased tourism.
822	616	Yes	Rise of crime and prostitution
823	729	Yes	Robs families and children of a parent that they need to be at home for them and providing their needs.  Could increase the crime rate.
824	2458	Yes	Ruin the historic character of the city.
825	3182	Yes	Safety issues may occur upon the establishment of a casino.
826	1054	Yes	see above
827	377	Yes	Setting up a casino is like setting up a giant voluntary tax paying centre. I also believe it will also worsen poverty and increase crime.
828	1915	Yes	Should not be competing with other communities for casino (Gananoque)  We have enough social problems without causing more.
829	1480	Yes	Shouldn't bully Gan. They have golden handcuffs now and will suffer if the casino moves. Everyone who gambles is now going to Gan. Moving the casino to Kingston won't increase casino revenues, which OLG admits have leveled off.
830	2253	Yes	Simply put, I feel like casinos are tacky. I think it would really hurt the rich artistic and cultural heritage of Kingston. I also believe that Kingston needs to respect our neighbours in Gananoque and not be part of shutting their existing casino.
831	86	Yes	Slippery slope. What might be next for Kingston if gambling is promoted as a means of economic development? Strip clubs?

832	2600	Yes	Small business will suffer in downtown Kingston. People going to the casino will spend thier money at the casino and casinos have entertainment,restaurants and shops that will keep casino goes at the casino. How about organized crime? Do we have enough support services to deal with addiction counselling? At the present time we have families that shop downtown and enjoy what Kingston has to offer to families, focus should be on adding family related entertainment or themes. Residence will not recieve a tax break because we will be spending more money on treatment centres and policing. How about the senior population, this is a trap to take advantage of low income families and seniors. City of Kingston do the research and you will find that this is not a winning choice.
833	490	Yes	Small downtown business will be adversely affected these patron will remain in the casino only spending their tourist dollars there taking up a valuable space where a real valued addition of an meeting place convention centre across from the krock would truly encourage people to come to our city year round an casino is wrongheaded and poor use of needed development dollars...
834	608	Yes	social decay
835	2374	Yes	Social infrastructure and support for the casino would cripple any benefits. furthermore Casino gaming would create a deadtown of drone tourists spending their time in the casino rather than exploring the city.
836	1759	Yes	Socially this will increase crime. But most predominantly there are already thousands of homeless in Kingston who have dual diagnosis' and due to their situations this will horribly tax the already stretched social care needed to help these individuals
837	3222	Yes	Speaking as a taxpayer I cannot afford or support anymore financial fiascos and questionable business practises being foisted on the electorate -both Municipal & Provincial. It would appear that those in support of this questionable project suffer from a myopic lack of vision; more to the point, those profiting from it including our current Municipal & Provincial Governments are bankrupt of viable business ideas and should be censured.
838	2901	Yes	Specifically, the downtown hospitality/restaurant sector would probably suffer in that casino patrons are likely to eat/snack at the casino.
839	3239	Yes	Spend money on sports e.g a swimming pool or other initiatives that promote a healthy lifestyle. Gambling does not promote anything positive to the individuals who play.
840	2653	Yes	Spending in kingston IS OUT OF CONTROL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This will only add to our bottom line and increased tax.
841	719	Yes	Stealing from Peter to pay Paul. Casino close by for those who need to gamble. Kingston is Canada's first capital, it is not a casino town, have some dignity

842	1460	Yes	Strong communities are built with strong families. Gambling addictions are no different than any other addictions in that they result in damage to families and further damage to our communities. We must remember that greed for money is the root of all evil, and that society as a whole suffers. We may not be able to control online gambling, as the Internet is so powerful, however we can try to preserve and promote safe and healthy communities through compassion towards the growing number of individuals and their families who are seriously affected by these very serious addictions. As a member of the Kingston community for over 45 years, a professional who works in the human services field, and as a family member of a person who has been battling a gambling addiction for many years, I urge our city council members to please consider seriously the negative impact a casino would have on our families and on our Kingston community.
843	249	Yes	Studies have shown that people in the lowest economic bracket spend, on average, anywhere from 5-13% of their earnings on gambling. Given the sharp divide between haves and have-nots in Kingston as it is today, I fear that a local casino would make it easier to access gambling services and increase our poverty epidemic. By establishing a local and easily accessible casino, we would make gambling more accessible to Kingston's most vulnerable residents. I'm not suggesting that people aren't personally responsible for their own decisions, but if it's a fact that the poorest people who have the least amount of disposable income spend more proportionally on gambling than they can possibly afford, why on earth would we make it easier and more tempting to do so? I'm also extremely dubious of the potential revenue generated by the casino given our own track record with past major development projects. If, however, the revenue generated could be funnelled into social programs and city services, at least the balance of "voluntary tax" paid disproportionately by those who can least afford to pay would help support the services that they desperately need.
844	2592	Yes	Support for the neighboring community of gananoque.
845	2331	Yes	SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS!
846	2554	Yes	Supporting this spending (casino)is not supporting the health and well-being of our citizens.
847	2846	Yes	Surely we can develop more constructive and society building enterprises than this to raise revenue. For many,gambling is not entertainment,but holds out the unrealistic promise of easy money. It is questionable why any level of government should be profiting from such a third class and opportunistic source of revenue.
848	2828	Yes	Tacky, tacky, tacky for a "Historic City"
849	994	Yes	Takes away from the history of the city and tries to make it a "big" city. Kingston thrives off of it's history and this will take away from that.

850	2052	Yes	taking it away from Gananoque. it's just NOT necessary. not good for businesses around the casino. MANY other projects to spend money on with better benefits for citizens.
851	1520	Yes	Taking the casino from Gananoque would create regional discord. We are a relatively poor region and co-operation is essential for prosperity of the entire region.
852	2197	Yes	Taking the gaming away from Gananoque.
853	2192	Yes	Taking the one away from Gananoque
854	1869	No	Ten years ago Kingston decided not to have a casino so one was built in Gananoque. To opt for one now in Kingston would result in the closure of the Gananoque casino. This would be detrimental to their economy. Why cause unnecessary friction between Gananoque and Kingston?
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856	1717	Yes	that ship has sailed, we had our chance and past it up.
857	87	Yes	The amount of jobs created is not beneficial in comparison with the amount of income that will be lost by other local companies. Why should we support the OLG taking even more money out of our pockets and out of our community? They do not invest locally, nor do they help us more than providing a small handful of jobs. We need real economic growth strategies, more sustainable industry. The effort put into this could provide better return if put into bringing INDUSTRY to Kingston. Tourism is not all we are worth. Finish getting the KRock making money and jobs and we can look at this another time.
858	2864	Yes	The artificial glitz of a casino runs in direct opposition to the rich cultural, artistic and historical character and charm of Kingston. Let's not pretend to be something we are not, and subsequently lose all that we are.
859	1413	Yes	The associated known problems that follow casinos -- prostitution, criminal gang activity, loan sharking, all kinds of corruption, and the fact that casinos suck dollars out of existing local businesses into the casino, which has no real ties to the community, and will likely be relocated at the first sign of any decrease in revenues, or the threat thereof
860	775	Yes	The bulk of the profits will go to the private operator and the province, while the social costs, policing costs, and lower quality of life related to social issues will be picked-up by Kingston taxpayers.

861	961	Yes	The casino becomes the destination and few local businesses profit from its presence (I think that has been found to be true in Gananoque). Secondly, casinos draw money from people who can least afford it as they "reach for the dream" and Kingston has a lot of people in those circumstances, including post-secondary students. Why make it even easier to attend on a regular basis? Thirdly, with our strong prison population (in and out). I think that we are asking for trouble to have one here.
862	2171	Yes	The casino can cause a lot of problems that can spoil the calmness nature of the City. On the other hand, many of the residents of this city are students. The casino can affect them negatively since the environment will not be suitable to study. This can create a possibility to deviate from their studies.
863	2841	Yes	The casino in Gan is close enough for interested Kingston residents to use, but far enough away so as not to impact the city economically. Kingston should be looking at spending money on affordable housing and other social projects, not casinos.
864	1258	Yes	The casino in Gananoque is already established. As per the OLG casino rules opening a casino in Kingston would require shutting down the casino in Gananoque, which is a troubling consequence of this initiative to open a casino in Kingston. As a heritage city, Kingston prides its image and tourism industry on our unique attractions that are steeped in culture and tradition. This is Kingston's claim to fame- we do not need an unnecessary casino to compete with Kingston's image that both national and international tourists recognize and love. Also, the City should be investing the money into more urgent issues such as the desperate and decades overdue need for a third crossing to the east end. THAT should be our first priority for the overall functionality and accessibility of Kingston- Why is the frivolous idea of a casino overshadowing the undeniable problem of Kingston needing a third crossing? DO NOT BRING A CASINO TO KINGSTON.
865	493	No	The Casino in Gananoque provides much needed monies to the municipality there. A privately operated casino in Kingston means the closure of the Gananoque facility, loss of revenues there and no comparable financial gains to Kingston area.
866	170	No	The casino is already established in Gananoque. Only one casino is allotted per district, so if a casino comes to Kingston, Gananoque will lose theirs! Also I have heard that plans for the casino are for the downtown area next to KROCK Centre. Enough with the downtown development! People are still upset that they have to go downtown to see entertainment where there is NO parking and traffic congestion is awful at best!! Also, casinos bring in their own entertainment for patrons...do you really want to have the casino compete with your beloved KROCK Centre and/or Grand Theatre????

867	3215	Yes	The casino is not consistent with Kingston's character as a heritage city, with a good arts presence. Supporting a casino shows a lack of concern for the citizens--it is selling them to commercial enterprise.
868	2934	Yes	The casino should be left where it is. There are better ways to attract people to our lovely city.
869	2109	Yes	The casino will cause traffic and parking problems.
870	388	Yes	The casino will cause traffic and parking problems.
871	368	Yes	The casino will change the historical character of Kingston. The casino will hurt other businesses. A private operator will put profit ahead of public policy.
872	1676	Yes	The casino will not bring in more tourist dollars into the downtown area and could have a negative impact.
873	3254	Yes	The City had a chance a few years ago to have a casino in Kingston - it blew it and Gananoque got it. I don't think Gananoque should lose their casino because they were smart enough to say yes a few years back.
874	1794	Yes	The City had a chance years ago and blew it. Let Gan keep the Casino
875	992	Yes	The City has many seniors who could be taken advantaged of by the casinos. The flashing lights & noise is very distracting to less capable minds
876	991	Yes	The city has not demonstrated that it can make the most of the tourism opportunities it has now. Why go chasing another?
877	1486	Yes	The City is an attractor of many on social assistance (prison families). They would find it too convenient to gamble here and spend their social assistance, leading to more social ills in Kingston. Those who can afford the transportation to go to Gananoque's Casino have this outlet for gambling.
878	2243	No	the city is not prepared for messy traffic and it will lose one of the most positive point which is family safe resident city the crime will increase the school exemption will increase especially from high school
879	1294	Yes	The city needs to clean up its other messes and liabilities prior to creating more...ie KRock, Lake Ontario Park, downtown panhandlers, the Queen's and St Lawrence ghettos, the long overdue 3rd crossing....and a few others. The concept of a casino in Kingston, and particularly downtown Kingston with its pitiful ingress/egress is utterly ludicrous.
880	2010	Yes	The city needs to focus resources to more important things like expansion/widening of key city arteries, new bridge to the east side, better roads, improvement of current recreational facilities.
881	2445	Yes	The City of Kingston (town council) doesn't have the knowledge about the casino.

882	3088	No	The city of Kingston didn't want the casino before so why is this even a topic now! Leave it where it is!
883	1301	Yes	The city of Kingston had the option to have the casino a few years back and it was denied so they have already made that decision.
884	884	Yes	The City of Kingston is beginning to build a reputation as a cultural mecca in Eastern Ontario, with the added benefits of a vibrant downtown where both tourists and locals spend their dollars supporting our local economy. There is no proof that a casino encourages or increases spending at local establishments. People come to gamble not to take leisurely strolls through downtown cores looking for quaint boutiques and restaurants to spend their money. It may make a difference in a smaller place like Gananoque, but their core is very different than Kingston. Also, a visit to Niagara Falls would certainly provide another view of what happened to their downtown core. A place you go to get out of and has slowly turned into a theme park. Please re-consider. Think of our history instead! That is our True Gem and would bring in tourists who love Kingston and would want to return because of who we are not what they can win or lose.
885	1063	Yes	The city of Kingston is known as a historical city. By adding a casino the city of Kingston has the potential to lose the historical sites to more hip gaming ventures.
886	435	Yes	The City of Kingston needs to spend the money required to build the casino to repair & or completely redo King St from Sir John A Blvd to KGH, all of Portsmouth Ave & Princess St. All 3 are a disgrace when we have to take our company downtown or take them to Fort Henry.
887	1217	Yes	The City of Kingston will define itself by such projects. Do we really want to define ourselves as a casino community? We would be competing with 28 other Ontario communities. Is that a no-win game?
888	2779	Yes	The City rejected the idea of a casino when it was first proposed at the time Gananoque accepted it. Nothing has changed to make it more acceptable now.
889	372	No	The city should look for other ways to create revenue and promote a livable, healthy city. Gaming is not one of them.
890	3210	Yes	The city should not become dependent, as Gananoque did, on casino revenue. We should keep our books in order and seek other forms of income as we have always done. Casinos are not the answer.
891	3139	Yes	The City should not support a business that has been proven to lead to addiction and to behaviour that encourages people to be inactive thus leading to health problems and therefore a burden to the tax payer.
892	597	Yes	The City's resources could better utilized for family and youth programs.
893	2254	Yes	The crime rate in Kingston might increase because more people will come and go.



894	2262	Yes	The DBA reported that it will hurt local business. There appears to already be enough poverty and misery in Kingston.
895	836	Yes	The downside will be widespread, the benefits concentrated on only a few. The cultural level conflicts directly with Kingston's identity and aims as a city.
896	2810	Yes	The experience in Gananoque is that there is little or no spill-over benefit other than the share of revenue.
897	350	Yes	The Federal and Provincial Governments are continually reducing social programmes to deal with addictions and the municipality would either have to pick up the slack in this area and/or add money to the police budget to control criminal activity encouraged by gambling activities.
898	544	Yes	The first fall the casino operated in Gan., I had a first year business student (SLC) drop out of college because he had lost all of his student loan money in one evening. Other serious student related gambling problems continued. Think how much worse this gambling problem could be if the casino was right here in town.
899	1847	Yes	The future of our young ones is my main concern. Proximity to a casino will definitely ruin the life of many youths that already do not have sensible adults to look up to.
900	1854	Yes	The games are designed to draw players into participating in them much longer than they'd originally intended to. The head of OLG admitted this on tvontario this year.
901	1123	Yes	The gaming industry does not pull tourist to support the local economy, artist, or tourist industry. If a gaming faculty is brought to the area it will pull people from the downtown core, as those individuals are not there to see the sights but waste their money. Instead of spending our tax payers money on this, we should be placing it towards the opportunities that will benefit our local artist, events, stores, and attractions.
902	2352	Yes	The Gan casino will lose business.
903	2986	Yes	The Gananoque casino serves the gambling addictions of Kingston residents now but is far enough away to make visits infrequently.
904	3004	Yes	The governing body of a municipality should set a high standard of morality for it's citizens and I do not feel that approving this kind of activity in our beautiful city sets a good standard for our citizens. Gambling is a low standard of living, and Kingstonians deserve so much better. I want to see EVERY Kingstonian prosper, and the reality of gambling is that a few may prosper for a season at the expense of so many other's who will be wasting their wealth and potentially their leisure time, family life and so much more.
905	3112	Yes	The increase health care costs dealing with addictions. We already have limited health care addiction resources. I fear having a casino so close will increase the chance of my kids getting involved in gambling and the spin of negative behaviours of gambling

906	3143	Yes	The introduction of a Casino has a strong possibility of creating a poverty trap for those already in a low income situation and for those at risk of developing an addiction and sliding into poverty. As a daughter of a man who is addicted to gambling I know all too well the horrrle impact that gambling can have on a family and community. With a Casino nearby more residents will have the opportunity to be introduced to the world of gambling,creating the possibility of more addition. People are less likely to drive 1 or more hours to a Casino but the closer a Casino is the more likely that new and returning people will Gamble. With such a large population of students, I also worry that students will use gambling as way to relieve stress, which is an unhealthy behaviour and can lead to more addiction problems. Please strongly consider the opinion of those opposed and think of the social impacts of building a Casino in Kingston, as they do ruin lives and tear apart families.
907	728	Yes	The investment capital required would be better spent improving our city's infrastructure/public transit/parks/homeless problem/etc
908	339	Yes	The items in Q5 are certainly all *possible* (except for item 2 which is certain). What I also know about Casinos is that they are totally tacky and tasteless. Visually and otherwise. Having Bingo halls in town is bad enough.
909	2666	Yes	The K-Rock centre was supposed to bring the tourists flocking to the city, and I'm not sure that it has. The programming there has been disappointing. I own a small business downtown, it is hard enough to attract consumers downtown, away from the west end with their convenient parking lots and big box stores. Let's not give them any more reasons not to spend money downtown. I'm happy with the Gananoque Casino, it's not that far away if Kingston residents wish to gamble there.
910	1705	Yes	THE K-ROCK IS ALREADY A FINANCIAL DISATER, A BIG BURDEN FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS!  WE DO NOT NEED MORE OF THAT IN KINGSTON. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
911	2585	Yes	The love of money is the root of all evil.
912	3087	Yes	The money taken by the casino will not comme back to the city. It will go to the U.S.
913	281	Yes	The money will be used to create another bureaucracy.

914	318	Yes	The municipal government should not be involved in gambling. The municipal government should not be earning revenue from the proceeds of gambling. Gambling is a tax on stupidity. Money earned this way is tainted; it is money earned through people's misery. The problem is, once a casino is in place, the city becomes dependent on that revenue and doesn't use creative means to find sources of revenue. It gets lazy. Also, whenever there are large amounts of money around, there are also metaphorical sharks around - people with no moral compass. I don't want to attract those people to Kingston. There are other, better, safer, more sustainable sources of revenue, sources that will not introduce unsavory elements into Kingston. Gambling is not reprehensible in and of itself, but it's morally irresponsible for governments at any level to benefit from the proceeds of gambling. The cost to society is too high, and we the taxpayers will end up funding the social programs to help the people who have become addicted to gambling and those peoplesâ€™ families. In the end, the cost of having a casino here â€™ in lives damaged and the fallout from that â€™ will be much higher than any revenue earned from the casino.
915	1894	Yes	The number of students in Kingston is very important, so those young men and women will be facing a real risk of addiction.
916	937	Yes	The number one reason for myself is that gambling can be a serious addiction for many people, and Kingston has limited services for treating addiction. I believe that if Kingston wants to have a casino it should first invest more into its extremely poor mental health/addiction treatment services.
917	1127	Yes	The only positives appear to be only about money. Kingston claims, so wrongfully, to be a 'sustainable' City. Well, sustainability includes social and cultural elements. A casino cannot even come close to saying it supports social or cultural sustainability. Its a simple trade off between the potential for a bit of extra money for the City, and ALL the negative impacts of gambling. Quite frankly, it disgusts me that Kingston is even considering it.  Come on Kingston. I hope you are better than this.
918	3030	Yes	The overall increase in revenues for the city will be offset by other costs such as policing, child welfare and Mental Health costs and will not substantively add to the health of the community.
919	1926	Yes	the peacefulness of Kingston city would be ruined and a casino addition will rob the city of its beautiful ambience
920	2991	Yes	The people I know who go to casinos don't visit the restaurants or any other business surrounding the casino. They just want to gamble. Two of those people became addicted to gambling at casinos, resulting in the destruction of their savings and their relationships with their family and friends. I don't think a casino is a socially or economically positive way of enhancing Kingston's economy.

921	1073	Yes	The people of Gananoque will never forgive Kingston for stealing their casino. The kind of hatred brought about by this move could take years, decades or even generations to undo. To many people of Gan, Kingston would simply cease to exist. Why would we do this to our neighbour? Is this the kind of town we live in?
922	457	Yes	The people who are most likely to spend more than they can afford to in casinos, and become addicted, are often the poorest segment of society. It is unconscionable for a wonderful city like Kingston to financially benefit from the addiction of the neediest in society.
923	3095	No	The people who can't afford to go to the Casino will go, and the people who can afford to go to the Casino won't.
924	2814	Yes	The people who lose the most money at casinos are the ones who can least afford to. Gambling is just a waste of time and money. Kingston doesn't need it - the city was wise enough to know so once.
925	2748	Yes	The process is rushed and sufficient time is not available to study in depth the actual costs of casino in regards to its future impact on the City. What will be its immediate impact on the entertainment venues we now are struggling to pay for. Will attendance drop further at the K-Rock costing the taxpayer even more in yearly debt?
926	2633	Yes	The proposed spot for the casino is bad news. It will be walking distance to some of the lowest income population in Kingston. Why would you want to put it there?? I've also never seen a Casino that's walking distance to any neighbourhood - period! Plus, what's wrong with where it is now??? Why fix something when it's not broken??? Spend millions of \$s to build a new casino.. why don't you just divert that money to trying to bring business to Downtown? Or anything else for that matter...

927	858	Yes	<p>The qualities we find in our city would be extensively negatively altered, with hard-won improvements and atmosphere being adversely affected. There is such a pleasantness in the down town area, with many residents as well as visitors walking around, at restaurants, enjoying the Market and visiting shops, generally enjoying the sense of the city with the marvelous lakefront, Fort Henry and Wolfe island close by. Our city is a treasure, not to be gambled away! The six "yes" reasons given for people to choose among are, in my experience, all phony. They are worded to tempt residents to gamble for unknown, questionable and most likely negative benefits. Just ask people who have watched their own cities suffer and lose qualities they value when gambling comes to down town in medium and small cities. Please leave the out-of-town casino at Gananoque alone, for it is , by and large a benefit.</p> <p>Even if the LCBO is inviting Kingston to challenge Gan, please resist the challenge. We have many beauties. Let us keep them, improve them as we are doing, little by little, and hold firm and continue to be an historic treasure.</p>
928	191	Yes	<p>The question that should have been asked "Will people just spend their money on gambling somewhere else?" Studies have shown that when new casinos are built the people who go to them just got to a different location so some locations loose while others gain.</p>
929	3008	Yes	<p>The reasons in Q5 may all be valid for non-support, but overall I just think it is inane to build a casino in Kingston when there is already one in Gananoque. Totally unnecessary for Kingston and unfair to Gan.</p>
930	2536	Yes	<p>The reasons listed above are inadequate. Gaming DOES lead to addiction and social problems. (Forget "may" and read the studies.) They lead to those problems locally - and the costs of those problems are felt locally. They damage our community's security and budget. In other ontario casino's, the revenue sharing deals give a small percent of revenue to the local community, but the local community bears a large percentage (if not all) of the local problems that result.</p> <p>I believe it is folly to build a revenue source into any society's budget that extracts such an extreme costs on individuals and collective costs on the local community.</p>
931	420	Yes	<p>The reports I've read seem to indicate that a casino would likely have a negative social/health impact, and that economic benefits will not reach the broader community. Having worked in a support capacity at an addictions counseling clinic I've seen the potential fallout and I don't think this is something Kingston needs. Let's continue encouraging positive cultural growth in Kingston instead, like the arts, music, theatre and sport.</p>

932	592	Yes	The residents of Kingston already made this choice before Gananoque OLGA casino went in. There was a decision made then. A private run casino is even less desirable than the OLGA ones. At least with state run casinos, some money goes into supporting our social fabric. The social problems associated with a casino outweigh the benefits to the economy. There must be a better way to stimulate Kingston economy!
933	598	Yes	The return to the city would be a very small percentage of the actual revenue collected from the area by the OLG or the private owner. This could actually result in a net loss rather than a gain for the city.
934	2390	Yes	The revenue generated will need to be tossed to social services; the city needs to find something to attract families - not gamblers and over 18. Take a look at what Halifax has done with their downtown waterfront & put the money there and not into a "get rich quick scheme"
935	2417	Yes	The social consequences and associated costs could well offset any revenue received from hosting a casino. The City of Kingston will be keeping the problems developed within the community while Gananoque disperses them back to their homes on the free shuttle bus, thereby bearing no cost for the social implications. It has been shown repeatedly that there is little or no spin off revenue for businesses in the area. Most money associated with a casino is spent and retained within the casino including, food, beverages and entertainment.
936	2239	Yes	The sole purpose of the Provincial Government's casino proposition is to raise a large amount of money for the province because they are spending us into bankruptcy. Community benefits and disadvantages, real or imagined, are both irrelevant in this scheme. Kingston should not play this game.
937	3158	Yes	The success of the downtown business people is definitely more important than the establishment of a casino.
938	2697	Yes	The Thousand Islands Casino is close enough and runs smoothly, Kingston is just running behind and realizes they missed the boat years ago.
939	3206	Yes	The type of establishments proposed by the OLG are not in keeping with Kingston as a family oriented tourist destination We, as a City, should not be relying on gambling revenues.
940	889	Yes	The youth in our city are important and struggling...advocating for a gaming establishment sends the wrong message.  Keep the casino in Gananaque...Kingston does not need one.  A casino is not a tourist attraction. in my opinion...its cheesv. among other things.

941	2552	Yes	There already exists a casino in Gananoque which adequately services eastern Ontario
942	162	Yes	There already is a casino in Gananoque and Kingstonians can travel there quite easily - there are other improvements that could be spent on in Kingston instead of a casino. Improve existing entertainment venues.
943	737	Yes	There already is a casino in Gananoque so there is no reason to have another one so close by. If people like casinos, then they can go to Gan
944	2129	Yes	There already is a casino in Gananoque. Kingston doesn't need adults to gamble, its not appropriate.
945	1342	No	There are a myriad of problems with a city already suffering from high addiction rates.
946	795	Yes	There are already enough casinos in the area, why build more? This does not produce anything tangible and creates more social costs than we can afford.
947	1348	Yes	There are already too many casinos in Ontario. Also casinos attract a type of crowd that I just don't want in my city.
948	2423	Yes	There are an infinite number of ways to better spend tax-payers' money than to create a facility that aids in putting citizens in debt. Gambling in no way helps create strong communities, families or citizens.
949	2203	Yes	There are and will be a glut of casinos in the area so it is less likely that it will be a big tourist draw.
950	2148	Yes	There are economic concerns especially for the downtown core with entertainment dollars being draw away from there and other Kingston establishments.
951	3197	No	There are enough addiction opportunities already available. A casino does not fit with the tourist and heritage demeanor of this city.
952	1729	Yes	there are enough people on social assistance already.
953	3010	Yes	there are enough young people and teenagers with social problems and possible gang problems in this city, a casino would only be another area that could encourage their already troubling behavior
954	590	Yes	There are lots of POSITIVE reasons to come to Kingston; we don't need a negative one. I also don't believe that those who come to gamble (from away) will also be interested in the other attractions of the city.
955	2059	Yes	There are many other initiatives in Kingston where funding should be designated-for example, schools and streets. I think it is appalling that Kingston officials are pondering the possibility of opening a Casino when other areas of the city deserve our attention.

956	2178	Yes	There are more more important projects the city should undertake especially to preserve and enhance the core downtown area and stop urban sprawl an bring business and people back into the core.
957	966	Yes	There are more sustainable ways to develop the local economy than with a casino. We need to support local small business, make good on the commitments to sustainability that council has already identified, and this casino will divert municipal funds away from that, either in its construction, or in dealing with the social issues it will exacerbate.  Kingston is/wants to be known as an historical gem, a city with roots, where 'local' matters, and where small business can develop and thrive. How does this casino fit into the 'brand' we are already trying to establish? This could threaten what we have already built as a city and the future of where we need to go. Tourists who come here want a different experience than what a casino would offer
958	2771	Yes	There are multiple reasons. We have an important university in this city. What effect on registration will this have? Will a casino contribute to the well-being of this special group of people? Social problems caused by such a facility are not only harmful but also costly and destructive.
959	2031	Yes	There are no benefits in gambling. We need to bring families together not to provide an escape to Casino.
960	2721	Yes	There are not enough quality programs to support people with gambling issues. The monetary risks do NOT outweigh the benefits to area residents.
961	132	Yes	There are now many questions as to how much revenue is actually gained. There already is an established casino very near-by in Gananoque.
962	1753	Yes	there are other enterprises to support that appeal to a braoder sector of Kingston citizens - splash pads, theater, dog park; I am concerned about organized crime being attracted to the area; there is too much focus on tourism and not enough on services for residents. the ethics of providing gamblind facilities are questionable
963	1399	Yes	There are other ways to generate revenues for local businesses including arts centres, shopping (redirect from west end back to downtown) and attractions (art gallery, science centre).
964	917	Yes	There are people at risk for developing gambling addictions in Kingston.



965	1110	Yes	There are SO many other priorities for Kingston, namely: - Fix the potholes - our streets are an embarrassment! - Clean up the "uptown" area - west of Division Street is a disgrace! - Make parking free on weekends in the downtown core in order to encourage more people to stay and linger in the already-lovely (and woefully small) waterfront area - Councillors in favour of the casino - get your heads out of the sand - a casino is NOT NEEDED in Kingston!!!!!!!!!!!!
966	418	Yes	There are SO many other things Kingston should be using funds for to keep the sustainability status we so desire.
967	832	Yes	There are too many residents in Kingston on social assistance who can not afford daily living expenses and a casino would be too tempting to spend money foolishly
968	948	Yes	There are too many university students in this city. It is tempting for students to go to the casino as opposed to studying.
969	2622	Yes	There is no need for a casino in Kingston. Gananoque is close enough for any one who "needs" to gamble without bringing new problems to our community. Let's be creative and invest in more positive strategies!
970	1471	Yes	There is a casino 20 minutes away from Kingston. I can't think of any reason why we would need a second casino. Although I can't see a demand for better access to the existing casino, the city could just run a shuttle to and from. The city should be spending on things that improve the quality of life in our city like improving access to local lake Ontario swimming, more downtown bike lanes, off leash dog run areas (not dog parks), and better public transit.
971	1665	No	There is a casino 20 minutes away; do we really need another one? Also, it doesn't fit with the character of the city. (we're more Niagara-on-the-Lake than Niagara Falls)
972	1472	Yes	There is a casino 20min away. Another could hurt revenues for Gan. Kingston has many other cultural treasures to market.
973	62	Yes	There is a casino in Gan, just 20 minutes away. Leave it there.
974	657	No	There is a casino in Gananoque just 30-35 km from Kingston
975	2837	Yes	There is a casino in Gananoque which should serve any "need". The social problems created by gambling far outweigh any reasons for a casino.
976	3202	No	There is a casino in Gananoque, I cannot see enough reason to have another one in the area.
977	2504	Yes	There is a casino only 30 minutes away on the outskirts of Gananoque. Kingston residents can easily frequent this one.
978	2517	Yes	There is a casino within a half-hour drive from Kingston. What will become of the OLG Thousand Islands Casino or the employees of that casino? Would the region be able to support two casinos?

979	573	Yes	There is a functioning casino in Gananoque. What a waste to start another one near by. Also, Casinos are ugly and disrupt community life.
980	2983	Yes	There is a lot of data showing that those who gamble are those who can least afford it. Keeping it out of Kingston will deter some.
981	2244	Yes	there is a nearby casino and there is no reason for spending money for that purpose
982	1774	Yes	There is a perfectly fine and well-located casino already in the Kingston area.
983	1164	Yes	There is absolutely no reason to have a casino here. If someone wants to go to the casino, they can go to Gananoque.
984	128	Yes	There is absolutely no reason to support moral decay as a means of revenue.
985	324	Yes	There is already a casino 15 minutes east in gananoque, with shuttles that run from kingston. People's money wasting needs are already met, and exceeded. Let's do something productive instead of giving people prone to gambling problems more temptation to throw away their hard earned money.
986	2201	Yes	There is already a casino 20 minutes away from here so is there a benefit having another so close ? As well, Kingston has good tourist traffic already (I've run a downtown business for over 10 years and see this year round)which is based greatly on historic landmarks (First capital city, Fort Henry, etc ...) adding a casino I feel would detract from that heritage. Just visit Niagra falls, or any other town that bases their economy in some proportion on a casino. Kingston offers something unique in Canada that will be undermined by the addition of this type of business, and in the long run will <u>make this city the same as everywhere else.</u>
987	560	Yes	there is already a casino close by(Gan) I think it would be better to spend our rescorses on other healthier options ie some kind of venue for teens or family entertainment.
988	3028	Yes	There is already a casino close-by in Gananoque. Kingston derives benefits from a casino in such close proximity. There is no value-add to having a casino in Kingston and possibly down-sides.
989	81	Yes	There is already a casino in a neighbouring community- Gananoque
990	2740	Yes	There is already a casino in close-by Gananoque. Jobs and income will be shifted not newly generated.
991	2364	Yes	There is already a casino in Gan.
992	2553	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque less than 20 minutes away. It makes absolutely ZERO sense to close the casino in Gan, only to open one here. The Gan casino is a source of great revenue for that city and shouldn't be taken away from them. There is also no feasible place in Kingston to put the casino. Parking and traffic is already a mess downtown. Also, having the casino in Gan doesn't stop tourists from coming to Kingston.

993	473	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque which is very accessible from Kingston. Making money from those who tend to be among the most disadvantaged is immoral.
994	2863	No	There is already a casino in Gananoque. Many businesses have made big investments to support the visitors. If a casino in Kingston draws customers from Gananoque those businesses will have been duped and will lose their investment. I am against casinos anywhere but now that there is one i don't want the small business owners to suffer.
995	2394	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque. Putting a casino in Kingston will not only cripple jobs there but cause endless traffic problems and overcrowding of the downtown core. Unless the casino is put in the division st/ 401 area, or out further into the township like bayridge are or even Amherstview.
996	198	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque. Why would we need another casino?
997	1649	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque. I also worry that residents who are unemployed and/or recently released from a penal institution will be attracted to the casino and further disadvantaged economically as a result.
998	1978	Yes	There is already a casino in Gananoque. There is no logical reason to spend the millions required to build another one so close to theirs. Aren't we, as a City, trying to save money these days? Why bankrupt our City on this when there are much more pressing situations to spend money on like infrastructure, a third crossing, and other vital services.
999	3080	No	There is already a Casino in the area that our Government will be shutting down if moved to Kingston. They've already spent \$\$\$ building this facility. It's the last thing we need our taxes going to is building another and upkeeping a building with no use. The tax dollars created in that township are bringing those individuals without any other employment in their town into Kingston to spend money. They'll be guaranteed to shop in Brockville if the casino is moved.
1000	2309	Yes	There is already a casino in the area.
1001	2818	Yes	There is already an operating casino within a 20 mile radius of Kingston. It is closer to the border of USA for American visitors. Gananoque will loose their casino if one is put in Kingston. There is a strong likelihood that Belleville will be granted the "privilege" of hosting a casino. That is only 50 miles away. Where are the "guests" for Kingston's Casino to come from? If you surveyed only the people who live in Kingston and who already gamble regularly you would find that these are mostly people who can ill afford to lose the money. Could this be one of the reasons we have such a high level of poverty, addiction and petty crime in Kingston. How long before organized crime takes over the casino?

1002	2346	Yes	There is already one a few minutes down the road, there doesn't need to be another one. No more of an already bad thing!! "The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre found that 60% of machine revenue was derived from problem gamblers and that 35% of total gambling revenue was derived from moderate and severe problem gamblers."
1003	448	Yes	There is already one in easy driving distance of Kingston . That community is in much more need of any economic benefit from such an establishment that Kingston. To deprive them of that revenue would be wrong, especially when kingston citizens did not want it in the first place, but now that we see the revenue it generates we want it.
1004	3262	Yes	There is already one in Gan and that town knows how to treat tourists i.e. activities; Kingston does not. Besides that - look at the K-Rock disaster!
1005	3089	Yes	There is already one in Gan!!!!
1006	2198	Yes	There is already one in Gananoque
1007	2291	Yes	There is already one in Gananoque so why do we need one in kingston. It also takes away from what Kingston already has to offer and it will not get enough business as people don't come here to gamble.
1008	1314	Yes	There is already one in Gananoque. We were offered it and refused saying it would bring the criminal element to Kingston...We have 6 prisons.....You have got to be kidding
1009	1522	Yes	There is already one only 20 minutes away
1010	793	Yes	There is already one within 20 minutes drive
1011	3097	Yes	There is also already a casino in the Kingston area!
1012	2956	Yes	There is an existing Casino in Gananoque. We shouldn't be competing with them. We had an opportunity to pursue this option several years ago and didn't. It isn't fair to Gananoque to now change our mind. If they want to expand the one in Gananoque they should proceed. If we want to share in the revenue stream we should negotiate with Gananoque for a share. I am opposed to using gambling revenue as a replacement for taxation.
1013	570	Yes	There is Gananoque to consider, after all
1014	1533	Yes	there is little evidence than the municipality of Gananoque has benefitted from the casino as it is more of a tourist destination than a town attraction  also both casinos in close proximity will split the current activity perhaps after an initial spike in interest/.

1015	554	Yes	There is little if any economic spin off (see Windsor etc) I do not think the City should rain on Gananoque's parade.  This would be an inappropriate facility for downtown.  [Your reasons above are too restrictive and force respondents into taking positions for which there is a ready answer.
1016	1850	No	There is no reason in the world anyone needs to have casinos in every city or on every corner like a Tim Hortons. Gambling is not something we need to support.
1017	1747	Yes	there is no reason to bring one here... Kingston had its chance years ago and they declined... it will only bring negative attention to kingston.i know alot of people who have said that if it comes to kingston they are moving out of kingston.
1018	2479	Yes	There is no reason to waste money building a casino when there is a perfectly good, fairly new casino 15-20min outside of town. It is a complete waste of money!
1019	317	Yes	There is nothing about the culture of gambling that will enhance the City of Kingston. To raise money that should be raised by taxes via gambling is disgusting. Have the guts to explain to the citizenry that taxes are a social good.
1020	2485	Yes	There is on in Gan, with a free shuttle service. Expand that casino, instead!
1021	1310	Yes	there is one 30 minutes away!
1022	1334	Yes	There is one already in Gananoque. Not very far away.
1023	1283	Yes	There is one close enough. Let tourists come to see our natural beauty. This could also affect students negatively. We need to maintain strong standards for Queens and StLawrence College, the kids don't need additional distractions when they come here.
1024	783	Yes	There is one in Gananoque - there's no need to build another in Kingston.
1025	812	Yes	There is one in Gananoque, close enough!
1026	845	Yes	There is one in very close range in Gananoque, and if a new one opening here causes people to lose jobs at that one, it would be very upsetting. Enough with the dollar signs and start thinking about the quality of life for your residents instead.
1027	2722	Yes	There is something of a moral issue here. What kind of governing administration stoops so low, that it has to relie on the avails of gambling to support its ill conceived spending habits, rather than take the high road of practising proper fiscal retrain and management. Preying upon those of weak character, who can lease afford to pay the price, is really unconscionable.
1028	2366	No	There isnt anywhere to put the casino close to the hotels. You arent going to increase tourism, You are going to be thought of as a bully city!

1029	1933	Yes	There must be a hundred or more other ideas for the City to make more money, but in a humane and more decent way. A gambling Casino is a direct and blunt cunning way to invite social, domestic and serious addiction problems. It is the wrong message to our new generation, how to make money without working. It is a definite vice.
1030	407	Yes	There will be further costs which the taxpayer will have to cover
1031	970	Yes	There will be more broken families, thefts and robberies. These problems will cause city more money than making money from Casino. On top of that, Kingston will become a less attractive city for residence to settle in.
1032	382	Yes	There will not be enough distance between the pre-existing and upcoming Casinos to ensure a continuous flow of patrons and/or visitors.
1033	1943	No	There would be short term gain and long term pain. It would benefit a couple hundreds of people but it would harm thousands of people who get addicted to gambling. Gambling, in fact, is not a productive industry. Money is transferred between pockets of some people without any production. There would be too many losers and a tiny fraction of people are winner. There is a wrong sense of hope of getting rich while in fact people are getting poor. Unfortunately low income people have more tendency to gamble and they are more likely to lose. Generally it would harm low income people.
1034	779	Yes	There's a casino 20 minutes away in Gan already. Does every city need its own Casino? It's just overkill IMO.
1035	2313	Yes	There's a finite amount of discretionary income in Kingston. This should stay in Kingston to support local businesses, social services and arts groups not be sucked into the pockets of a Casino Operator who has no real interest in our community other than a profit generator for him and his cronies.
1036	2896	No	there's already one close by, let's create a money-maker that's more interesting that draws more people for the novelty
1037	3189	Yes	There's one 15 minutes away. Tourists who come to Kingston are interested in our history, architecture, university, forts, beautiful scenery, sailing, university.... A casino detract from this beautiful place.
1038	519	Yes	There's one in Gan.. Addicts will travel to Gan if necessary.  Kingston will share the Gan Casino clientele and gain a few locals. Not sufficient for two Casinos so close together
1039	500	Yes	There's one in Gananoque...30mins away...enough already.
1040	2286	No	They already had their chance! Now that there is one established in the area it would take jobs away from people in the Gan area. It might kill that community.

1041	1076	Yes	They do not encourage communities to grow economically outside of municipal revenues. Just count the number of empty store fronts in Gan.
1042	997	Yes	They do not typically attract the type of people that make a community a better place to live. Furthermore, they are horrible, causing extreme social problems for individuals who are already vulnerable and creating social problems for individuals who might not have had access to a casino previously.
1043	591	Yes	This article explains the dangers: Casino a crime magnet: RCMP <a href="http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/story.html?id=e0ba1ddf-e42e-4ffd-992a-8fbd09b26be9">http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/story.html?id=e0ba1ddf-e42e-4ffd-992a-8fbd09b26be9</a> There are healthier & more productive ways to provide or earn entertainment dollars within the sustainable Kingston.
1044	2283	Yes	this city is bad enough with local robberies and trouble. do we really want fights breaking out, people being hurt or killed over large gambling debts, or it sucking every last cent out of our pockets? i say NO there is a casino 15 minutes away. we all can make the drive if we are that desperate to piss our money away.
1045	3061	Yes	This city strongly rejected the option of locating a casino in Kingston several years ago. A neighbouring community requiring the economic benefit of this venture took a gamble on it, invested heavily and strengthened its community, built infrastructure and a workforce to support it and now Kingston has the gall to try to take it away. Sickening lack of morals and self serving approach by new mayor and a few of his fellows on council.
1046	2736	Yes	This is a good community and I do not want to see the development of a facility which would (not could) make life more difficult for some of my fellow citizens...AND THEIR CHILDREN; there is a casino in the area and we should not interfere with its operation.
1047	1716	Yes	this is a historic city and a casino will take away from that and make us just like other cities with casinos
1048	3005	No	This is a university city. Our young, influential students don't need to have a temptation so close to their doors. They don't have the money to waste at a casino, nor do they the time. We wouldn't want the schools in this great city to be blacklisted because of the damage the casino did to the students.
1049	637	Yes	This is a very short sighted solution to providing the City with additional funds. While it may seem like it solves one problem, it will in fact create multiple other issues in our city and society which over time will cost us all much, much more than is generated.
1050	3018	Yes	This is another enterprise similar to the LVEC that will never provide a return to the city. The money would be better spent on attracting new real business to the city.

1051	2117	Yes	This is Gananoque's casino. We gave it up the first time and it's now part of their economy. Not only should we give up our quest for the casino but we should also support Gan in their endeavour to keep it there.
1052	521	Yes	This is just one more tax grab on the back of those who can least afford it.
1053	1609	Yes	This is not the kind of activity that fits with plans for a sustainable city.
1054	971	Yes	This is not the kind of development that the city should be focusing on. The job creation will be largely limited to the construction phase and the incentives that the city will need to provide will negate any positive financial gain for the city.
1055	2857	Yes	This issue was settled years ago when Kingston voted not to host a casino. You are now interested in taking money and jobs away from Gananoque.
1056	3101	Yes	THIS PROPOSAL WAS BROUGHT FORWARD IN THE 90'S AND THERE WAS A BIG UPROAR AGAINST IT THEN AND ALSO NOW.
1057	827	Yes	This survey appears to be biased in terms of the lack of emphasis on the serious attendant social problems. One box is not enough.
1058	733	Yes	This type of establishment would lead to higher debt for those people who really can't afford to go. There is a possibility that addiction could happen which hurts families, children and marriages. I suggest that we put our people before money and build something that families can do together.
1059	1221	Yes	This type of revenue has already demonstrated that the community become dependent on the revenue. If you do not believe this just ask the citizens of Gananoque.
1060	726	Yes	This will cause more Gambling Addictions and people to become more oppressed, depressed, loss of finances, causing bankruptcy, separation/divorce and destruction of families!
1061	2962	Yes	This would not be fair for Gananoque, and those working there. Gananoque is benefiting, and deserves to reap those benefits as well.
1062	642	Yes	Those on welfare could go there and spend all their money and would not have any left for food or necessities. I think that gambling is wrong in general
1063	2042	Yes	To avoid the temptation for those who are not disciplined enough to "manage" their gambling having a casino at the distance that Gananoque is currently is the perfect solution. Just so far but not too far.  Also I think that the current situation is really good for Gananoque and the neighbouring township as their ability to raise meaningful funds is limited.



1064	3124	Yes	<p>To me, the number of students in the area is a reason for concern. The population is at risk for developing gambling addictions. Further, students should be spending their entertainment money on the many entertainment amenities downtown, not on a casino. Kingston prides itself in such a vibrant downtown core. This is partly in thanks to the thousands of students who spend their money there.</p> <p>If people want to gamble, there's a casino in Gananoque - those who are really into the social/entertainment aspect of a casino can find it there. It doesn't bother me that they are taking their money to Gananoque. I'd rather see the casino stay a reasonable half an hour down the 401 <del>then come here to Kingston. Not every town needs a casino.</del></p>
1065	963	Yes	TOO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR CITY. Gananoque is literally 20 minutes away, there would be no point for us to have a casino!
1066	2466	Yes	too many unanswerable questions . too many unreasonable risks it is not a time to take risks
1067	1519	Yes	Tourists who come to the Casino will spend all their money at the Casino and not in town, the odds being set in favour of the Casino, there will be no surplus cash for spending by most gamblers.
1068	348	Yes	Tourst money will indeed go to gambling and not to support other attractions in the community. Entertainment offered at the Casino will take from KRock Centre and Grand Theatre.
1069	826	Yes	Traffic and parking problems, the one in Gan is close enough, seems unfair to "steal" Gan's casino
1070	3077	Yes	unfair poor neighbourly act re Gan
1071	3155	Yes	Value in being a good neighbour - Gananoque Casino is established and is a major employer for that community and surrounding area. Kingstonians who want access to the casino can easily get there via daily buses provided free of charge. It's also less than 30 minutes by car so it's not a hardship to get to as a special outing. We don't need to damage the economic stability of another community. Also, like the K-Rock Centre, I believe a casino in Kingston will prove to be a financial burden for our city.
1072	1463	No	VERY IMPORTANT REASON: I understand that if a casino comes to Kingston, it means the shutdown of Gananoque's casino (same region). This will lead to bad feelings between the two municipalities. Why should we compete with this good neighbour? Further, Kingston can get the tourist benefist from the Gananoque casino by properly positioning this fact, without the need to get a new one.
1073	1574	Yes	visitors to casino are usually not tourists as well, only do casino and go home.
1074	3223	Yes	Waste of time, energy and money. The oposition speaks for itself. It will only create more problems and cost the city more in the long run, socially, econimically and morally.

1075	2115	Yes	We already declined a casino and Gananoque opened one. It would be unneighbourly to now open our own casino.
1076	1157	Yes	We already have a debt crisis, this would only make it worse.
1077	1791	Yes	We already have one fiasco in the K Rock Center. Downtown location would be detrimental to businesses. A Las Vegas style casino would have restaurants and entertainment taking away, not enhancing, business from downtown. If decided yes, it should be build by 401 for easier access for all coming from other areas and USA. Needs large parking lot to accommodate patrons. We have major parking problems downtown now, which is the greatest reason people do not support downtown businesses as they should.
1078	353	Yes	We already have that dumb Krock center which cost us more money than it will ever make, why put in something new? And where do you think it will go?? We have no room!
1079	2247	Yes	We already have the KRock centre losing money by the dozen. Could we please not have another eyesore-moneydrain in our fair city?
1080	636	Yes	We already have the K-Rock which is running a deficit for years now and no parking there-ugly place to have it, and we have another ugly dome on the base area just over the bridge, so tell me where this ugly casino could be built and have adequate parking beside it. Leave it in Gananoque where everything is in place now.
1081	3093	No	We are a university and retirement city...the last place people need to be spending theirs savings (or OSAP) that they need to live on is a casino. This isn't a fit for our community.
1082	2616	Yes	We are an historic town and are attractive to tourists in our own right. A casino would cheapen our image and attract undesirable elements. The casino is also very important to Gan and we should not take it away from them.
1083	1000	Yes	We are known as The Limestone City, with all the PEN's in it's area. ~NOT~ The GREEDY CITY that's after everyone's money..... If the Provence says Gan and Kingston are to close to have both Casinos then we should except that. To force Gan to close it Casino so we can have one, will be an insult to our Friends that send and share the tourist that visit our area. To insult Gan. is something that will come back to haunt the people of Kingston in more ways then they are thinking about now.

1084	1137	Yes	We are not ment to waist our time and money on such foolish things. As a believer in Christ, God calls us to a higher way of thinking and living. To have a casino we are just asking for more debt within the younger generation, for families to struggle with separation of love ones addicted, and finally God can't bless this city if we continue to reject him and his laws he has layed before us. As a new mom I want my child to see that we live in a city that stands on what is right in Gods eyes and support family morals and values. Thank you
1085	1553	Yes	we are only 20 minutes from the Gananoque casino why take it away from Gananoque.
1086	1264	No	We as Christians in the city strongly disagree from a moral and ethical view. This will only lead to problems with this generation and the next to come.
1087	2111	Yes	We chose not to have a Casino 10 years ago. there does not appear to be solid proof we will benefit from a casino. Leave it in Gananoque
1088	1831	Yes	we do not have the policing capabilities to respond to increased crime derived from gambling addictions. Kingston police is already understaffed as is. we need to make better budgeting decisions not rely on potential revenues from a casino.Casinos are not recession proof as many other towns in the US have discovered. Better a cautiously cheap No then a regretfully expensive Yes
1089	2924	Yes	We don't need a casino in Kingston. We have many other tourist attractions here, that bring in a lot of tourists every year!!!
1090	1338	Yes	We don't need any more boondogales like the KRock centre to spend taxes on. The KRock has ruined downtown so why add more. Gambling should not have to be the governments way of raising funds, what is wrong with out Provincial Government.
1091	1086	Yes	We find it morally repugnant that the government, Provincial and Municipal, should strive to make money out of people's weaknesses,
1092	2330	Yes	We had our chance back in the 90s, and we blew it. We dropped the ball, Gan picked it up. So be it. Gan shouldn't have to suffer because we didn't grab the opportunity while it was still golden. You snooze, you lose. Our loss was Gan's gain.
1093	1654	Yes	We had our chance,it's so unfair to take it away from Gan.They had success with it,now were like a big bully taking there candy away...
1094	1340	Yes	We have a casino in Gan
1095	599	Yes	We have a high percentage of poor and working poor in the city. The chances of their meager earnings being frittered away at the casino in my estimation is very high.

1096	1288	Yes	We have a small business in Downtown Kingston and feel that a casino will not add anything positive to the Downtown core, other than problems ie: more garbage, less available parking, not enough outside spending.
1097	797	Yes	We have a vibrant downtown. A casino would negatively affect the character and charm of our city!
1098	1823	Yes	We have a well working casino in Gananoque and residents can get transport there via a free bus with McCoys. It would be ridiculous to spend money building a 2nd casino so close.
1099	672	Yes	We have enough of a parking nightmare with the K Rock Centre without having the additional headache of a casino.
1100	1216	Yes	we have enough people welfare poor spending on cigarettes and alcohol we don't need a gambling issue as well
1101	670	Yes	We have enough poor people with out a casino in their "backyard" to take what little money they have.
1102	33	Yes	We have enough sketchy people here, we don't need to attract more.
1103	1675	No	WE HAVE NO USE FOR A CASINO, WHEN THERE IS ONE 15 MINUTES DOWN THE ROAD. WE REJECTED A CASINO YEARS AGO AND AT THAT TIME GANANOQUE GOT IT. NOW WE WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM. THEY WORKIED HARD TO GET IT, THEY DESERVE TO KEEP IT, WHY HAVE ANOTHER BUILDING SITTING AROUND ROTTING.
1104	226	Yes	We have one close in Gan.
1105	1498	Yes	We have one in GAN!
1106	1819	Yes	We know of many people who were addicted to gambling and or are and we have seen how it has destroyed their lives and their families lives. I don't see how this will be a benifit to our community.
1107	1387	Yes	We need money invested in affordable housing. And the city needs to figure out a way to make the KROCK profitable before they take on any big new projects.
1108	2093	Yes	We need to concentrate on bringing real wealth-generating activity to Kingston, not facilities that simply take money away from those least able to afford it. Do we want to encourage our kids to look for get-rich-quick solutions or do we want them to see that they need to work diligently to get ahead.

1109	1393	Yes	WE NEED VIABLE MANUFACTURING AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESS TO ATTRACT OUR YOUNGER GENERATION TO STAY HERE AND LEAD PRODUCTIVE FAMILY LIFESTYLES. THIS CERTAINLY WOULD BE A BETTER IDEA FOR THE FUTURE OF KINGSTON THAN HOUSING PEOPLE IN A CASINO SPENDING THEIR MONEY, SAVINGS AND NOTHING IN RETURN FOR THE CONTINUED HEALTHY GROWTH OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON.PLEASE THE EASY ROAD ALWAYS LOOKS SO GOOD FOR THE SHORT TERM - THINK LONG TERM FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME.
1110	410	No	We should be supporting city services through progressive budgets from public funding. I used to work bingos for charity support. These were sad places. Gaming of any kind takes more from those least able to afford loss. We need to support services from those who have the means.
1111	1521	Yes	We should not be looking to exploit the weaknesses of our citizens. Building a casino in Kingston would be like cutting off your nose to spite your face.
1112	2750	Yes	We should not be trying to remove the casino from Gananoque
1113	730	Yes	We should not compete with Gananoque and the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands to get the only casino in this area, which is easily accessible to Kingston, away from them, when they have so little other industry to support their economy. The Casino has not delivered the wealth to those communities that people had anticipated, but it has created employment for many of their people and has certainly offset their economic losses. The money returned to the communities does not look quite as good as it sounds when you factor in the reality that the provincial government pays it out in lieu of property taxes on the casino land which is in a prime commercial location next to 401.  The fact that this is going to be private enterprise and quite possibly American further disturbs me. Revenues will go into private not public pockets - and not Canadian ones at that.
1114	2128	Yes	We should rather have an amusement park.
1115	762	Yes	We turned down this opportunity in the past and changing our minds now would be very unfair to Gan.
1116	931	Yes	We would be in direct competition with Gananoque.
1117	1418	Yes	What happens to the Gananoque casino, jobs and building? It also seems like a cheap addition to a rather noble city for the sake of easy money at the expense of its citizens. A casino is no attraction. But a Water Park like Wolf Lodge would be a great place to spend weekends with my family! I also cant believe a city with such history would have a museum

1118	1859	Yes	What kind of paying jobs will the casino provide? Are they unionized positions with decent wages, job security/stability, and will medical and dental benefits be offered? I don't want to see low paying jobs come to the area that exploit the working poor.
1119	1902	Yes	What recognize Kingston compared to other cities that the city is simple and quite. building a casino will result in change the taste of Kingston and may lead to increase the crime rate.
1120	42	Yes	What sort of Kingston do we want is my question! Traffic, noise, unwanted social problems ( not just gambling - but problems with unwanted sorts, familial problems, perhaps even human trafficking, etc...)will chance the makeup of a historic, peaceful city that once was. We could've marketed Kingston as a historic city not caught up in the modernization of a fast paced society as a place people want to go. In short, I don't want a Kingston that is changed socially, economically, and historically (it's historical value).
1121	525	Yes	What story are we telling younger generations by bringing in Casinos? Are we saying that success now depends on luck? Should council not be looking at how to establish other innovative industries that would promote sustainable solutions from a cultural, economic, environmental and social perspective?
1122	633	Yes	When engaging in other business, both the customer and the shopkeeper "win"- one gaining a needed item, the other income. With gambling, one person must always loose. It is terrible to profit from someone's loss and the resulting disaster to families and communities.
1123	2668	Yes	While I was previously in support of a Casino for the potential income it could bring to the city, being a Board Member of FCMHAS, I understand the nature of an addiction to gambling. There should be less, not more opportunities to gamble. Also, a Casino would not complement nor fit the culture of Kingston.
1124	338	Yes	While is sounds glamorous being downtown on the waterfront there can be no good to come of it. Did you know that there are approximately 75 deaths a year with people blowing their heads off in Gan, do you want to bring that into the city?
1125	1541	Yes	While it is argued that a casino would bring new jobs to the city, such jobs would be low-skilled, low-end with little economic multiplier effect. The benefit of these new jobs would be far overshadowed by the societal costs of having a casino in the city.
1126	484	Yes	While it may not be mainstream, I feel that gambling is morally wrong and has so many social ills attached to it that no justification is sufficient to compensate for the evils it will bring to untold families.
1127	2066	Yes	While on the surface the potential as a revenue source looks good, considerable monies leave the community instead of being spent here. Other jobs in the community could be displaced by potential casino jobs - rather than increasing the real number of jobs, there would be a net loss of jobs in the hospitality and entertainment industry.

1128	2312	Yes	Why can't I pick 4? More crime, people will lose themselves in it and think they can "beat the system" and make money but they won't. More suicides and that's just a given. How will the City of Kingston feel when we see a rise in suicides by residents because they gamble all their life savings away? Can you live with that decision?
1129	3264	Yes	why encourage gambling? it only ruins lives.
1130	3081	Yes	Why have one in Kingston as Kingston residents already can received FREE bus transportation to the casino in Gananoque.
1131	2829	Yes	Why not generate positive jobs, not ones that are poison to your people, and just so the government can get their revenue.
1132	181	Yes	Why take away from Gananoque's prime source of income? My opinion is that it would be nothing short of greedy on Kingston's part to infringe on one of the only viable employers in the Gananoque area. Kingston does perfectly fine without the problems that a casino brings and it would be a distraction from the sites that the city already has to offer.
1133	594	Yes	Why take it from Gananoque? They clearly need the employment and Kingston passed on it before the casino was built there, let it stay. Its close enough and there is bus service to make it accessible to those in our zone.
1134	488	Yes	why waste both councils time and MONEy on a non subject when there is a well run casino with in 25 minutes.
1135	2496	Yes	Why waste money building a new casino when there already is a casino 20 minutes away in Gan. Kingston had their chance for a casino 10 years ago but passed up on the opportunity.
1136	428	Yes	Why would we encourage people who may not be able to afford it, to spend their money at a casino?
1137	2040	Yes	Why would we rob our small town neighbors of needed revenue? Its bad enough we send them our shit every time it rains. Its in Gan....It should stay in Gan. !!!
1138	1254	Yes	Will attract more of the people we don't need in the City-those that can't afford to gamble in the first place.
1139	3167	Yes	Will have a negative impact on downtow businesses in the entertainment field and hospitality industry. Will create a drain on social welfare recipients as they are heavy users of casinos and can least afford it. It's a tax on the poor.why is the chamber of commerce and downtown business assoc not in favor of it? LISTEN TO YOUR TAXPAYERS.
1140	255	Yes	Will lead to increase in crime rate as gambling addicts will need money to pay rent/mortgage and to support themselves and their families
1141	1976	Yes	Will likely bring into the city undesirable transients.

1142	2416	Yes	Will not benefit the business community.
1143	1673	Yes	Will the Casino in Gan be closing ?? That's just wrong. There's plenty of room to expand there & no room in downtown Kingston for another big attraction. Kingstonians said "no" years ago & that's how it should stay .
1144	1203	Yes	With 29 casinos planned for Ontario the Kingston facility will neither be unique nor a tourist draw. A casino will be another "entertainment" draw in a city that has a plethora of vibrant entertainment options. I worry that the 120,000 plus Kingstonians will not be able to support all the current entertainment venues and also fill 600 slot machine spaces 24/7. There are only so many of us to go around. Given the addictive nature of gambling and the aggressive marketing that will have to be in place to drive citizens to go to the casino I worry that attendance at all our other cultural options will suffer.
1145	2068	Yes	With casino practice comes more sedentary lifestyles, higher rates of diseases such as high blood pressure, circulatory ailments, not to mention the food buffets that most casinos include, which propagate obesity and disruptive/negative eating habits..as well as mental stresses from gambling addiction, debt and compulsive behaviour.
1146	952	Yes	With it being placed in the hands of a private developer, as opposed to being controlled by the Provincial agency, we could anticipate many problems...many have been stated in other jurisdictions where private operators have been influenced by questionable investors.
1147	1922	Yes	With Kingston having Correctional facilities and Parolees/Ex-Cons on our streets, a Casino could lead to an increase in crime as individuals look for ways to pay off debts or look for extra money...
1148	265	Yes	With social problems and addictions comes the cost of treating these issues.
1149	2905	Yes	Within 20 minutes drive there is a Casino location, that is enough for catching Kingstonian to go to game! Within city limits it will strongly lead to addiction to lower and middle-income peoples and cause social problems in addition to local penitentiary issues?
1150	3090	Yes	Would kill the downtown if located in the city core. There is an abundance of information showing that gamblers do not spread their money past the doors of the casino. Would not contribute to vibrant & varied business economy. Let Gananoque have it.
1151	1851	Yes	Would seriously affect the economy of Gananoque. Seriously shortsighted and mean spirited.



1152	2928	Yes	Years ago when the idea of a Casino came up, Kingston was dead set against it. It went to Gananoque. Good for them. They did all the work and supported it. Seeing them make a bit of money, now Kingston wants to shut them down and have it here!? I think not. For Kingston to do this is disgusting and they should be ashamed. I DO NOT support a Casino in Kingston!
1153	658	Yes	yes ... it is pure and outright gambling !!!
1154	575	Yes	yes ....G-A-N-A-N-O-Q-U-E .... why would we undermine the best interests of a neighbouring community that has been through some tough times and already relies on their casino..... ? .... this in my opinion is the MAIN reason to reject the notion
1155	1672	Yes	yes any one who has a problem you make it worse I know people who go to Gan to play and its not good, These people need help not some where else to go
1156	2839	Yes	yes-- having a casino in Kingston is a poor fit to the vibrancy, heritage, and culture of Kingston, particularly in the downtown. And of course it will cause huge problems with addiction and other social problems, and it will displace money from other Kingston businesses. Don't do it!
1157	430	Yes	Yes They had their chance and didn't take it, so it does not seem fair to Gananoque to pull it away from their income.
1158	360	Yes	yes, many. more crime, other downtown businesses will suffer, etc.
1159	709	Yes	Yes, the second item in Q5.above, which I didn't check because it said to list the top three. Will the province suddenly fund some extra therapists and addiction counsellors to deal with the results of a casino? I don't think so.
1160	2673	No	Yes, there is already a Casino in Gananoque and Kingston had there chance when the thought of a casino was be built. Why take away the Casino in Gananoque and take away the jobs of those people and what are they going to do with that building? The casino in Gananoque was already under the pressure of possibly closing earlier this year but the Ontario Lottery Association decided to keep it open. LEAVE IT IN GANANOQUE!!!!
1161	2981	Yes	Yes. Increase in gambling addictions and resultant social problems Downtown Kingston has a beautiful heritage site. A casino does not "fit" with this
1162	2880	Yes	Yes. 1. There is significant potential for organized crime to move into the city. 2. A casino is not in keeping with the historic, family-friendly feel of the downtown. 3. Along with the possible closure of KCVI, this would encourage professionals and professors to move their families out of the downtown core, thus destroying what many consider Kingston's greatest asset--a beautiful residential area that attracts professionals and retirees.
1163	2503	Yes	Yes. Along with addiction, the casino will promote organized crime, prostitution, poverty, etc.

1164	2467	Yes	Yes. Casinos have always been associated with corruption and criminal activity. The fact that a governing body is willing to support such activity, would lead me to believe that as a society, we are drifting away from sound moral values and more and more embrace a culture of degradation.
1165	252	Yes	yes. this shouldn't even be up for debate. council blew this call years ago and now they want to revisit this. ABSURD. quit wasting valuable time on something you shouldn't even be poking your NOSE INTO.
1166	1626	Yes	YES... i DO NOT SUPPORT ANY TYPE OF GAMBLING .....
1167	969	Yes	Yes...29 casinos built in Ontario will destroy the horse racing industry.
1168	721	Yes	Yet again, City Council is exploring chasing a pot of gold, seeing only the dollars and not the social costs. Please do not go down this road. I can see an increase in crime following the opening of this casino. I don't know if you think that's a social problem, but I think it bears mentioning specifically.
1169	2525	Yes	you had the oppertunity years ago and choose not to do so.you do not deserve this chance again.
1170	1725	Yes	You had your chance, don't steal from your neighbours! Clean up Kingston problems instead of bringing in new ones.
1171	911	Yes	You will be giving money to a private company as opposed to into the community. If it is not going to be a government-run casino, we should not have it. As well, there will be money being taken out of Gananoque's economy simply to add it to a corporation's pockets.
1172	3102	No	you will lose the customers and visitors from the area of Leeds and the Thousand Islands and the Town of Gananoque as Kingston said NO once before and at your public meeting in August said NO - are you not listening? or as Quebec does, try to promote the question again and again until you, the Mayor and Council, get the vote you want. And trying to get to Kingston with only two avenues, either the 401 with all the ins and outs around Kingston is very dangerous, or the LaSalle Causeway one lane, and not always dependable, the traffic in Kingston and the parking is horrible. NOT GOOD
1173	2447	No	Your money is better off being given to a reputable charity and one obtaining a tax refund due to making the charitable donation.
1174	609	Yes	Your options for not supporting are TOO simplistic making opposition look negative.