

RESOLUTION NO. R-3090

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENDORSEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF HOMEWOOD AND EAST HAZEL CREST
AND THE DALY GROUP LLC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTH
SUBURBAN CASINO AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

WHEREAS, in December 2012, the Villages of Homewood and East Hazel Crest entered into an "Intergovernmental Agreement to Jointly Develop Property within Villages of East Hazel Crest and Homewood" for development of a casino gaming and entertainment facility on a site within the Villages, premised upon adoption of legislation authorizing an additional casino gaming license in the south Chicago suburbs; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2012, the Villages held a public meeting to elicit public opinion and comment on developing a casino facility within the Villages; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the adoption of authorizing legislation and to ensure that the Villages would be in a competitive or favorable position in that event, the Villages in 2013 published a "Single Phase Request for Qualifications and Proposals-Casino Gambling Development and Operations" ("RFP") to elicit multiple proposals for the site at Halsted Street at 174th Street in Homewood and East Hazel Crest; and

WHEREAS, the RFP contemplated the Villages selecting a preferred candidate to develop a casino gaming facility on the Site and endorsing the candidate so selected as part of the licensure process envisioned by the legislation then pending; and

WHEREAS, the selection and endorsement were contemplated to create a positive working relationship and a framework for negotiating a formal development agreement for the Site to be structured under the legislation approving the new license, local laws and regulations, development goals outlined in the RFP, and local sensitivities; and

WHEREAS, the only response to the RFP was an expression of interest made by The Daly Group, LLC on May 30, 2013, on behalf of a to-be-formed joint venture; and

WHEREAS, during its 2013 Spring Session and for several years thereafter, the Illinois General Assembly did not pass the authorizing legislation contemplated by the RFP, causing the Villages to defer acting on the Daly

Group's Expression of Interest, pending further action by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, since The Daly Group's Expression of Interest in 2013, the Villages and Daly have been operating according to the terms of the attached Endorsement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2019, the Governor signed Public Act 101-0031, authorizing issuance of a casino license to an operator in Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth Township, which area includes the Villages of Homewood and East Hazel Crest; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019 the Villages certified to the Illinois Gaming Board that Wind Creek IL LLC would be the owner and operator of the proposed casino; and

WHEREAS, now that the Illinois Gaming Board is scheduled to hear applicants' presentations and determine the South Suburban casino's location, the Villages and Daly desire to enter into this Endorsement Agreement to reaffirm their respective commitments about the potential development of the Site by The Daly Group and Wind Creek's application for a license to conduct casino gaming at the Site under Public Act 101-0031.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood:

SECTION ONE – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT:

The Village President is authorized to execute the attached Endorsement Agreement attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.

SECTION TWO – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall be in full force after its passage, approval, and publication under law.

PASSED and APPROVED on September 28, 2021.

ATTEST:

Village President

Village Clerk

AYES: ____ NAYS: ____ ABSTENTIONS: ____ ABSENCES: ____

Exhibit A

ENDORSEMENT AGREEMENT