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Ho-Chunk Nation: Leaders tout Beloit Casino

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Nation's leaders stress jobs, economic impact, and local support for casino

Beloit, WI **–** Several current and former leaders of the Ho-Chunk Nation appeared tonight at a hearing in Beloit, Wisconsin, to testify on behalf of the Nation's proposed Beloit casino and entertainment center project. The hearing, conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, brings the much-anticipated project one step closer to fruition.

"The proposed Ho-Chunk casino, waterpark, and hotel will provide Beloit, its local businesses, and the surrounding communities with an incredible economic boost," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland earlier today, "including 1500 new full-time jobs for the community."

"The Ho-Chunk Nation has been proud to partner these last several years with city leaders and the local business community to make this exciting project a reality, and today we are one more big step closer."

Several current and former Ho-Chunk Nation legislators, business development executives, and members appeared at the hearing to support the project. They were joined by several local Beloit officials, business leaders, and others who were also enthusiastically supportive.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's proposed investment in Beloit is expected to directly create thousands of construction jobs, as well as another 1500 full-time jobs; to

generate substantial revenue in taxes and fees for the community; and to provide a significant boost in local economic activity and growth.

Representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted the public hearing at the Aldrich Middle School auditorium in Beloit.