

Slots in Charles County

I do not support casino gambling. I do not support bailing out failed race tracks. The history of these endeavors in Charles County and Maryland speak for itself.

I do believe that a new revenue stream in the county to provide tax relief and correct past decisions is needed. Past and some present County Commissioners have been involved with creating a paid fire and emergency service to the detriment of the volunteer service in the county. This was done without a way to fund these new services. The most effective way that the volunteer services were funded was outlawed under Governor Glendenning.

We are faced with budget woes; drop in charity contributions, and unfunded future obligations that our current Commissioners are committing our county to.

My proposal is to allow nonprofit organizations such as; Lions, Elks, Moose, VFW, and the American Legion to install slot machines.

- They have a closed membership.
- They have a history of giving back to the community.

Regulatory rules:

- Maximum of five machines.
- Only members can use the machines.
- Must have Maryland state lottery license.
- Machine placement must fall within current fire safety guide lines.

Benefits for Charles County:

- Tax revenue that can be shared between the county and state.
- Increased membership and participation in these organizations.
- Organizations giving back to the community by providing needed resources.
- Providing a healthy community environment to bond the county together.

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