



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement by Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. on Proposal to Expand Resorts World

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"The proposal by Resorts World to expand its facility to include a hotel, spa and convention center has the potential to reap huge economic benefits on not only the surrounding neighborhood of Ozone Park, but the entire borough of Queens and state. This project would create over a thousand jobs in construction, design and other fields during the planning and building stages as well as thousands of long-term positions at each of the new facilities once the project is completed. Local job creation is crucial to our economy and such a large influx of job opportunities is rare. With a portion of gaming money from casinos across New York being given every year to fund and support education, an additional 1,000 VLTs and gaming at the site would also benefit schools throughout the state, as that funding would continue to grow. Resorts World is already the biggest contributor to this fund in all of New York state, illustrating the popularity of the gaming facilities at this location and how expanding the opportunity to play and experience the new amenities would only lead to more crucial dollars for state education and revenue. I believe this proposal would have a number of positive impacts on Queens and on New York as a whole and I look forward to working with Resorts World to see how the plan progresses."