

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
John Marshall Courts Building**

**IN RE: PETITION BY THE COUNCIL )  
OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, )  
VIRGINIA, FOR AN ORDER RELIEVING )  
THE CITY OF THE REQUIREMENT OF )  
AN ORDER REGARDING THE HOLDING )  
OF A REFERENDUM CONCERNING )  
WHETHER CASINO GAMING SHALL )  
BE PERMITTED IN THE CITY OF )  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA )**

Case No.: CL22-3420-5

**ORDER**

There has been filed with this Court a Petition on behalf of the Council of the City of Richmond in which the Council has requested this Court to relieve the City of Richmond from the requirements of an order that a referendum be called and a special election be conducted on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, pursuant to sections 24.2-682, 24.2-684, and 58.1-4123 of the Code of Virginia (1950) on the question of whether casino gaming shall be permitted at a casino gaming establishment in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234 (the "Referendum Order").

This Court having considered the Petition, IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED that:

1. The Petition requesting a referendum was filed properly pursuant to Title 24.2, Chapter 6, Article 5 and Title 58.1, Chapter 41 of the Code of Virginia (1950) on March 10, 2022;
2. The Referendum Order was entered by this Court on March 18, 2022, in Case No. 22-998-5;
3. By the passage of time, on April 18, 2022, this Court's Referendum Order became final and non-appealable;

4. On June 21, 2022, the Governor of Virginia signed into law the 2022-2024 Biennium Budget Bill, which includes the following provision which became effective on July 1, 2022:

No locality that has been previously authorized as an eligible host city pursuant to § 58.1-4107, Code of Virginia, to conduct casino gaming which held a local referendum on November 2, 2021, that failed, shall be eligible to hold a subsequent local referendum until November 2023. (2022 (Sp. Sess. I) Va. Acts ch. 2, Item 4-803(c)); and

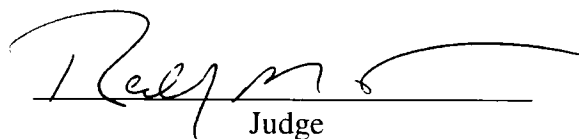
5. The City of Richmond, by its City Council, due to uncertainty created by the Budget Amendment signed into law on June 21, 2022, desires that the casino referendum directed by the Referendum Order be removed from the November 8, 2022, ballot.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED as follows:

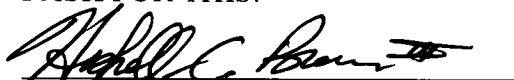
1. The City of Richmond, together with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, the Electoral Board of the City of Richmond, and the General Registrar of the City of Richmond, be and hereby is relieved from the requirements of the Referendum Order, and no referendum is to be called or any special election conducted on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, pursuant to sections 24.2-682, 24.2-684, and 58.1-4123 of the Code of Virginia (1950) on the question of whether casino gaming shall be permitted at a casino gaming establishment in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234.

2. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, is directed to send a copy of this Order immediately to the State Board of Elections. The Clerk is further directed to send a copy of this Order immediately to the General Registrar of the City of Richmond, Virginia.

ENTERED THIS 12 DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

  
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Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:

  
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