

# Sands pushes for a casino in New York City (10)

The Bethlehem Gadfly Serious Issues, Wind Creek Casino July 17, 2019

*(10th in a series of posts on Wind Creek Bethlehem)*

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Gadfly:

Did you see this morning's paper? When Paterson is successful (not if!), this will be the end of the fifty buses a day to our casino, and a huge drop in revenue.

[David Klepper, "Sands brings big hitter to lobby for NYC casino."](#)

Former New York Gov. David Paterson is joining Las Vegas Sands Corp. to lead the casino and resort developer's push for a casino in New York City. Voters have already authorized up to three casinos for the nation's largest city, but state law says they can't be approved until 2023 at the earliest. Paterson, who is joining Sands as a senior vice president, said there's no reason to wait, and that lawmakers should lift the moratorium next year. Sands just recently sold its Bethlehem casino. "Is it going to happen in 2023 or 2020? Why not start three years earlier?" he said. "This is really a tremendous opportunity to create jobs in New York."

What plans does Wind Creek/Poarch Band have in place to really revitalize the Steel property before we lose the NY gamers to a brand name they know and love?

If we didn't like the amount from the sale of the Sands to Wind Creek, we are not going to be happy with having to depend on visitors from the Lehigh Valley and west Jersey.

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