

# BRISTOL CASINO PROPOSAL



Dear members of the Bristol community,

I've heard from many of you- supporters and non-supporters alike- about the proposed Bristol Hotel and Casino, and I'm pleased that so many in our community are engaged and active on the topic. With so many differing opinions, I wanted to provide a resource for our community to learn about the project as it is currently proposed, who is involved, and what the next steps are. I want the community to be well-informed about the opportunities- and the possible problems- that such a project will present to our area. I hope this website will be a resource you can use to understand the issue and form your own opinion on the proposal.

Sincerely,

Randall Eads

City Manager

## WHAT IS PROPOSED:

A group of well-known local businessmen and developers have purchased the vacant Bristol Mall, located along i-81 and Gate City Highway, with plans to redevelop the property into the Bristol Resort and Casino. The Virginia General Assembly must approve legislation authorizing the casino before the project can begin. The developers project that the proposed casino and resort would provide 2,000 jobs in their first year of operations, and will be completely self-funded.

<https://www.bristolcasinoresort.com/>

## Links to Local Media:

<https://www.heraldcourier.com/news/casino-resort-at-former-bristol-mall-could-transform-region>

<https://www.heraldcourier.com/news/many-bristol-residents-voice-support-for-proposed-casino>

<https://www.heraldcourier.com/news/bristol-casino-developers-address-concerns-about-crime-other-issues>

<https://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/bristol-leaders-say-casino-would-likely-be-welcome/>

<https://wset.com/news/local/developers-announce-plans-for-150-million-casino-in-bristol>

## Links to Casino Research Studies:

<https://drexel.edu/now/archive/2014/July/Casino-Crime/>