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<u>NEWS!</u> Attorney General gets conclusive evidence that Moskowitz is unfit for gambling license!

June 11, 2000. The Coalition for Justice in Hawaiian Gardens and Jerusalem has given California Attorney General Bill Lockyer <u>documents</u> showing that the owners of the Hawaiian Gardens casino, Irving and Cherna Moskowitz, sponsor Web sites encouraging violence against Israel's pro-peace government. The Coalition has also given Lockyer a <u>W-2 tax form</u> showing illegal wages paid to a worker at the Hawaiian Gardens bingo that Irving Moskowitz runs through his Moskowitz Foundation.

"These documents comprise conclusive evidence that the Moskowitzes lack the good character which California law^{*} requires of gambling licensees," said Coalition Co-Chair Mina Meyer. The Moskowitzes' gambling license application awaits Lockyer's decision.

The W-2 federal tax form suggests Moskowitz's bingo illegally pays wages to bingo workers. State law, which limits bingo to non-profit organizations, requires bingo workers to be unpaid volunteers. Despite Hawaiian Gardens' severe poverty, Moskowitz donates most of the bingo's proceeds to radical opponents of the Middle East peace process.

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The Moskowitzes' violence-encouraging Web sites project the views of these enemies of peace with little left to the imagination. Until it was exposed by an Israeli paper last February, the Web site sponsored by Cherna Moskowitz encouraged visitors to blow up, with the click of a mouse, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, former Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and other Israeli officials who advocate peace with the Palestinians.

The Coalition has given Lockyer a copy of Cherna Moskowitz's domain registration. Chillingly, she's named it "ehudbarak.net." The name evokes the taunting, threatening, atmosphere created by right-wing settlers and religious zealots in 1995 – prompting one of their number to assassinate Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. When the Israeli paper *Yediot Aharonot* exposed this Moskowitz site, the hosting company removed it. But the Coalition has posted a copy of the assassination game on its own <u>www.stopmoskowitz.org</u> Web site.

Irving Moskowitz, on his <u>www.ourjerusalem.com</u> Web site, recently posted an essay by Gary M. Cooperberg, who stated: "Our [Israeli] government apparently only enters into negotiations as a reaction to violence.... There must be a lesson here somewhere as to how an honest patriotic Jewish organization can influence the democratic process in Israel..."

The unabashed violence of the Moskowitzes' political expression clearly makes them ineligible for a license under the state gambling statute that a licensee be "[a] person whose prior activities...do not pose a threat to the public interest of this state."

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Copies of the documents given to Lockyer are available on request.

^{*} Business & Professions Code 19847A. (b) An application to receive a **license** constitutes a request for a determination of the applicant's general **character**, integrity, and ability to participate in, engage in, or be associated with, controlled gambling.

^{**} Business & Professions Code 19848A (b)