



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustee Bill Johnston, Chairperson
Economic and Community Development Committee

FROM: William J. Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development *WJH*

DATE: December 10, 2018

SUBJECT: **Video Gaming**

As the Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) members may recall, video gaming was introduced and discussed at meetings in 2010, 2013, and 2014. At these meetings staff reviewed video gaming; however video gaming remains prohibited in Lombard per a 2010 Ordinance (No. 6442). The 2014 meetings gathered numerous public comments at various Committees. The ECDC and Village Board reviewed the matter but voted to not pursue further consideration on video gaming.

Recently, Lombard businesses attended a Board meeting in support of video gaming and asked the Board to revisit the topic. The Board has requested a review of the issue by various Lombard Committees. The topic has been discussed with the Finance, Community Relations, and the Public Safety & Transportation Committees.

At the December 10th ECDC meeting, the Committee will hear a presentation from staff regarding a budget overview, options to be considered, and specifics on video gaming. Staff is seeking the input of the ECDC members on this issue. Specifically, staff is seeking the input and interest of the ECDC as to their level of support for considering video gaming activity in Lombard. The ECDC should review the matter under the Committee's purview and the impacts on the business and development community. Next steps after the ECDC will include a Village Board hearing and workshop, and ultimately a decision by the Village Board.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests the ECDC provide a recommendation to the Board on video gaming within the context and scope of the Committee.