

# ORGANIZING NEWS

FOR GATEWAY CASINO EMPLOYEES

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## LRB hearings concluded

Union certification hearings for Gateway Casino workers in Burnaby wrapped up this week.

On Tuesday, March 6, the final arguments to the BC Labour Relations Board (LRB) were heard on the application to join the BC Government and Service Employees' Union. The counting of the October 24-26 vote has been held up by Gateway objections to the application.

The employer continues to claim that dealer supervisors and slot supervisors should not be in the same bargaining unit as the dealers and slot attendants in an effort to delay the vote count. They have asked to have the entire application for certification dismissed. We say the employee positions **do** belong in the same bargaining unit and the ballots should be counted.

In response to Gateway's objections, the LRB held formal hearings over the past several months. Both the union and Gateway management had an

opportunity to present their cases. The process involved seven days of hearings that included submissions, witness testimony and, this week, closing arguments. All Gateway's witnesses were from Gateway head office - none actually work in the Burnaby casino.

We are now awaiting the LRB decision. This could take a week or it could be several weeks. We recognize that this delay is the latest frustration in a difficult and unnecessarily long process, but we have every reason to believe the decision will be in our favour. We thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions on the certification process or your workplace, please call the BCGEU at 1-866-200-2829 or 604-291-9611 and ask for organizing.

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### Certification Vote Timeline

Application  
made...

October 16, 2006

Vote held...

October 24-26,  
2006

LRB Hearing  
concluded...

March 6, 2007

Vote Count....



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odds are better!***

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