

# Why are we fighting just one man?



The Coalition for Justice in Hawaiian Gardens & Jerusalem

[www.stopmoskowitz.org](http://www.stopmoskowitz.org)

Because that man, Irving Moskowitz, crushes aspirations for peace and prosperity in two cities half a world away from each other:



- ▶ In Hawaiian Gardens, a small city in Los Angeles County, Moskowitz thwarts socio-economic advancement.
- ▶ In Jerusalem, he spends money from Hawaiian Gardens on properties and organizations aimed at thwarting Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts.
- ▶ *He does it more effectively than any organization we know of.*

# Hawaiian Gardens & Jerusalem



In Hawaiian Gardens Moskowitz runs a bingo. Rather than giving the millions in yearly profits to the city of Hawaiian Gardens, which gave him a bingo monopoly, Moskowitz gives the bingo money to militants and extremists fighting Israeli-Palestinian peace.

# The West Bank

The West Bank of the Jordan River, home to 3 million Palestinians, which together with Gaza will comprise the future Palestinian state. The blue triangles are the Israeli settlements. Most of the settlers expect they will be dismantled as part of a peace agreement.



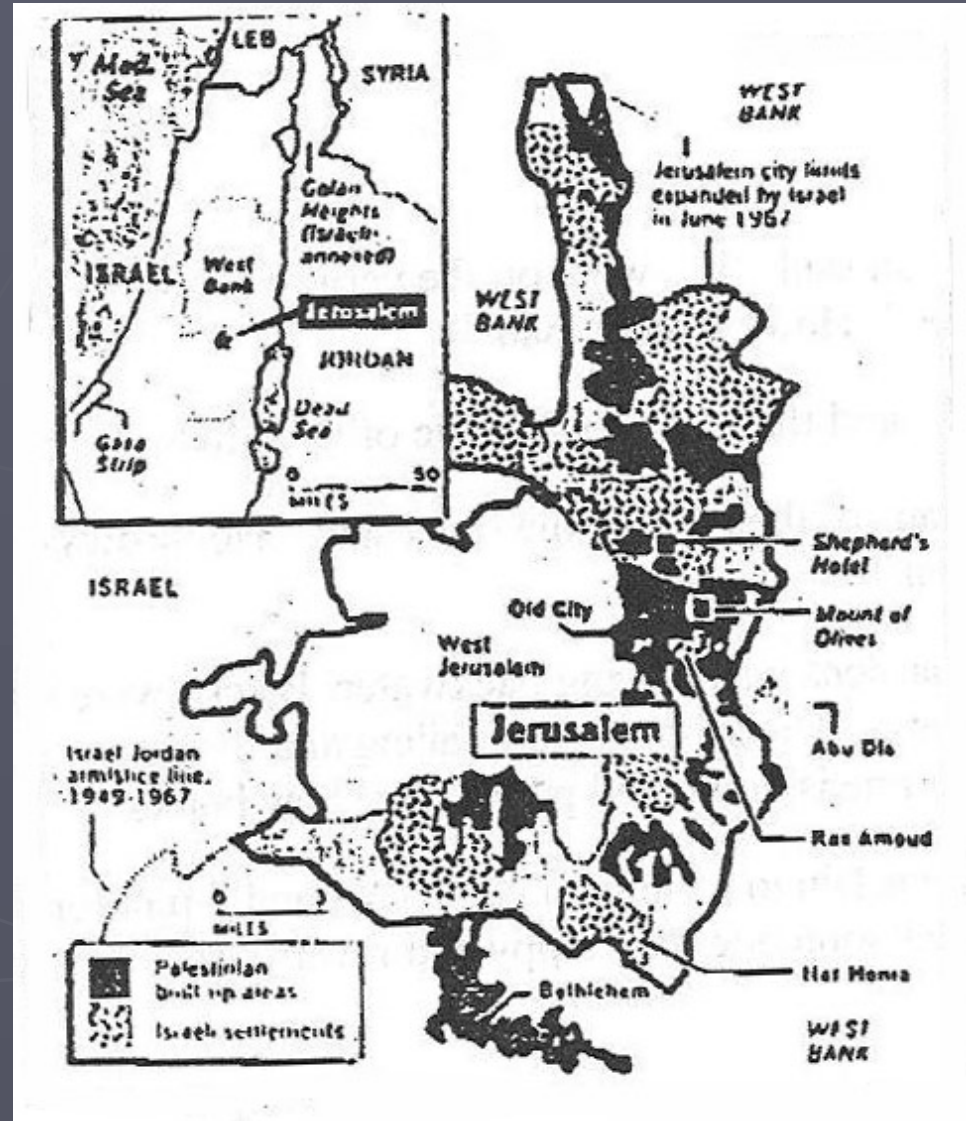
# A Peace Plan Targeted

This map shows the “Beilin-Abu Mazen” compromise on Jerusalem that would give the Palestinians a toehold in Jerusalem – and that Moskowitz’s projects are intended to block.



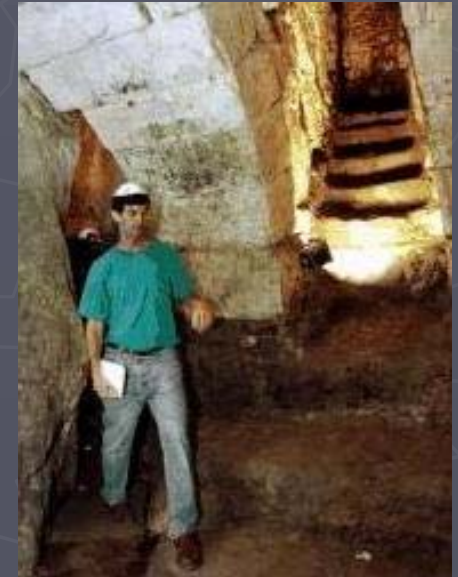
# Moskowitz's Settlements

This map shows where Moskowitz bought properties to house militant settlers with the declared purpose of blocking key land compromises.



# Moskowitz's Tunnel Provocation

Moskowitz has already created “facts on the ground” with deadly consequences. Over 70 people died in riots following the 1996 opening of a controversial Moskowitz-funded tunnel alongside the Temple Mount.



# Ras Al-Amud

In 1997, when peace talks were progressing, Moskowitz moved militant settlers into his Ras Al-Amud development, causing a crisis with the US State Department. The entire Israeli political spectrum rejected Moskowitz's attack on the peace process.

“[Moskowitz should] stay here and eat the broth he has spoiled for us. He must not be allowed to escape when the fire spreads and starts burning everything.”

- Yossi Sarid, Meretz leader  
Jerusalem Post, 9/19/97

# Ateret Cohanim

Moskowitz has given \$5.63 million in bingo profits to the radical settler group Ateret Cohanim, a group that believes holding Palestinian land and replacing the Muslim Dome of the Rock with the ancient Temple will bring the Messiah.

# Abu Dis

This spring, Moskowitz moved settlers into another peace-blocking development, Abu Dis, intentionally built across from the site designated for the future Palestinian Parliament.



# Beit Orot

Moskowitz blocked the construction of a badly needed Arab girls' school by buying the land for a settler yeshiva, Beit Orot, whose leader advocates expulsion of the Palestinians from Jerusalem and the West Bank. Palestinian parents, represented by an Israeli attorney prominent in the peace movement, are suing Moskowitz.

# Anti-Peace Organizations

Ateret Cohananim and Beit Orot are not the only militantly anti-peace groups that Moskowitz supports.

American Friends of Mercaz Harav Kook:	\$7,320,000
American Friends of Everest Foundation:	\$5,916,750
American Friends of Ateret Cohananim:	\$5,625,250
Americans for a Safe Israel:	\$ 585,036
American Friends of Bet El Yeshiva:	\$ 431,000
American Friends of Qatzrin Foundation:	\$ 300,000

Donations between 1987-2001

# Call to expel Palestinians

On his website, “ourjerusalem.com,” Moskowitz has posted columns advocating the “expulsion” and “transfer” of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza.

“We should move all of our Arab population to Gaza, and then we can deport them elsewhere, outside of Israel ... They all must be removed before more Jews get murdered.”

- Gary M. Cooperberg *A Voice from Hebron*  
August 26, 2002  
Posted on [OurJerusalem.com](http://OurJerusalem.com)

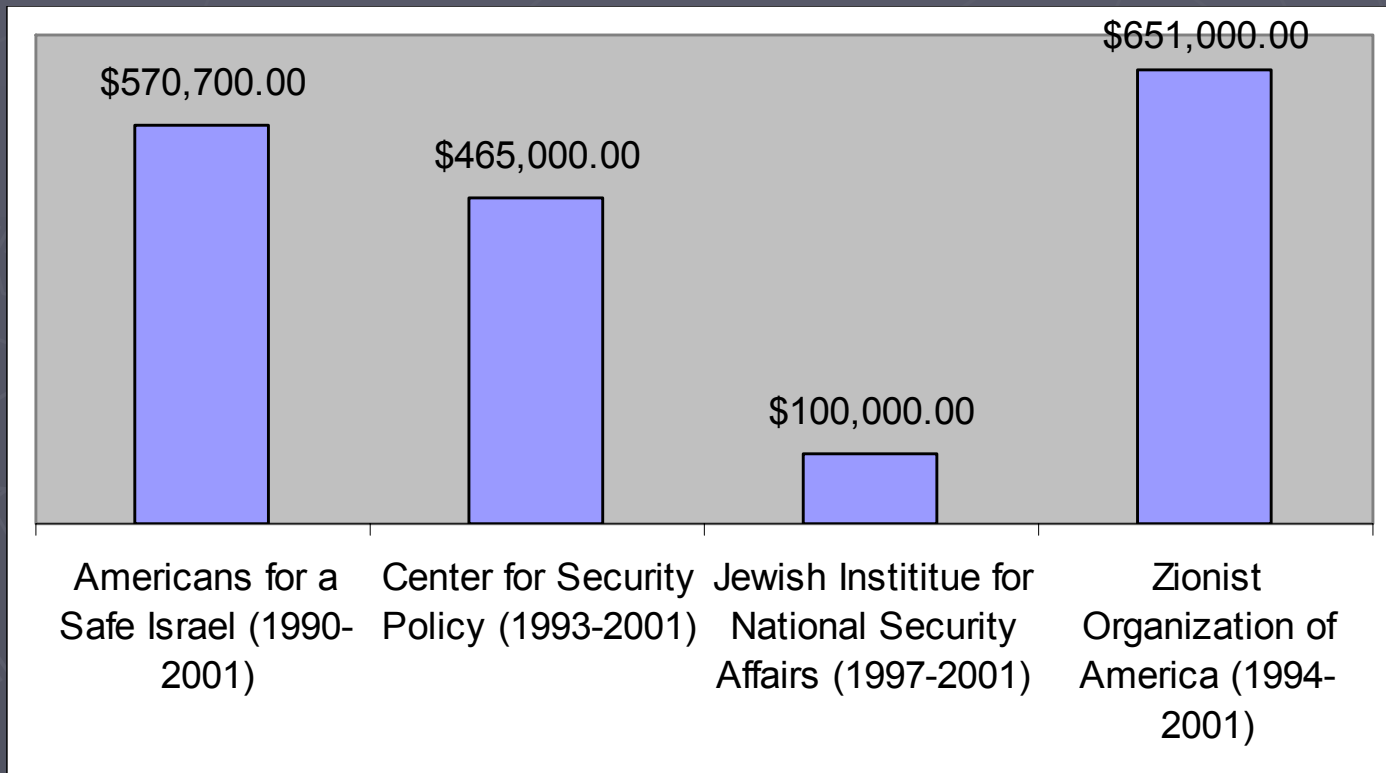
# An "Assassination" Game

In 2000 Moskowitz's wife, Cherna, a partner in Hawaiian Gardens Casino venture, sponsored an internet "game," encouraging players to "explode" the heads of pro-peace Israeli leaders.

המבחן מתחיל  
KNESSSET SHOOTOUT  
המטרה מסומנת  
רה"מ מתפוצץ  
הילדים התאמנו, הכדור דגל כגע בנער - והוא מת  
בת 10: 'השוטר' אמר לי להתפשט - ואנס אותי  
משקפיים  
תאילנד 6 לילות  
ירושום קבלנים

# Neo-Con Groups

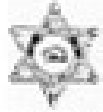
Not only does Moskowitz support anti-peace forces in Jerusalem but he supports U.S. neo-con and ultra-right Jewish groups that led the call for war against Iraq.



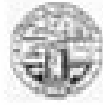
# Hawaiian Gardens

Hawaiian Gardens is a tiny city that Moskowitz has been able to control for the sake of his gambling operations. He owned the local hospital in 1988 when the bingo that funded the City government went up for sale. He told city he'd operate it for local benefit.





County of Los Angeles  
Office of the Sheriff  
Hall of Justice  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
(213) 946-7051



SHERMAN BLOCK 1-1-1977

September 7, 1988

LICENSE DETAIL INVESTIGATION REPORT

File# 188-04003-3410-446

City of Hawaiian Gardens

Application for Business License and/or Permit Bingo Operator

Business Name: "The Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation"

Address: 11831-59 Carson St., Hawaiian Gardens, Ca.

Applicant: The Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation

4261 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 313, Long Beach, Ca.

President: Irving I. Moskowitz, M.D.

4744 N. Bay Blvd., Miami Beach, Florida 33140

Result of investigation fails to indicate a basis for process.

Result of investigation indicates a basis for process.

See narrative report attached in clarification of recommendations.

Investigating Officer: Det. T. Sciacca Report Approved: Sgt. E. Velez  
#880915 License Detail: 1/6

Departmental Recommendation: Disapproval



SHERMAN BLOCK SHERIFF

By James D. Austin, Lieutenant  
Vice Bureau/License Detail

# Bingo

The city approved Moskowitz's purchase of the bingo and gave him a bingo license – even though the sheriff recommended against it.

# Where the bingo money went

Moskowitz didn't keep his word. He gave very little to the City, except when he campaigned to build a casino in Hawaiian Gardens. During that brief period, he lavished the City with bingo funds to bend it to his will.



# Little for Hawaiian Gardens

The bingo profits sent to fight Israeli-Palestinian peace could have done so much in Hawaiian Gardens, one of the poorest cities in California.



# Moskowitz's Casino

In 1993, Moskowitz got control of mile-square Hawaiian Gardens' best piece of commercial property, saying he would build a “big box” retail store.

By 1995, he was campaigning to build a casino. That was the only time he donated a significant amount of bingo profits – several million dollars – to the City.

# The Casino

Moskowitz spent over half a million dollars of his own money to win a 1995 ballot measure approving the casino. Most of the money went to street gang "election workers."

Afterwards, he spent almost as much to recall City Council members who opposed the casino.

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 United Citizens to Save Hawaiian Gardens - Tee on A, Sponsored by Carrizo Gardens

I.D. Number  
 951066

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California Grill Restaurant (Sub-Vendor of Licon, Fred Receiving \$ 100 or more) G		343.33 Memo Only
Avis 4100 Donald Douglas Dr Long Beach, CA (Sub-Vendor of Licon, Fred Receiving \$ 100 or more) G		707.79 Memo Only
Bombase 21900 Norwalk Bl Hawaiian Gardens, CA (Sub-Vendor of Licon, Fred Receiving \$ 100 or more) G		260.67 Memo Only
Barajas, Juan 12130 E Carson St #F Hawaiian Gardens, CA (Sub-Vendor of Licon, Fred Receiving \$ 100 or more) G		195.00 Memo Only
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Macias, Gerardo 12130 E Carson St #F Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 G		105.97
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,249.14</b>

# Looting Redevelopment Funds

With recalls, political pressure and bingo dollars, Moskowitz—a multi-millionaire—induced the City to use the Hawaiian Gardens Redevelopment Agency's funds to finance his casino.

He rewrote the development contract so Hawaiian Gardens paid the lion's share for relocating businesses on the site. Then he insisted that his lawyers represent the redevelopment agency. He was able to prolong the eminent domain litigation for years.

# Evicting a Donut Stand

One case, a popular donut stand that Moskowitz evicted over Christmas 2000, was in court till late 2003, when the city (not Moskowitz) paid a settlement.



# Casino Taxes

Most developments are supposed to be win-win. Moskowitz promised the city millions in casino revenue taxes, but the contract he rewrote will let him stop paying those taxes the moment he gets a casino license.

~~C. [§315] Taxes, Assessments, Encumbrances and Liens~~ C. [§315] Taxes, Assessments, Encumbrances and Liens

The Redeveloper shall pay when due all real estate taxes and assessments assessed and levied on the Site for any period subsequent to conveyance of title to or delivery of possession of the Site. Prior to the conveyance of a Certificate of Completion, the Redeveloper shall not place or allow to be placed on the Site any mortgage, trust deed, encumbrance or lien unauthorized by this Agreement. The Redeveloper shall remove or have removed any levy or attachment made on the Site (or any ~~Portion~~ portion thereof), or shall assure the satisfaction thereof, within a reasonable time, but in any event prior to a sale thereunder. Nothing herein ~~constrained~~ contained shall be deemed to prohibit the Redeveloper from contesting the validity or amounts of any tax, assessment, encumbrance or lien, nor to limit the remedies available to the Redeveloper in respect ~~thereto; notwithstanding, neither the Agency nor the City of Hawaiian Gardens may at any time designate the Site or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property now owned or hereafter acquired by Redeveloper as a special assessment district or single out the Site, or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property now owned or hereafter acquired by Redeveloper, for greater tax assessments or treatment (including, but not limited to, business license or other taxes) that established for all other properties or businesses within the City of Hawaiian Gardens, nor may any such taxes, assessments or treatment (including, but not limited to, business license or other taxes) be hereafter increased by any percentage greater than such increases for all other properties and businesses within the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Any owner of the Site or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property~~ thereto; notwithstanding, neither the Agency nor the City of Hawaiian Gardens may at any time designate the Site or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property now owned or hereafter acquired by Redeveloper as a special assessment district or single out the Site, or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property now owned or hereafter acquired by Redeveloper, for greater tax assessments or treatment (including, but not limited to, business license or other taxes) that established for all other properties or businesses within the City of Hawaiian Gardens, nor may any such taxes, assessments or treatment (including, but not limited to, business license or other taxes) be hereafter increased by any percentage greater than such increases for all other properties and businesses within the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Any owner of the Site or any property or business in, on or about the Site, or any other property or business located at or near the Site on property ~~thereto~~ thereto now owned or hereafter acquired by Redeveloper shall have the right to recycle their own trash and/or disposables. The covenants of the Redeveloper set forth in this Section 315 relating to the placement of any unauthorized mortgage, trust deed, encumbrance or lien shall remain in effect only until a Certificate of

# Casino Debts

Meanwhile, to repay over \$10 million in debts for Moskowitz's casino, the City issued bonds backed by future casino revenue taxes.

If the California Gambling Control Commission approves Moskowitz's long-pending license application, Hawaiian Gardens could be left empty-handed to pay those debts.

# Hawaiian Gardens



Now, with casino revenue taxes rolling in, Moskowitz's loyal City Council has done little to improve municipal life – or residents' property values.

# Casino Jobs

The good jobs at the casino that Moskowitz promised Hawaiian Gardens residents turned out to be minimum wage drudgery as this ad shows.

Are you interested in a fast paced, fun, and exciting work environment that offers challenging career opportunities?

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

Call our 24 hour JOBLINE (562) 860-8890 ext 401.

Human Resources Fax# (562)860-5823

**\*\*\* ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD \*\*\***

## **CASINO BUSSERS**

Minimum Wage  
Graveyard Shift

**Full Time Position**

Must be able to lift and carry up to 25lbs, walk and stand for 8 hours, bend, push and communicate effectively with others.

## **CASINO SERVERS**

Minimum Wage

Graveyard Shift Only

**Full Time Position**

Prior restaurant experience is required. Must be able to lift and carry up to 25lbs, walk and stand for 8 hours, and possess excellent customer service and communication skills.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

Minimum Wage

Graveyard Shift Only

**Full Time Position**

Responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the casino premises, lift up to 50lbs, bend, push, pull, reach and stand 8 hours. Must understand the usage of chemicals.

## **STEWARD**

**\$7.00 Graveyard Shift Only  
Full Time Position**

Must be able to lift up to 50lbs, bend, push, pull, reach and stand for 8 hours; responsible for washing pots, pans, mopping and sweeping all areas of the kitchen and communicate effectively with others. Must understand the usage of chemicals.

From [hawaiiangardenscasino.net](http://hawaiiangardenscasino.net) 6/27/03

# The Money Trail

The bingo that made all this possible grosses around \$30 million a year. Moskowitz gives most of it to groups fighting Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The money he claims to give in Hawaiian Gardens goes largely to organizations in which he has a business interest (like the hospital) or a political interest (like his family-run food bank).

# The Moskowitz Food Bank

The Moskowitz family-run food bank is seen locally as a political operation; it is always open on election day.



# The Hospital

In 1996, Moskowitz made his hospital a “non-profit” and promptly gave it more than \$5 million in bingo funds; he remained the landlord, though, and charged the money all back as rent.

Despite the poverty all around it, the hospital declared no spending on charity care in 1999 or 2000. It delivered no babies, either.

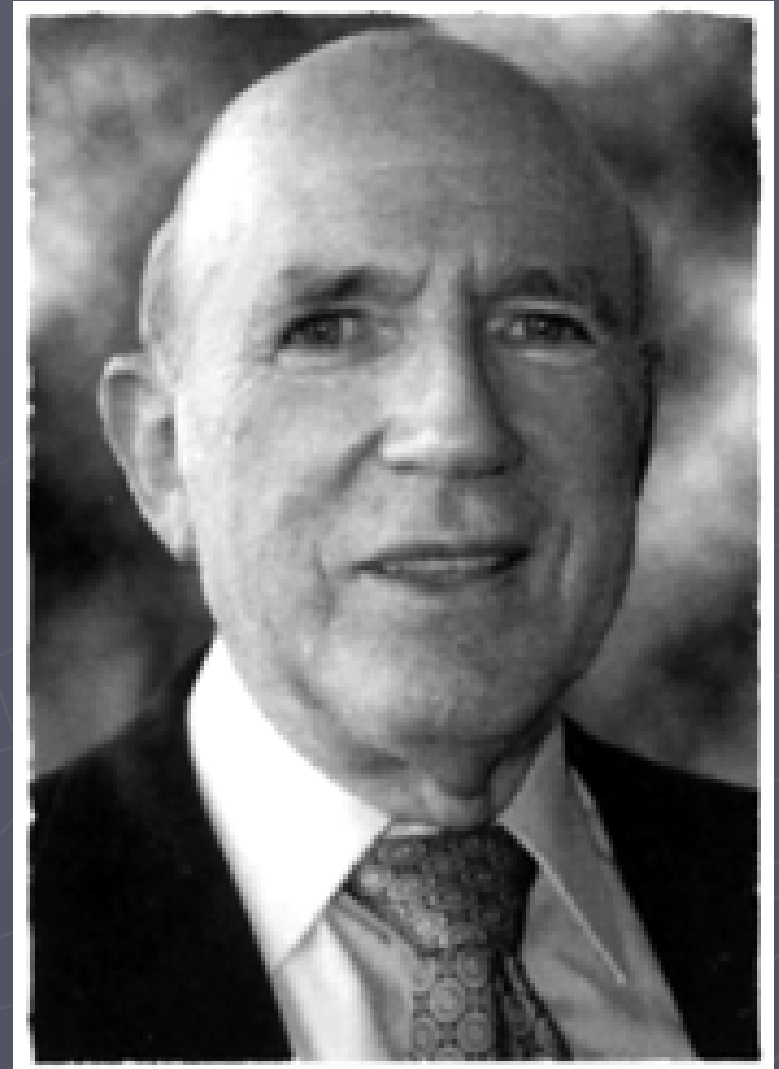
# Exploited Bingo Employees

The mostly Mexican immigrant bingo workers who make all this possible work only for tips, as Moskowitz takes advantage of California law requiring bingo to be a charity. MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, is suing for back pay for 24 unpaid bingo workers.



# Stop Moskowitz

The only way to end Moskowitz's abuse of both Hawaiian Gardens and Jerusalem is to *STOP HIM*. We call on the Gambling Control Commission to deny his casino license application and on state authorities to revoke his bingo license.



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