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The [local community board](#) is also unconvinced, said Layla Law-Gisiko, the chair of its land use, housing and zoning committee. It is concerned that the labor market is already stretched in the area, and that a casino could prey on vulnerable populations. “Glamorous casinos only exist in James Bond movies,” she said.

### Hudson Yards

Related Companies, the developer behind Hudson Yards on the Far West Side of Manhattan, and Wynn Resorts were [the first to announce a bid](#) for a gambling license.

They hope to transform the sprawling, undeveloped train yard in the western half of Hudson Yards, located next to the Javits Center, into a convention and entertainment district. It would require a nearly 10-acre platform to be built above the rail lines.

Jeff T. Blau, the chief executive of Related, recently said in an interview [with Bloomberg](#) that he wants “the highest-end casino probably ever built,” as well as 1,500 hotel rooms, 20 restaurants, a nightclub and other entertainment added to the site.

The firm originally agreed to build six residential buildings, including a share of below-market-rate apartments, with parks and a school by 2025. That plan will have to be modified, but the new bid will still include a school, open space and affordable housing, said Mr. Weinstein, the spokesman for Related.

If that vision fails to live up to the original promises for the site, community and elected officials could challenge the plan.

Brad Hoylman, the state senator whose district includes Hudson Yards, said he was concerned about building a school and housing so close to the proposed casino.

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