



## Casino loses appeal to stop union

Judge upholds election results for Trump Plaza dealers

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ATLANTIC CITY — Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino has lost its appeal to overturn the results of a spring election where more than two-thirds of dealers voted to join the United Auto Workers union.

On Friday, a National Labor Relations Board judge declined to overturn the elections results, saying the casino had not met its burden of proof, the Press of Atlantic City reported in Wednesday newspapers.

Shortly after the spring election, the casino asked the labor board to set aside election results, alleging that the union tainted conditions for a fair election.

The casino claimed that the UAW worked with government officials to falsely imply that the union was already their representative and that the labor board supported the union.

The company alleged that Rep. Robert Andrews, a Democrat from Haddon Heights, tampered with the election when he held a rally to count union authorization cards signed by employees. Andrews said the claims were "absurd and false."

Both sides presented their cases to a labor board judge during a May hearing in Philadelphia.

In a six-page ruling, administrative law Judge Robert Giannasi said the rally didn't imply that it was the equivalent of a board certification of election results and that the casino didn't show that employees had a limited understanding of the role the NLRB plays in board elections.

Parties can appeal the judge's conclusions within 14 days through the board's Washington office. The UAW has sought to organize dealers at all 11 Atlantic City casinos this year, winning elections at Bally's Atlantic City, Trump Plaza and Caesars Atlantic City. It has lost elections at Atlantic City Hilton and Trump Marina Hotel Casino.