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## **Mets' Casino Gamble Could Crap Out in Parking Lot.**

**State law and a complicated bond financing deal stand in the way of bringing legal betting to Citi Field area**

The owner of the Mets has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars lobbying city officials in connection with his push to build a casino near Citi Field — but there could be multiple legal hurdles to bring the slots to Queens.

Both state law and the team's own lease agreement with the city stand in the way, in particular a financing deal tied to the parking spaces, and rules about building on park land.

Owner Steve Cohen's dream of turning Willets Point into a gambling hub materialized earlier this year when Gov. Kathy Hochul proposed creating three more downstate casino operator licenses.

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