

Card dealers at Tropicana approve union representation

Atlantic City, New Jersey – Full- and part-time card dealers at the Tropicana Casino and Resort have approved a bid to unionize.

The dealers voted 626-157 on Sunday to join the United Auto Workers, the union said.

„Workers are on a roll in Atlantic City,“ said Joe Ashton, director of UAW Region 9, which includes New Jersey.

The UAW has been pushing hard to organize workers at all of Atlantic City’s 11 casinos. It has won elections at four gambling halls and lost at two others. Earlier this year, a majority of casino dealers at Caesars, Bally’s and Trump Plaza voted for UAW representation.

On Thursday, slot technicians at Caesars Atlantic City casino approved a bid 20-11 to join the UAW.

Dealers at Caesars voted in March to unionize, while cashiers at the casino will make their decision on Sept. 1.

„It’s very exciting for our union to be part of this growing movement in Atlantic City and elsewhere around the country,“ said UAW Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Bunn.

The UAW, one of the nation’s largest labor unions, represents 6,000 gaming employees in Detroit, Atlantic City and Newport, R.I.