



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
March 25, 2014 Meeting

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The meeting will take place:

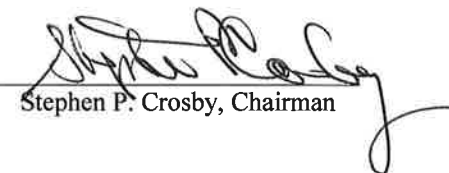
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street, Room 104
Boston, MA

PUBLIC MEETING - #114

1. Call to order
2. Input from members of the community regarding Mohegan Sun Massachusetts, LLC's application for a Category 1 Gaming License in Revere, MA.***
3. Other business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

I certify that on this date, this Notice was posted as "Gaming Commission Meeting" at www.massgaming.com and emailed to: regs@sec.state.ma.us, melissa.andrade@state.ma.us.

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Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

Date Posted to Website: Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

*** **In order to use the available time efficiently, the Commission asks that speakers limit their comments to 5 minutes.**



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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REVERE MA, 02151

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"Comments"

I called this morning to support our
bid for a casino in Revere and left
a comment with a very nice operator
who helped me. I was asked to
send a E mail I have no computer
but she took my comments and asked
me to drop a letter in the mail

Michael F. Sawyer

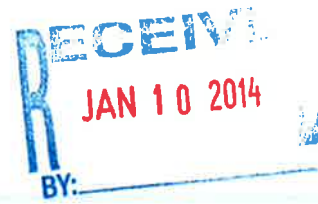
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40 Winthrop Ave
Revere, MA 02151

Wednesday, January 9, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109



Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission: _____

I am one of many residents of Revere opposed to the proposed Suffolk Downs' Casino. I voted NO on November 5, 2013 and I'm outraged that Suffolk Downs and the City of Revere would move forward with a new Revere-only casino proposal.

Suffolk Downs' casino proposal failed on November 5, 2013. The developer was unable to choose or properly vet a casino operator. Unambiguously located in both East Boston and Revere, the developer failed to win the East Boston vote. Massachusetts law clearly states that if a proposed casino is located in more than one city or town it must win a referendum vote in both communities. East Boston said NO; Suffolk Downs' casino application is dead.

A new proposal to move forward with a Revere-only casino proposal at the Suffolk Downs' site is a deliberate effort to disenfranchise East Boston voters and circumvent the clear intent of the law. A Revere-only casino will not only negatively impact the residents of Revere, but would also still negatively impact the neighboring communities of East Boston, Winthrop and Chelsea. As a Revere resident, I'm concerned about these potential negative impacts a casino would bring to our community:

- **Casinos Kill Jobs & Local Purchasing-** Casinos in big cities don't add new jobs; they just transfer wealth from local spending to the casinos. Experts say every slot machine kills 1-2 jobs per year by taking money out of the local economy. Local businesses can't compete when customers choose to spend money at the casino, forcing them to lay off staff or close their doors. The promise of 4,000 jobs is a lie when there will be 4,000+ slots.
- **Increased Crime Rates-** Rates of assaults, larcenies, burglaries, robberies, murders and auto theft in areas around casino's go up significantly over time. The promised \$2 Million to Police and Fire Departments will not come close to mitigating the 22-114% rise in crime over time.
- **Proximity to Schools & Mitigation Money-** The site of the proposed casino is 1,000 feet from the Garfield Elementary School and 500 feet from the Beachmont Veterans Memorial School. There are 6 other schools within a 2 mile radius of the proposed casino site. Furthermore, the promised \$1Million in revenue is only 1% of the Public Schools annual budget. As a parent, I will NOT be sending my

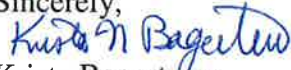
children to Revere Public Schools exposing them to gambling addiction, crime, drug habits and increased traffic. I strongly believe that families will move out of Revere over time rather than move in.

- **Zoning Problems-** The residents of the Parkway Mobile Home Park will be forced out of their homes to make room for the rezoned 12-story hotel. Promised casino revenue is trumping care for our current residents.
- **Traffic Nightmares on Local Roads-** Although you promise \$40 Million in road construction “improvements,” it will actually take \$500 Million to solve current traffic problems on 1A without a casino.
- **No Guarantees for Revere Residents-** In the end, the deal gives residents little ability to renegotiate terms. We will be owned by Mohegan Sun.

Therefore I call on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to adhere to the proper licensing procedures and application deadlines previously set forth.

The law is clear. I insist that Suffolk Downs’ be immediately removed from consideration for a gaming license.

Sincerely,



Krista Bogertman

Resident of Revere

Member of “Don’t Gamble on Revere”

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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: paulcaruccio@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 2:12 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Host community status for Winthrop

Paul Caruccio
1 Seal Harbor Road
Winthrop, Ma

To: Mass. Gaming Commission
January 14, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Along with this letter are three letters which I submitted to local newspapers in May of 2012. All three letters are a cry for local representatives to work to position the community of Winthrop as a "Host Community" for any development at the Suffolk Downs location. This argument is relevant regardless of the exact location of the casino being in Revere, East Boston, or if it straddles the property line.

Winthrop is uniquely positioned unlike any other community in the Commonwealth, and Winthrop will be impacted at least as significantly as any host community. Below I summarize my argument to designate Winthrop as a "Host Community" with regards to a SD casino. The reason is:

1. Winthrop is less than a mile from the Suffolk Downs property.
2. Winthrop has only two egresses. In order to enter or exit Winthrop from either entrance you must pass by the proposed SD casino every time. Winthrop residents would always encounter added congestion. It is impossible for Winthrop residents to avoid the casino site to get home or for any travel whatsoever. This same condition would impact safety vehicles or ambulances which frequently shuttle Winthrop residents to hospitals for emergency services.
3. Being within a mile of the casino site Winthrop will be directly impacted by any changes in crime, property value, increased municipal spending, negative social impacts, etc.
4. As a community Winthrop has never even been asked or sampled as to what their position is on a SD casino project. In fact there is an active and organized anti-casino movement within the Community of Winthrop.
5. To grant the city of Boston "host or surrounding community" status, and to ignore the needs of the community of Winthrop is a dereliction of responsibility. Winthrop is far more impacted than Boston or any other community.
6. Winthrop is as impacted as any host community.

For these reasons I explore you to designate Winthrop as a host community in ANY development at the Suffolk Downs location.

Respectfully,

Paul Caruccio
Winthrop Resident

THE BELOW LETTER WAS SUBMITTED AS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: WINTHROP TRANSCRIPT NEWSPAPER IN MARCH 2012
Winthrop Deserves Host Community Status

I believe Josh Resnek missed the point in his casino Op-Ed in the Winthrop Sun Transcript (March 22) to Winthrop's detriment. Josh discussed the style and design of the casino he believes suits us best. Josh accepts the reality that our elected officials have made the casino at Suffolk Downs a foregone conclusion, which I also believe.

However, the responsible report should be that Winthrop is in a subordinated position in the casino process. The questions need to be asked, is a casino in our best interest and why is Winthrop's interest subordinated?. The desire to expedite the casino development with the least interference is not a good enough reason. Nor can we be seduced by the appeal of a finite development project.

Winthrop will be just as surely impacted by the casino as the communities of Revere and East Boston, and access to our community will be impacted on both entrances. Yet, Winthrop does not have equal status with either of these communities. We will be impacted seven days a week, 365 days every year for generations by issues such as congestion, crime, property values and safety.

The first step is to have a meaningful conversation about whether the citizens favor a casino at SD, the impact to Winthrop from a casino and mitigating measures we should expect from the citing of a casino at SD. Most importantly Winthrop's status in the process politically and legally should have been elevated. We must be in a leadership position in the negotiations, planning and mitigation process, and Winthrop's status should be upgraded now. We deserve "host community" status.

Our elected state officials have been entrusted to represent our interests. It is apparent we have not been represented properly in this issue We must demand more from our representatives, and we deserve more.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Caruccio

THE BELOW ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED TO LOCAL WINTHROP TRANSCRIPT AND BOSTON HERALD NEWSPAPERS IN APRIL/MAY OF 2012

Clarifying the Issues.

In a letter to the WST on 4/26 I wrote that Winthrop does not have adequate representation of its interests on the casino proposed to be sited at Suffolk Downs. Mr. DeLeo responded that Winthrop was protected by the "surrounding community" designation. However, that is precisely the point: that Winthrop is relegated to "surrounding community" status and not host community status. A host community has the power of a vote on the issue, a surrounding community has no such power, nor does it have Host community leverage.

Winthrop is landlocked to a casino development at Suffolk Downs in East Boston and Revere. Due to this unique situation Winthrop cannot be separated from the communities of Revere and East Boston in status. Winthrop can neither escape nor avoid any impacts of congestion, crime, property issues, etc. and should be entitled to this special status. Our State Representative district is only Winthrop and some of Revere, and we should not be forgotten. Winthrop did not have a vigorous advocate when this legislation was drafted and a "2 mile rule" will not suffice.

Surrounding communities are defined in the law as "municipalities in proximity to a host community which the Commission determines may experience or are likely to experience impacts from the development or operation of a gaming establishment, including municipalities from which the transportation infrastructure provides ready access to an

existing or proposed gaming establishment." This can include lots of communities and entitles the new Gaming Commission to determine adequate mitigation measures, if any, for surrounding communities.

I am sure the citizens of Winthrop believe mitigation that satisfies a politically appointed commission will not reach the level of scrutiny necessary to protect our homes and our community. Residents of Winthrop must decide Winthrop's future. This task can not be relinquished to some politically appointed Commission; none of which live in our District. To believe otherwise reflects an out of touch leadership.

Finally, jobs are important, but snapshots of job creation are meaningless. On May 5 in the Winthrop Transcript it was stated that we have gained 40900 jobs since March 2009, yet from January 2008 to date we lost 57900 jobs. From March 2008 to date Massachusetts lost 61800 jobs. The chilling reality is that Massachusetts was just ranked 47th, (3rd from the bottom as one of the worse states in America to do business) by Chief Executive magazine's annual survey just released in May. Additionally the Boston Business Journal on 2/24/2012 reported that a study by Chmura Economics and Analytics showed Mass has the highest underemployment rate of any state. The next closest state on the list had its underemployment rate at 2percentages points lower.

Indeed it is a strong private sector that creates job growth. And a dollar spent in the private sector has an economic multiplier effect which far exceeds a dollar spent by government. So the \$5.6 billion state spending increase (19%) over the last four years was irresponsible; using almost \$.5 billion of rainy day funds in this fiscal year alone. A jobs growth plan should contain the following. First, a reduction of the state personal tax rate to an already voter approved 5%. This would put more money into taxpayer hands and circulate that money throughout the state economy. Second, the state sales tax should be reduced to 5% to boost small businesses and make Mass businesses more competitive with surrounding states. Third, lower the state corporate tax rate to attract more businesses and jobs to Massachusetts. This will also help retain those businesses that are still in Massachusetts and return a vibrant economy.

But really, when it comes to the current condition of the economy in this state, The question to ask is, "are we better off today than we were in March of 2009?" (which last weeks letter to the editor referenced). We all know the answer, and new policies and new approaches are the solution.

THE BELOW ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER April/May2012

Powerful Leadership or Flawed Representation?

In the Winthrop Sun Transcript the Independent News Group described our elected state officials as "powerful representation" in the "Our Opinion" article on page 6 of April 19 edition. However, read the adjoining column under Roll Call, and you will discover it is really flawed representation; Beacon Hill Roll Call, H3399.

Nestled inside the Budget Bill H3399 is a provision that bans debate about the new casino legislation. H3399 also bans proposing any amendments about casino gambling within the House of Representatives. Isn't this odd that our elected leaders are banned from addressing one of the most important issues in the state not to mention the local communities? A casino located at Suffolk Downs will impact Winthrop, Revere and East Boston for generations and our representatives have banned the discussion of it. This is not true representation and this is unacceptable.

In a letter to the editor on 4/12 I advocated for Host Community status for the community of Winthrop on the casino proposal. My position is that Winthrop is directly impacted by the casino development at Suffolk Down. Winthrop will be inaccessible without enduring the resulting congestion from a Suffolk Downs Casino and the local communities cannot avoid associated crime and the potentially negative effect on property values. At a community meeting on 4/17 Winthrop Town Councilor Linda Calla echoed my request for Host community status to our state elected representatives. This will NOT become a reality! Our own representative prevented Winthrop from becoming a Host Community.

H3399 bans debate of casino gambling, and it bans any amendments to the newly enacted gaming legislation. The "most powerful positions in Massachusetts," our own elected officials have silenced us. A result of what is tantamount to a gag order, we have lost our voice by those entrusted to represent us. This displays acute lack of transparency in leadership and government at our expense.

The question needs to be asked and answered, "where is our representation" and why did we tolerated this for so long?

Respectfully
Paul Caruccio
Winthrop, M

Sent from my iPad

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 11:29 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

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Email

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Phone

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Subject

Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

I write today to urge you to approve a Casino operation in Revere, and at the same time, ensure that part of the license preserves horse racing at Suffolk Downs. Horse racing creates jobs for a unique set of talents and passions, not only at the track, but at many farms, clinics and the Mass breeding program.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 3:56 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Vickie Barrile

Email

vickiebarrile@yahoo.com

Subject

Revere Only Casino

Questions or Comments

I am a ten year long resident of Revere, my husband previously a life long resident of East Boston. I have to say we are disappointed with the Mass Gaming Commission's handling of the East Boston / Revere vote on proposed casino at Suffolk Downs. East Boston voted down a casino on this site, how is it the Mass Gaming Commission ignored this vote and is allowing Suffolk Downs and Mohegan to continue their proposal? We understand Revere will vote again on the new proposal we just find it unfathomable that this is proceeding after the vote in East Boston. There is also talk of the environmental portion of the current application being that of Caesar's and not Mohegan? It seems unreasonable to many of us that the Mass Gaming Commission is making exception after exception and allowing Suffolk Downs to proceed with this endeavor.

As you may have assumed by now we are against the proposed casino. We are morally against a casino 3 miles from where we raise our children. We are hesitant to believe the proposed benefits in the proposed agreement will come to be and feel the long term effects of a casino can only harm our community. Apparently our only hope is the Revere residents who are silent on this issue will vote NO on February 25th. We also look forward to voting in November on the issue of Gaming in Massachusetts and hope to repeal gaming in all of Massachusetts. If we do not want a casino in our backyard, how could we justify imposing one in someone else's.

In closing, how is it that the vote in East Boston did not null and void the proposed casino on Suffolk Downs?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 12:50 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs casino

Please keep in mind this week when you are hearing the casino bids, that Revere is being built real close to residential and school zones. This is going to have a powerful impact on traffic and children going to and from school.

I am a resident of Revere for over 55 years and I do not want to see this in my community.

The one being built in Everett is out beyond any kind of residential areas and school zones from what I can see. This looks like a better area if one was to come to our area.

Also it was voted down by EB @ Suffolk downs, so I really don't understand why one was even considered there anyway again. I understand it is solely being considered on Revere property, but it still effects Suffolk downs.

I hope the commission does not vote in favor for Revere.

Thank You

Sincerely;

Anthony DeMarco

Revere resident and home owner for over 55 years.



www.dontgamblerevere.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 21, 2014

CONTACT: Joseph Catricala 781-727-6099/dontgamblerevere@gmail.com

**Revere City Officials are Crossing the Line,
Intimidating Local Businesses**

Revere, MA – Revere city officials are trying to silence the voice of those opposed to the proposed casino. This past weekend representatives from Don't Gamble on Revere visited local businesses, where they politely discussed the issues with small business owners. Multiple businesses agreed to put "vote no" signs in their windows realizing the negative impacts a casino will have on their businesses. The business owners were receptive and generous. It was this kindness that was abused by city officials the following day.

On January 20th, Don't Gamble on Revere members noticed many of the "vote no" signs were gone and replaced by "vote yes" signs. When members asked the business owners, several looked concerned and said, "We don't want any problems." Business owners revealed that Revere City Council members took the "vote no" signs down. One business owner stated, "The man from the city came and took it." Many of the business targeted by the Revere City Council members are owned and operated by minorities, many whose first language is not English. Revere City Council members used their positions to intimidate small business owners to take their "vote no" signs down and replace them with "vote yes" signs.

During the day Don't Gamble on Revere group members ran into Anthony Zambuto, President of the City Council, in the business district of Shirley Avenue. When group members approached Zambuto, wearing his official regalia, he became irate and yelled, "Go preach your social justice garbage somewhere else." Later Don't Gamble on Revere members saw City Councilor, Ira Novoselsky, on Shirley Avenue. Members asked Novoselsky, "Are you switching the signs?" Novoselsky calmly responded, "Every chance I get." Don't Gamble on Revere members then found a "vote no" sign in a dumpster on Shirley Avenue.

This incident continues to reveal the injustice occurring in Revere neighborhoods during the weeks before the February 25th vote. Revere politicians are acting inappropriately in a blatant effort to skew public opinion. Joseph Catricala, spokesperson for Don't Gamble on Revere says, "We will not tolerate this behavior by Revere City Council members. The politicians elected to represent the public are instead trying to dictate and even bully Revere residents and business owners for the purpose of accelerating the agenda of Mohegan Sun. The freedom of speech of Revere residents is being compromised. Everyone is entitled to voice his or her opinion about the proposed casino without being afraid of repercussions. We respect the voice of the casino proponents and we expect the same from them."

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 4:52 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs casino

I don't know If the commission has seen the plans for Suffolk downs casino, but it's being built right off the street and so close to residential property. This can't happen here it's way to close to kids going to school and parents trying to get their kids to school.

Their has to be some kind of limitations to this.

Please keep this in mind when you make a decision as to where this will be built. I can't believe what I was just looking at for the plans. I know we have to vote in this anyway and I will have my vote in this, but this is totally Ridiculous!

At least Everett is out away from residential property and school zones.

I will send a letter to congress if this gets the go a head if someone hasn't reached out to them yet anyway!

Please take a good long look at this.

Thank you

Anthony DeMarco

Revere home owner and resident for over 55 years.

January 27, 2014

BY EMAIL

MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION
84 State Street
10th Floor
Boston, Mass. 02109



RE: The City of Boston's host community status & administrative incompleteness of Mohegan Sun's RFA-2

Dear Commissioners:

No Eastie Casino is a municipal ballot question committee which represents the interests of Suffolk County residents who are opposed to a casino at Suffolk Downs. This letter is intended to summarize a number of notable issues relating to the RFA-2 filed by Mohegan Sun on December 31, 2013 in connection with the most recent iteration of its plan to site a casino at Suffolk Downs.¹

While we intend to file a comprehensive analysis of the RFA-2 in the near future,² this letter is intended to summarize our immediate concerns with this application prior to applicant Mohegan Sun's response to a surrounding community petition previously filed by the city of Boston.

I. ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON IS A HOST COMMUNITY FOR ANY GAMING ESTABLISHMENT AT SUFFOLK DOWNS.

A casino at Suffolk Downs remains a casino at Suffolk Downs, no matter its exact location within the 161-acre site. The Revere and East Boston sides of the Suffolk Downs parcel cannot be practically separated, and both communities will bear the substantial burdens which inevitably accompany any urban gaming establishment. The city of Revere was entirely correct in its argument on this point during initial negotiations with prior applicant Sterling Suffolk before being granted host community status, and we do not hesitate to unconditionally re-appropriate these arguments now.

The Expanded Gaming Act defines a "host community" as anywhere in which a "gaming establishment" is located; the premises of such an establishment include "a gaming area and any other nongaming structure related to the gaming area." M.G.L. 23K §2. Given the unique nature and transportation requirements of the Suffolk Downs site, Boston must qualify as a host community for a casino at Suffolk Downs under this (or virtually any) definition.

¹ A ballot question which would have approved a gaming establishment at Suffolk Downs (with a legal address of 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston) was previously decided in the negative by East Boston voters in an election held Nov. 5, 2013. While the Expanded Gaming Act appears to contemplate that such a split result would not allow a gaming establishment to go forward on a site which spans two host communities, we recognize that this is a question which will not be answered short of judicial review.

² The publicly-available portions of Mohegan Sun's RFA-2 are voluminous, and our legal and policy analysis continues to be conducted on an entirely volunteer basis by concerned East Boston residents.

As a preliminary matter, we are disappointed that Mohegan Sun has withheld significant portions of its RFA-2 from the public in the guise of "trade secrets," and urge the Commission to reconsider its apparent decision to permit portions of this application which are of vital public interest to be deemed confidential pursuant to 205 CMR 103.

In the absence of more detailed plans, the only effective maps of the entire proposal are found at 4-05-01 (Schematic Design). While these basic blueprints do not include any indication of development beyond the Revere city line, it is also clearly apparent that significant improvements on the East Boston side of the property will inevitably be required.

From as much as we can ascertain from the publicly-available site map, the proposed gaming establishment is Boston-facing, and oriented to welcome the majority of visitors from the existing East Boston 1A Suffolk Downs entrance. Despite this fairly obvious point, the applicant posits that this entrance "is available for existing [racetrack] users" and that the current main gate "will not be signed or encouraged for use."³ We do not share the applicant's optimism in this regard. Regardless, it is beyond question that significant improvements will be required to Tomasello Way along the entirety of the lengthy entryway into the site.

The only other points of entry to the casino would be at 1A in Revere at Furlong Drive (currently serving a heavily-trafficked shopping plaza) and a major thoroughfare at Winthrop Avenue near a major entrance to 1A. Given that 1A is expected (by Mohegan Sun's own estimate) to carry up to 80% of the gaming establishment's traffic and the existing dedicated Suffolk Downs 1A entrance is by far the most convenient point of entry to the site, we feel that further close study of this point is necessary.

In light of the above, we aver that Boston's claim to host community status is equal to (or possibly even greater than) that rightfully held by Revere in the pre-November 5th proposal previously advanced by former applicant Sterling Suffolk LLC. While the gaming establishment and structural improvements for Suffolk Downs were proposed entirely upon the East Boston side of Suffolk Downs site, the city of Revere immediately claimed and received host community status. A brief misunderstanding on this point which arose during the summer of 2012 led the editors of the *Revere Journal* to respond that any claim that Revere was not a host community for a casino at Suffolk Downs was "specious at best, foolish and uninformed at worst" as well as "factually and legally incorrect."⁴ We recognize no cognizable difference between the latest iteration of the so-called "Revere-only" gaming establishment and the prior plan which was based almost entirely upon the East Boston side of the property.

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh has recently expressed his concern that the city of Boston has not been provided with the amount of time or detail necessary for the city to effectively review or argue its host community status.⁵ While the Commission ultimately declined to allow more time for this purpose, we continue to agree with this position and reiterate Mayor Walsh's request that the city be permitted to fully brief and argue the case for host community status before the Commission.

³ RFA 4-23-02.

⁴ "Revere a Host City," *Revere Journal* (June 13, 2012), available at <http://www.reverejournal.com/2012/06/13/revere-a-host-city/>

⁵ "New mayor not ceding rights on casino proposals," Mark Arsenault, *Boston Globe* (Jan. 10, 2014)

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Finally, Suffolk Downs remains an integral part of the casino development plans on its property, and its attempts before this Commission to maintain the legal fiction that will merely be a "lessee" to applicant Mohegan Sun fall far short of the mark. An objective observer need only review its most recent round of marketing and promotional materials⁶ to find that Suffolk Downs refers to Mohegan Sun as "our partners" and continues to promote the casino development project as key to preserving the racetrack. We also find it significant that even the initial draft terms of Sterling Suffolk's proposed lease to Mohegan Sun have not been released.

II. MOHEGAN SUN'S RFA-2 IS ADMINISTRATIVELY INCOMPLETE, AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

"If an applicant is unable to comply with or respond to any part of the application it may apply for a waiver or variance from the Commission in accordance with 205 CMR 102.03(4) **in advance of the filing deadline.**" RFA-2, p. 6. The Commission will then review the applications for administrative completeness, and applications which are deemed administratively incomplete shall be given no more than seven days to cure a material deficiency or fourteen days to cure a non-material deficiency.

Three weeks prior to the December 31, 2013 submission date,⁷ the Commission invited this applicant to file a waiver of perhaps the single most important component of an application for a Massachusetts gaming license: the requirement that the certified results of a successful voter referendum in the host community be filed with the application. This waiver was filed and granted by the Commission shortly thereafter. The applicant has neither requested nor received any other waivers.

While we believe there are a number of respects in which Mohegan Sun's RFA-2 might be deemed administratively incomplete, one clear deficiency stands out: the applicant's failure to include an Environmental Notification Form and certificate from the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs pursuant to 205 CMR 119.01(b)-(c).

The Environmental Notification Form is far more than a technical formality. This component of the RFA-2 is absolutely essential, especially in a project on the magnitude of a resort casino with the potential to significantly impact nearby delicate ecological sites.⁸ The RFA-2 as filed on December 31st does not include an ENF or EOEEA certificate from this applicant.⁹

As plainly stated in the RFA-2, an application for a gaming license "does not constitute an offer of any nature or kind to any applicant or its agents," and "the Commission is under no obligation to issue a license to any of the applicants." RFA-2, at 6. Applicants should be strictly held to filing requirements and deadlines, and

⁶ See, e.g., mass email from Suffolk Downs COO Chip Tuttle entitled "You Won't Want to Miss" (received by the undersigned on January 16, 2014; available upon request) as well as recent mailings to Revere residents which prominently feature Suffolk Downs.

⁷ MGC meeting of December 10, 2013.

⁸ These include Sales Creek and Belle Isle March, both specifically mentioned as areas of concern in the prior applicant's ENF. The Secretary specifically recommended increasing the buffer around Sales Creek, which is now apparently incorporated directly into the heart of the successor applicant's site plan.

⁹ Pertinent documents from the *prior* applicant's plan were included, but this plan occupied an entirely different footprint in East Boston. Given the complexity and highly specific level of required detail, as well as the heightened concern which comes with an agricultural site, we respectfully request that these filings be given no weight for the purposes of this application.


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administratively incomplete applications should be denied if applicants are unable to cure material deficiencies.

We respectfully request that this applicant's RFA-2 be considered as filed.

Thank you for your continued consideration of our concerns. As always, we appreciate the Commission's demonstrated commitment to a transparent licensing process.

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Matt Cameron, General Counsel
Celeste Ribeiro Myers, Co-Chair

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Sarah Minsk <gsdworkingline@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 3:34 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs

As a racehorse owner and breeder in the state, I wanted to share my concern over Suffolk Downs' proclamation that they will continue live racing.

For starters,

- 1) where will they house the horses? We all know there is no room on the East Boston side to relocate the number of barns to accommodate horses.
- 2) their announcement to race offsite is total BS. It is incredible unrealistic and improbable to house horses off site and maintain training and races. Saratoga is the only track that does so and they have a separate training track called the Oklahoma training track to accommodate their offsite horses and provide training. This is Boston! Where are they going to find a facility to house hundreds of horses WITH an appropriate sized track.
- 3) If off-site, where is the exact location and is there at least a 6 furlong track present? I know of ZERO 6 furlong tracks in the area (6 furlongs is the minimum size for speed work). A 1/2 mile track for speed/gate work is deadly and not a valid option.
- 4) please ask them where they plan on housing the backstretch workers? EVERY track has housing for the backside grooms and exercise riders.

So, their statement that they will house offsite is INSANELY UNREALISTIC.

It is also not possible to force horses to have to trailer in DAILY just to train and gallop and do gate work if no site off the property is available.

Just wanted to send a message to you to please do proper diligence and gain access to these answers. Don't t take their word for anything. Take the time to speak with other tracks and other gaming commissions to find out what is truly realistic for racing.

Obviously, I want to see live racing continue but not in an abhorrent, impossible form that leaves no room for a safe and realistic existence.

Thank you,
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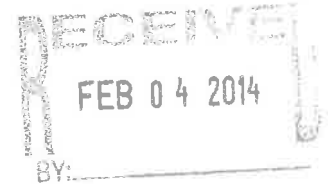


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January 28, 2014

Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Re: Provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23K regarding Horse Racing

Dear Chairman Crosby:

On behalf of the New England HBPA and the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, we are writing to further address our concerns related to recent events that appear to derogate from the legislative intent to require a gaming licensee who has been engaged in racing or simulcasting to continue such business upon the award of a gaming license. By correspondence to you dated December 6, 2013, we previously addressed our concerns relative to the proposal of Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC (SSR) to change the name on its application to Mohegan Sun. We now understand the Mohegan Sun application is being viewed as a different application from the prior submission of SSR and that SSR has asserted it is a landlord and not an applicant.

There was a clear intent of the legislature when addressing gaming legislation to protect existing live Thoroughbred racing at Suffolk Downs, the Massachusetts breeding industry, horse farms, the associated agricultural network, and the thousands of jobs in these industries. Chapter 23K expressly acknowledges the objective to preserve jobs in existing industries in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission was accorded the dual responsibility of oversight and regulation of both gaming and horse racing in the Commonwealth. Application is now pending for a license to conduct gaming on the Revere Massachusetts portion of the Suffolk Downs property. We understand that the provisions of Chapter 23K that pertain to horse racing may not apply if the Mohegan Sun gaming application is successful because SSR is not the applicant.

We believe that the provisions of the statute imposing additional requirements upon gaming licensees that have been engaged in racing reflects the intent of the legislature to require the continuance of existing racing and simulcasting businesses on parties benefiting from a gaming license. We believe that in the event a gaming establishment operates on the SSR property, SSR will enjoy the financial benefits that caused the legislature to impose certain obligations if SSR were the gaming licensee. We believe that the statutory obligations related to continuance of horse racing were intended by the legislature to be imposed in the event a gaming facility operates on the SSR property and seek action by the Commission consistent with this legislative intent.

Since last fall, the NEHBPA has sought to negotiate with SSR a purse agreement for the upcoming 2014 racing season. SSR has recently begun to negotiate with the NEHBPA on a contract. If SSR presently held a gaming license, Chapter 23K would mandate arbitration by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and cause the matter to be timely resolved. The lack of a contract negatively impacts the prospects of a successful meet as it causes horsemen to consider alternative venues due to the uncertainty of the local situation. We believe that if SSR enjoys the benefits it will receive from the presence of a gaming facility on its property, then the Massachusetts Gaming Commission should impose upon SSR the obligations intended by the statute.

We also ask the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to address relocation of the barns utilized for horse racing. These barns are presently located on the Revere portion of the SSR property. Construction of a gaming facility at that location necessitates removal of the barns. We suggest that it is appropriate to require that adequate barns be constructed on the SSR property in East Boston adjacent to the racetrack. An offsite barn facility as now being considered will be detrimental to horse racing and could result in significant job loss from Massachusetts if a remote site such as Rockingham Park is utilized as the barn area.

We are requesting that in the event a Category 1 license is awarded to anyone utilizing any portion of the Suffolk Downs property for gaming that a condition be imposed on the license requiring compliance with the provisions of the General Laws that would apply had the license been awarded to an applicant with a live racing license under Chapter 128A as of July 1, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and for providing us with an opportunity to offer our comments.

Sincerely,



Anthony Spadea, President
New England HBPA



George Brown, Chairman
MA Thoroughbred Breeders Association

Cc:

Gayle Cameron, Commissioner, MA Gaming Commission
Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, Executive Director, MA Racing Commission

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: CRR Stables <crrstable@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:46 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Gaming License

I attended the public hearing on Wednesday, 1/22/14 regarding the Casino petitioner's presentations.

We know the bottom line is that both parties will build a resort hotel and casino, which will bring jobs and revenue into the state.

So what makes Mohegan the better choice? Well one obvious reason is; Having Mohegan's casino in Revere would also save Suffolk Downs and the Horse Racing Industry, building a Casino in Everett won't.

I urge you to consider the future of Suffolk Downs as a racetrack and the livelihood of the many people that will now be affected by the decision to deny Suffolk Downs the opportunity to revitalize this historic place. Please consider all the jobs that will potentially be lost if Suffolk Downs is forced to close because of the loss of a Casino license. While the implementation of a casino will create 4000+ jobs no matter where it is built, it is ALL the JOBS and losses this vote may potentially cost, that should also be considered.

It is about continuing to be involved in the sport, and supporting the tradition of horse racing. Keeping horse racing alive here, will support trainers, jockeys, maintenance crews, tack persons, veterinarians, farriers, tellers, waite staff, transporters and many others. I'm not sure folks realize how much money goes back into private businesses as means of income.

This is not revenue the track receives or generates.

I also feel that the Mohegan presentation was very informative, their plan is fair and takes into consideration surrounding business and towns. I liked the fact that Mohegan is offering its players to use their comps at local businesses, and are also teaming up with Citi Performing Arts. This displays to me that Mohegan is willing to team up with local businesses and not just worry about Mohegan.

I didn't see/hear much commitment from the Wynn presentation regarding the same. I also felt Wynn's attack on Mohegan throughout the presentation showed a lack of integrity. Where was his focus on commitment and what he is contributing back.

It's wrong/irrelevant for Wynn to reference Mohegan as a 3 star hotel, or the rooms are smaller, or horizontal development is far superior then vertical development. Simple engineering says you build what you can within your footprint and that's what I think both parties are doing.

I admit I'm a Race Horse owner. I am also a small business owner, potentially affected by this decision. My small business has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars back into the industry which will be lost with a NO VOTE in Revere.

Thank you

Paul Umbrello

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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Casinos

Questions or Comments

Looked at both presentations ,Winn casino would be just for rich .also revere casino would have more to offer for surrounding businesses . Winn is known to build and sell. Please save our beach ,racetrack and jobs.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Everret or Revere Casino public transportation

Questions or Comments

It was brought up last fall at a MassDOT/MBTA board of directors meeting that the silver line is going to be extended in a couple of years to Chelsea. A new line will be created and a route made. If I were asked, I would recommend to the commission to contact DOT concerning what their intentions would be to include in the new silver line route the new casino in whatever location it actually ends up in. DOT can not at this point include something that does not exist, but it is inconcievable that they would miss the opportunity to include a new casino.

I do not expect either of the two casino applicants for region A to be aware of this. At the time during the public meeting when this subject came up for discussion I was the only member of the public there.

Wyane Perry

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

casino license and revere

Questions or Comments

I voted in favor of building the casino in revere. I hope in your infinite wisdom and logical business sense that you would award the City of Revere the Eastern Casino License. Its a "No Brainer" based on the geographical location, the proximity to Logan International Airport, major highways, Boston and promoting a resort style vacation destination that encompasses the beauty of Revere Beach. Its the smart move..its the right move..i

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Upcoming Decision in Favor of Revere

Questions or Comments

As a lifelong Revere Resident and within walking distance of proposed Revere Casino, I am in FAVOR of this and request you see that Revere is the clear choice. As a venue that has over the years hosted many large attendance events as well as already a location with gambling this makes sense. Its proximity to Logan Airport, Mass Highways, and 2 convenient T-stations on the Blue Line, there is already infrastrucutre existing that can make this work.

As evidenced by not one, but two Revere votes, we are in favor and request the MGC to see that Revere is the place and Mohegun Sun is the clear choice. Thank You - David

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Revere Resort Casino

Questions or Comments

Good Morning,
My name is Kathleen Orlando. I am a lifelong resident of East Boston. I was a supporter of the Suffolk Downs Casino Plan and Voted YES on November 5th as did nearly 4000 voters in East Boston. I also support the Revere Plan with Mohegan Sun. I feel Revere is the ideal spot for a resort casino for many reasons. One important reason is accessibility. Mohegan Sun will be close to Logan Airport, the Masspike, Callahan/Sumner Tunnels and most importantly, Suffolk Downs has its own Train Stop on the Blue Line. I also feel strongly about Suffolk Downs remaining open. Suffolk has employed residents in East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Chelsea, and all the surrounding communities for over 78 years. Suffolk has always been committed to their employees and the communities in the area. I think Mohegan Sun's Casino would revive horse racing in the area. I understand the important decisions that are before you and I have a great respect for the commitment the commission has made to! ensure that the licenses are issued to the best applicants. In saying this, I am certain that Revere and Mohegan Sun are the best applicants. Mohegan as a company will add so much to the struggling local economy. Their record for being an outstanding employer is impressive. The Suffolk Downs property will allow them to continue this excellence. The location is perfect! Once again, I am an East Boston Resident who supports the project in Revere..Thank you! Kathleen Orlando

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

revere casino

Questions or Comments

I would just like to state that as a revere Resident I fully support and recommend that you grant us this privilege of having a gaming license to run the casino at Suffolk downs, the benefits to revere would be great, please decide in our favor, thank you FA

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

Revere is the winner

Questions or Comments

MGC,
Myself and My wife are residents of Revere who Voted Yes on Nov. 5th and again voted yes on Feb 25th. We would love to see Mohegan develop their Resort Casino here and are hoping you, the MGC, will award the license to them. There are so many benefits to this project, and I would be honored to be living in the city that has the first resort casino . We are the better site, not only because of the proximity to the airport, but also the preservation of the current racetrack,Suffolk. The HCA our Mayor has created is one that the city of Revere should be proud of and much more beneficial than the Everett one. Also, our site is ready to break ground, unlike the contaminated area that Wynn wants to build on. I am confident that the MGC will make the right choice for the state of MA, and award the license to Revere- it's the only CHOICE and most lucrative. Thanks

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Revere License

Questions or Comments

We are writing to you as residents of Revere who fully support the development of a resort casino at Revere. Not only would our city benefit tremendously, but the job creation and economic growth is something the city of Revere needs. I also support the preservation of an industry that has been part of Revere for over 75 years, Suffolk Downs. There are many families not only from Revere but, in surrounding communities that rely on their job at Suffolk to support their families. I strongly urge the MGC to award the license to Revere in June, please give us this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

revere casino...

Questions or Comments

thanks for taking my email, revere is best place cause why put in everett and have suffolk close ,that makes no sense to put jobs in 1 place to close them in another.....

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Mohegan At Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Dear MGC..I would respectfully encourage your committee to endorse a casino at SD. Its a natural location for a number of reasons..A minute or two from the airport...10 minutes from Boston...two T stations on either side of the proposed casino which makes it accessable by patrons and employees alike. It would bolster the horse racing at the track and SAVE many good jobs. Its a perfect location..I am a Revere resident who grew up in Eastie and can't think of a better project for that location. Thank you for your time and consideration....Jay MacMillan

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

From: Florida Cacicio <fcacicio@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 10:09 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Revere casino

Hi my name is Florinda Cacicio I have been a resident of Revere Ma for over 8 years and am a mother of four boys ages 14, 12, 6 and 3. All of my children attend the public school system in Revere and I am pleased with the education they are receiving, however, I also, have noticed the classroom sizes getting larger and our schools getting older! We need this casino in Revere. Mohegan suns host agreement will allow us to give,not only our community the benefits of jobs but, the possibility for our children to succeed in the future! To be able to flush over a million dollars into our school systems is Amazing and outstanding! Please when deciding take into consideration ALL that Revere has to gain and offer if Mohegan Sun develops its casino in our city. Our city needs this our people deserve this our Mayor Rizzo has worked hard for this!

Sincerely,
Florinda Cacicio

Sent from my iPhone

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Mohegan Sun Revere MA

Questions or Comments

Honorable Gentlemen of the Commission:

I send this email with hope, after watching the celebration of Plainville being awarded their license. I felt their happiness and overjoyment, and almost shed happy tears to know that families and jobs were saved thanks to all of you. I personally am unemployed, after my sons brain injury last year. But, I gave up money, and employment to save my son. Today, he is a miracle. Although I relied on doctors hands, and prayers , the people of Suffolk Downs, single parents like me, elderly, children, schools and Revere structure are all relying and counting on all of you.

Theres some pretty tough stock in Revere with a Mayor that leads each and everyone of us by heart, and an unheard of bond between Mohegan Sun, and Revere, like lost family.

We said YES not once, twice.

I approve this message for the proposed Mohegan Sun resort be licensed in my home, of Revere, MA.

Very truly, a 47 year resident,

Donna Potito-Mahoney

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Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

Casino at Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Good Morning,
Before East Boston voted to accept or not the mitigation agreement for casino at Suffolk Downs we were told over and over again that it would be "up to us" (the people of East Boston) if we would have a casino in our community. There was a majority of voters in Eastie who voted "NO" yet you allowed Revere to vote again- what do you have to say to the voters of East Boston who voted no?
Regards (this is my 4th email, I have yet to get a response)
David Amoyal

Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

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Subject

Casino at Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Good Morning, what do you have to say to the East Boston voters who voted "NO" on the mitigation agreement for Suffolk Downs? It's stunning to me that you would allow Revere to vote again. I attended numerous meetings where Chip Tuttle always said if Eastie said no he wouldn't pursue a Revere only option. I find this situation outrageous. Please reply.

Regards,
David Amoyal

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Questions or Comments

I support Mohegan Sun's Project in revitalizing horse racing in MA.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

casino

Questions or Comments

A casino in Everett or Revere brings a resort style casino. In addition many construction and casino jobs, road improvements and city and state revenues. The difference with Revere getting the license is that all the jobs at Race track will be kept. The farmland is not lost for those trainers and the Massachusetts breeding program will thrive. Also Everett will get 5million a year from Wynn when Revere will get 25million a year from Mohegan. Thank you.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 11:43 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs/Mohegan. Casino

Good morning Commission, please keep in mind when making a decision on either Everett or Revere that the location is very important to the impact of the city. First, Revere is being built between two school zones and is right on top of residential property and will have a huge impact on traffic and every day life in that city. Frankly, I don't know how they are getting away with building it there anyway. The government officials in the state should be looking at this and saying the same thing.

Secondly, Everett is being built away from any school zones and is not near and residential property. It is located out on the water front and from what I understand will have a separate road that goes directly to the facility. The resort looks beautiful and will stand out to the Boston skyline.

I am a Revere Resident and the promises our Mayor is making is just unrealistic as we have seen with Mohegan Sun in CT. They are being backed by a third party finance Co and that spells trouble if you are trying to build a billion dollar complex and doing it on a loan.

Wynn resorts from what I understand is backing himself on the Everett project and that's good because any money lost is his own.

I just want the commission to understand that Revere is not the place for a Resort in that area. Maybe on another piece of property it would go, but not there. And as I understand it there is no guarantee that the horse track is staying and I don't see how it can anyway with the size of the facility and the location.

Thanks for listening.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Suffolk Downs & Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I applaud the commissions decision to award the slots license to Plainridge/PNGI. I watched your open meetings with much interest. You left no stone unturned. In the end, you not only chose the applicant with the best plan, but also the applicant who is connected to an industry in this state which employs thousands of people. This shows, to me, that, not only are you interested in creating jobs, but you are interested in preserving them as well. I am confident that, once deliberations begin for the region A casino license, you will see that the partnership of Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs will not only have the best plan, but the best opportunity to keep and create jobs.

Thank you,
Renee Doyle

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Please consider Suffolk Downs for the license to save our jobs and to save horse racing,also to bring new jobs to the community. Jobs that so many residents need,help preserve the jobs that already exist. Please keep us alive!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Casino license

Questions or Comments

I am squarely behind the proposal from Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs/Revere over the proposal from Wynn Resorts/Everett. The proposal from Mohegan could facilitate a renaissance for Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts and both maintain and create jobs in all the ancillary businesses that support it. Thoroughbred racing has a long and storied history in this region and it has long been neglected by legislators who fail to see the number of people employed by the industry and the preservation of "green space" that goes hand-in-hand with its existence and expansion. Please approve the Mohegan/Suffolk proposal.



March 7, 2014

Secretary Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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RE: Comments on Notice of Project Change for the Mohegan Sun
Massachusetts in Revere EEA #15006

Dear Secretary Sullivan:

WalkBoston has reviewed the Notice of Project Change (NPC) for the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts project in Revere and offers the comments below.

The NPC was prompted by the shift of the project location to Suffolk Downs property that is located solely in Revere. This change will have significant impacts on pedestrian movement into and through the project. The elements of the project - two hotels, large gaming space, numerous restaurants and spa- have not changed. But, in the new location, the buildings have a substantially reduced footprint and are much closer to existing business and residential areas.

Walking Access to Transit - Beachmont MBTA Station

The principal impact of the project change for people arriving on foot is the much greater proximity of the development to transit access, now shifted to the Beachmont MBTA Station (formerly focused on the Suffolk Downs Station). The revised location for the proposed resort places the main entrance only 300 feet from Beachmont Station, and will likely shift some trips from autos to transit because of this proximity.

In order to encourage transit and walking trips, we suggest exploring several pedestrian amenities including the following:

- A significantly wider sidewalk along Winthrop Avenue between Beachmont Station and the site of the resort.
- An weather-protected sidewalk along Winthrop Avenue between the primary entrance and exit locations at Beachmont Station to Washburn Avenue. The canopy or arcade should connect directly to the existing MBTA station entrance which already has weather protection.
- A weather-protected walkway from the edge of the resort property on Washburn Avenue to the main resort entrance.
- Significant upgrades in wayfinding inside Beachmont Station and along the route to the resort to encourage transit

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ridership and reinforce the convenient transit access.

- Upgrades of escalators and elevators inside Beachmont Station to adequately and safely handle greater numbers of riders using transit.
- Signalization or signage protection for pedestrians crossing Washburn Street on the south side of Winthrop Avenue.

Traffic mitigation

We are fearful that the project will add a great deal of traffic to an area that cannot handle it easily. Winthrop Avenue and the Revere Beach Parkway are heavily used already. Improvements to the interchange with Route 1 will only add to the use of these streets, which cannot easily accommodate them.

Better access might be provided via Tomesello Way, from Route 1A the Suffolk Downs Racetrack parking areas, which will have greater capacity for storage of vehicles and a more orderly approach to the casino. We think the proponent would be well advised to encourage use of Tomesello Way and the MBTA Blue Line for principal access points into the casino property.

In addition, the parking garage is enormous, suggesting a commitment only to vehicular access. Perhaps the proponent could save some of the construction cost of this garage through the use of thoughtful techniques of encouraging patrons not to drive - perhaps a benefit of some sort that patrons could use on the floor of the casino.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to your responses to them.

Please feel free to contact WalkBoston with questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Robert Sloane
Senior Project Manager

Cc Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Mayor Dan Rizzo

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: John Tyler <captjohntyler@mac.com>
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Cc: Melissa Tyler
Subject: Applicant Suitability

Dear Gaming commission,

I am a resident of East Boston and I am appalled that you are even considering a casino in Revere.

A vote was taken and East Boston voted NO!

The agreement written was that if both communities did not vote YES a casino would be declined and now you are considering a Revere location. East Boston Voted NO and the agreement should be upheld. The voters stated clearly they did not want a casino in there back yard and we are being ignored.

You are all a disgrace to our democratic system and should be ashamed of yourselves for pursuing this any further.

The voters said no, No means No, not Maybe or sort of, or reword it and try again.

Decline Revere

John and Melissa Tyler
100 Marginal St
East Boston, MA 02128
617-571-9031

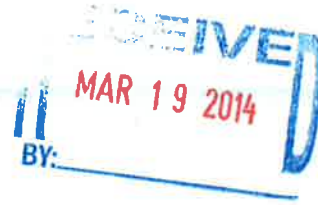
Applicant Suitability, They were voted down! = NOT SUITABLE.

Festival Dia del Salvadoreño-Americano Nueva Inglaterra



March 12th, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109



Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

On behalf of the New England Salvadoran Day Festival- East Boston, I write today to express our support to the efforts by Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC ("Sterling Suffolk") and Mohegan Sun Casino to be granted the Boston-area casino license within the Revere parcel at Suffolk Downs.

East Boston-Revere is home to the largest Salvadoran population in Massachusetts, when the casino project first became public; we also worried about the same issues which legitimately were brought up by the casino opponents. Will there be more traffic? Yes. Will it attract an element of crime? Yes. All major attractions anywhere in the world do. Crime is everywhere in our society and the addition of a casino is not going to spike crime. But with the revenue it will generate in Revere, and the whole district, will be in a much stronger position to deal with these issues. The approval of the Sterling Suffolk -Mohegan Sun proposal will put millions of dollars back in the City of Revere; therefore it can provide better services for everyone.

We realized that the whole state needs a new source of revenue, one that grows as the local economy grows. Not only Sterling Suffolk -Mohegan Sun casino resort will create thousands of good jobs, it will put Revere and its beaches back on the map as a major destination point.

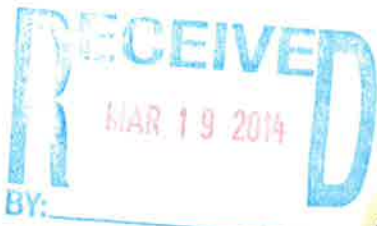
We have many members from our Salvadoran community living in the City of Revere that are supporting the casino proposal. We, as an organization, understand that both Sterling Suffolk and Mohegan Sun have invested a great deal of money, effort and time to see the Suffolk Downs casino resort approved, we see the casino project as a great potential that will help our Salvadoran community that lives and owns homes not only in the City of Revere but in the entire north shore region. The number of different jobs created will be a key to turning around the city's unemployment woes, the revenue contributed to the city coffers will increase funding for schools, fire department, police department, social services and much more.

We sincerely request to the Commission's to concede the lone Boston-Area casino license to Sterling Suffolk-Mohegan Sun. This is the best economic opportunity for Revere.

Sincerely,

Mirna Orellana - President
New England Salvadoran Day Festival

35 REVERE ST • REVERE, MA. 02151



Revere



March 13, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State St. 10th Flr
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Casino in Revere

Dear Commission Members,

I own a house in Revere and I own and operate a restaurant in Revere, MA, close to the proposed site of the Mohegan Sun Casino. My restaurant is Mak's Roast Beef & Pizza and we are located on Revere St. about ½ mile from the proposed site of the Casino. I recently attended a Vendor Forum for Mohegan Sun, where I learned about a program called the "Mohegan Sun Points Partnership Program". After speaking to a representative about this points program, and learning that my restaurant could benefit from the 10's of millions of dollars of points earned each year from casino guests and from the free advertising my business would receive as a part of this partnership, I quickly signed up. Having a Casino in Revere would allow my restaurant to grow and prosper.

My restaurant also delivers food to the Suffolk Downs Race Track to the trainers and exercise riders working on the "back side" of the track. If Mohegan Sun does not get the license for a casino in Revere, I am afraid that the track will leave Revere and I will lose a lot of business.

Please consider granting the gaming license to Mohegan Sun and the City of Revere, I know my restaurant is not the only business that will see great benefits from having this casino in our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maksim Xhengo".

MAKSIM XHENGO, Owner



Bagel Bin Deli

781-289-0989

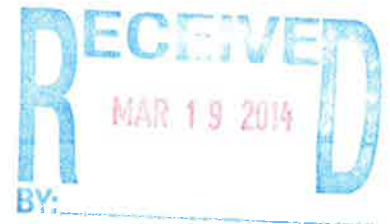
Revere

207 SHIRLEY AVE.
REVERE, MA

March 13, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State St. 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Casino in Revere



Dear Commission Members::

My family and I own a restaurant in Revere on Shirley Avenue, just off of Revere Beach Boulevard known as the Bagel Bin. Shirley Avenue is right down the street from the Beachmont entrance to the proposed site of the Mohegan Sun Casino. We are a small family run business that serves pizza and home made meals. We look forward to joining with Mohegan Sun in their Points Program.

A Casino in Revere would bring much needed growth to our city and our business. Many years ago the Shirley Avenue restaurants did very well serving the overflow and after hours crowds who attended the shows at the Frolic and Surf Night Clubs. We do not have such clubs anymore and look forward to Mohegan Sun bringing back these shows and other entertainment to our area. I know that a Casino would bring the night life back to the once famous Revere Beach.

Every day I talk to dozen's of customers from not just Revere, but from East Boston, Lynn and Chelsea. People are excited about what's going to happen. Some are looking forward to possible employment. Others are excited to see more development in this area.

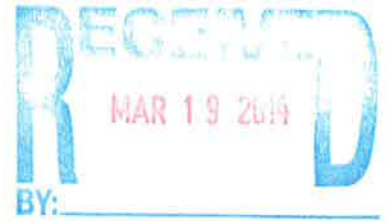
I urge the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Gaming Commission to give Revere this opportunity. I believe we are the best suited site for a Casino given the site's location so close to Boston and the Beach.

Thank you.

George V. Vladesis
Very truly yours,

Owner of the Bagel Bin

Franklin & Paula M Jeffrey
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Revere, Massachusetts 02151



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March 13, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re : Casino in Revere

Dear Sir/Madam :

My husband and I have resided in Revere for over fifty years. We can remember how wonderful Revere Beach was when we were children. We remember the wonderful night clubs known as the Frolic Night Club and the Surf Supper Club. Back in the 1950s and early 60s Revere was the place to go for entertainment and summer vacations. Revere offered gambling in the form of the Wonderland Dog Track and the Suffolk Downs Horse Racing Track. But alas all that has changed. The night clubs are all gone, the Greyhound Dog Track was forced to close and Revere Beach no longer appeals to vacationers, as the Blizzard of 1978 destroyed most of its attractions.

A Casino in Revere could change all that and bring Revere back to being a first class vacation destination.

I have read the host agreement that Mohegan Sun has proposed to the City of Revere. I feel that as a resident both myself and the city would benefit. The citizens of Revere would see their taxes and water bills go down. The merchants would see an increase in business due to the points programs. New businesses would be attracted to Revere and to the Beach. Most important of all, a Casino in Revere would create new jobs, save existing jobs at Suffolk Downs and rehire a lot of the employees of the now closed Wonderland Dog Track.

If the Casino license is not awarded to the City of Revere, the gaming commission would be responsible for hundreds of people loosing their jobs as many businesses, including Suffolk Downs Race Track, would be forced to close without the economic aid from the Casino.

Very truly yours

Frank & Paula M. Jeffrey
Frank & Paula Jeffrey

*The Marina Restaurant and Bar
AT THE WHARF
North Shore Road
Revere, Massachusetts 02151*



March 13, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Casino in Revere

Dear Sir/Madam:

My family and I own property in Revere and we own and operate The Marina Restaurant and Bar AT THE WHARF on North Shore Road in Revere, Massachusetts. Our restaurant is very close to Revere Beach, and to the proposed site of the Mohegan Sun Casino.


Our restaurant is a family run business and is planning on signing up for the Mohegan Sun Vendor Points Program. We have a meeting with the representative later this month to effectuate same. My family and I are trying to bring back the restaurant to its former status, after having gone through some economically trying times. A Casino in Revere would certainly help us achieve this goal.

We look forward to working with Mohegan Sun and feel that this is a great opportunity for the City of Revere, its residents and the businesses located in or near the City of Revere.

We feel that this is the best location for a Casino, as the proposed site has direct access via the MBTA, train, Route 1A, and possibly a water shuttle, given it's close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Revere Beach.

My family and I strongly urge the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to award the license to the City of Revere so that small businesses, such as ours, can continue to grow and be prosperous in these tough economic times.

Thank you

Very truly yours,

The Marina Restaurant and Bar AT The Wharf
Victor & Debra Molle, Owners

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 4:13 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

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Phone

(857)615-3763

Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Hi My name is Nick Moulaison Sr. I was born and raised in East Boston and I am currently a resident of Revere I have supported a casino at Suffolk Downs since day 1. It will bring many jobs to the community bot just at the casino but at the area businesses that surround the casino. It will also create many opportunities for the local economy as well. The revenue that the City of Revere will collect can make life in Revere so much easier as as the ability to add more public safety people such as police and firemen. We will also have money available for neighborhood beautification, money for traffic improvements above and beyond the millions of dollars that Mohegan Sun will spend to improve the traffic problems we have now. I will stick with this until the first shovel is entered into the ground in Revere. I am very passionate about this and I believe that any negatives will be far outweighed by the positives.

THOMAS JEFFREY
6 STOWERS STREET
REVERE, MA 02151



PH. 781-284-7543

March 15, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State St. 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Casino in Revere

Dear Commission Member:

I am 75 years old and have resided in Chelsea, for 73 years and in Revere for the last 2 years. I moved here after my wife died.

My wife and I used to go to the Mohegan Sun Casino a lot when she was alive. We loved the senior citizen offers at their facility. There are busses leaving for the Casino every day from Chelsea. I still enjoy gambling, but do not want to take the long ride to Connecticut by myself. A lot of the seniors at the club that I belong to, also do not like to make the long trip to Connecticut.

We are all so excited about the possibility of a Casino in Revere, for so many reasons. First because it would be located on property owned by the Suffolk Downs Race Track and the rent would preserve horse racing in Revere and in the State of Massachusetts. Second the Casino wants to promote Revere Beach and make it an extension of the Casino for family activities on it's proposed "green thoroughfare". Third, the Casino wants to partner with all of the businesses in the City of Revere and surrounding cities via its Vendor Points Program.

If Massachusetts gives the license to Mohegan Sun, we would get 3 destinations to enjoy; 1) the Casino itself with its gaming parlors, wonderful shows, and retail shops; 2) an extension of Revere Beach for better activities during the entire summer and; 3) redevelopment of the Suffolk Downs Horse Race Track.

Sadly to say if the gaming commission does not award the license to Revere, we would loose our beloved thoroughbred racing facility, the beach would not be brought back to its former glory as a world class vacation destination.

Please do not let this happen. Please award the license to Revere. If you award the license to Everett you will be destroying Suffolk Downs Race Track. The City of Revere has already lost its Dog Racing Track and many people have already lost their jobs. I beg of you do not cause this to happen again.

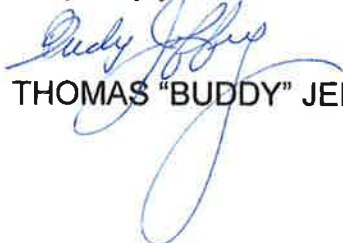
Everett can build something else and still prosper. The loss of a license to Everett will not cause the city of Everett to close any existing facilities.

If Revere gets this license and Everett does not, the owners of the land in Everett can build something else which will be an addition to the Casino, the Horse Racing Track and Revere Beach; thus giving the Commonwealth of Mass four (4) world class venues to attract visitors to our state. The City of Everett would still benefit from the Casino in Revere, via its surrounding community agreement, vendor programs and job opportunities. Plus, there would be double the amount of constructions jobs. All of the restaurants and vendors in Revere, Everett and surrounding communities would prosper greatly, both during construction and after the venues are built.

This would be a win, win situation for both cities. And create many, many more jobs with new construction in Revere and in Everett.

I beg you to please take this into consideration when awarding the license.

Very truly yours,



THOMAS "BUDDY" JEFFREY

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 1:59 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Phone

(617)437-9774

Subject

Mohegan in Revere

Questions or Comments

Dear Madame/Sir
Please bring My enjoyment closer to My neighborhood.
Great Food,Best entertainment,with respectable great attitude of Host and Hostesses,in out of this world Beautiful Casino with
Safety and Security is only found in Mohegan Sun.On behalf of My Family,Relatives and Friends Please bring Mohegan Sun to
Our Village Revere/Mass.soon.
Thank You
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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:37 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject

Gaming & casinos

Questions or Comments

Mohegan sun laid off 100's of workers in the past 3 years. Mohegan sun is not a loyal employer and discriminates against workers who don't speak fluent English. There is no reason at all if they allow Mohegan sun in Mass that they should have tribal preference for jobs. Mohegan suns will give all the best jobs to there own. There is absolutely no comparison between Mohegan and Wynn. Wynn is superior in every facet . Wynn will use his own money, Wynn is a much better employer, Wynn will do everything to make the casino a wonderful place to visit . Wynn will work with Mass companies and that's the reason Wynn should get the license. Suffolk Downs is old there is no room for a casino there and the traffic in the area is awful. Mohegan sun also has already told a Mass company they don't need them . Please it should be Wynn without a doubt



GAP PROMOTIONS

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March 17, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street
10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to send this letter on behalf of Mohegan Sun. I am unable to attend the upcoming Public Hearing events on 3/25 and 4/7. I haven't missed a single one since they started their MA venture! I will be commuting back and forth to Las Vegas those weeks for two important events for our company. I am disappointed as I was hoping that I could share my experience live. Since I am not able to, I hope this letter is received in the positive manner as our experience has been to date.

We originally met in August at Mohegan's Sturbridge event titled "Working at and Working with Mohegan Sun". The invite alone was of great interest to us as we have been anxiously watching the casino referendum here in MA and honestly we were so excited Mohegan was a player and wanted to learn more!

From the moment we walked into the event we absolutely felt welcomed – sort of like we were "home". We listened to employees and suppliers alike share their success stories with Mohegan Sun. With each story we had more interest in learning more. We were impressed with the opportunities that Mohegan provided and the passion that was displayed by all. They were quite clear about their expectations and licensing process. Following the presentations Paul, Helen Ann and Jack took the time to visit each table talking with and answering any questions that arose. We knew right away that the hard work, extra effort, and growth from within, love for what we do – that Mohegan Sun embodied GAP Promotions values and culture too. They were the "real deal". We absolutely knew we wanted to pursue this prospect further and that the opportunity was not just about Massachusetts...Mohegan Sun was indeed a family.

We followed up to thank our contacts and were immediately connected with one of their Purchasing Agents to be placed on their vendor bid list to determine if we are a fit with their products and pricing. They stated their expectations and the bids started. We were grateful to be a part of their process.

Shortly thereafter Suffolk Downs was in the news and we were invited to attend local events. What was so impressive is the forum and personality was the exactly same – it was just the location that had changed. Having grown up on the Northshore this project was near and dear to me – imagine this undertaking right in our backyard – it's amazing and what it will do to revitalize the area...it's huge. I couldn't imagine anyone but Mohegan Sun to take this on. I have had previous exposures to Las Vegas Casinos and you are just a number to them. At Mohegan they value your partnership and want a relationship for the long term.

In October we attended the Center for Women & Enterprise Leadership Conference where Mohegan had a prominent presence and an interest in doing business with minority vendors. We participated in a

"Matchmaking" event where we had such a warm greeting from Paul and Jack. We discussed our progress on our bidding process with hopes our hard work would pay off. We felt we were strengthening our relationship with Mohegan and on our way to building a long term partnership.

In November we received our first order – BIG celebration here at GAPI Our entire team was so excited. Later that month we attended a Diversity Event at Fenway Park and guess who we ran into!

In early December we visited Mohegan Sun and met the Purchasing Agents we had been working with. They took the time to explain their process and also listen to us share our capabilities and some new ideas we had prepared. It was so helpful and we truly felt we were welcome...all knowing that our knowledge would only help us do a better job for Mohegan.

In January we were proud to receive and display our Mohegan non-gaming license which allows us to work with the Mohegan Sun property!

As things are so positively progressing for Mohegan Sun in Revere, we continue to attend the supplier events to learn as much as we can about Revere and Mohegan Sun. At each event the Purchasing Agents and Executives take the time to meet with us and see how things are going – we have never felt rushed and the crowds are large. They speak with E-V-E-R-Y-O-N-E. They are committed to this project and the people and businesses of the Northshore.

Thank you again – we truly appreciate the partnership that we have formed with the Mohegan team to date and we hope that things continue to move along positively for them. They are committed to this project and area.

Sincerely,



Gayle A Piraino
President
GAP Promotions

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Revere

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March 17, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Mohegan Sun in Revere

To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I own a house in Revere and I own and operate a restaurant in Revere, Massachusetts, called NICK'S PLACE II, on Revere Beach Boulevard, near to the proposed site for the Mohegan Sun Casino. My restaurant is a take out and delivery establishment just down the street from where Mohegan Sun is proposed to be. The Casino has a points partnership program. I went to their meeting and after learning about the benefits, eagerly signed up for the program. Only Mohegan Sun's proposal has a program in place to partner with local and regional businesses. The Momentum Reward Program is a game-changer. They already have millions of customers in this area. A Casino in Revere would help with my taxes and high water bills and would also help my business to grow.

My restaurant is right around the corner from the Suffolk Downs Race Track. I look forward to the increase of business during the construction phase of the Mohegan Sun and have business continue to grow when the casino is open for operation. However, I am also afraid if the State does not award the license to the casino and the City of Revere, I would lose a large part of my existing business that is connected directly to the employees of the Race Track, as it would be forced to move out of Revere or worse, close altogether.

A Casino in Revere would save Suffolk Downs and bring back Revere Beach to it's glory day as it would participate in events on Revere Beach.

I am requesting that the commonwealth of Mass. award the license to the City of Revere to save many jobs, help with our economic growth as a city and help make my business prosper. Without the Casino and the added business, I am afraid that myself and many of the food establishments on the beach may have to close.

Very truly yours,

Florian Balla

FLORIAN BALLA, Owner
Nick's Place II

USA Wholesalers Direct Inc.,
Larry A. Bridglal
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To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission,
The Commissioners of the Massachusetts Gaming Authority,

Honorable members of the Massachusetts Gaming authority, I would like to thank you and the commission for accepting my letter on behalf of myself named above and in voice for the Mohegan Sun Casino & resort.

I and my family have been residents in Massachusetts for over a decade and still residents today well known by all. I am also a business owner which resides and work within 3 city blocks, two train stops away on the Blue line situated between Wood Island & from the Suffolk downs location, within walking distance.

I as well as many in the area and throughout Revere, and to which the Suffolk downs location that is the proposed site for the Mohegan Sun project is situated within and on both boundaries would like to see the development for this project for many reasons, I being a resident of the area and a business with current business connections with many businesses globally and with the United Nations and the United States Government in reference.

The issuance of the licenses for the Mohegan Sun Project would not only bring about many jobs in the construction of the Mohegan sun and that of all the local developments around and in the state; but also development for the state schools and new constructions and it would also bring much needed business to all the local businesses and many more employment opportunities. And I a business that is currently located here and in discussion with many multinational businesses but not limited to Governments I know that much more developers is willing to come here and establish their multinational businesses within the vicinity of Revere, East Boston, Everett and beyond just because of the Mohegan sun acceptance for the licenses to operate.

The Mohegan Sun which I have visited in the past as a customer and business patron for other institutions of nonprofit business to help communities and children which I cannot mention in reference to this letter, but known to me that the Mohegan Sun is the best choice for the development of the region, state and that of all the surrounding communities.

March 18, 2014

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With Kind Regards,

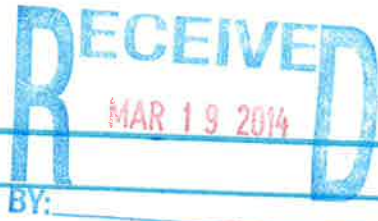
Larry A. Bridglal

Owner & Chairman

Notary Republic of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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3/15

My name is Fred Pisano, as a former resident of Beverly, I am proud the citizens voted for construction of a casino. Mayor Rizzo did an outstanding job spearheading the drive. Best part is Mohegan Sun will be the occupant.

Forewoods was the first casino in Ct, but Mohegan Sun is the best casino in Ct.

Mohegan Sun / Suffolk is only 7 minutes from Logan Airport making it very convenient for travelers + entertainers to get to the casino. (McCarran Airport in Vegas is also only 7 minutes to the Strip)

With Mohegan Sun as casino host, Suffolk Downs will begin to attract a better class of horses.

Boston already is a world class destination, but with a Mohegan Sun / Suffolk Downs, it will enhance it even more.

I urge you, bring the Sun to Beverly
Fred Pisano

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:52 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Revere vs Everett casino

There is so much uncertain issues with the Revere casino that is just unbelievable that the commission can grant it to Revere.

First, its being built between two school zones and is right on top of residential property.

2nd. There is no guarantee that the race track is going to be able to stay and seeing the land needed to build what they want it has to go. Jobs lost! About 800.

3rd. The shopping center that is where Stop&Shop and Target is needs to go as well for the land. Again Jobs lost about 800.

4th. Mohegan is being backed by a third party financial company, so they need a loan. They already laid off 3500 people from the CT facility. What's that telling you, they are already in trouble. Not good for the State or Revere.

Lastly, the Mayor is promising reduction in taxes and water rates! I live and pay taxes in Revere and I see this as a way to get it here and when it doesn't happen what then!

Wynn in Everett is a world class facility and it looks like it will be a much better place especially since Wynn resorts is using his own money and is cleaning up a hazardous place. Much better for Massachusetts and the Boston area. I like the idea of boats bringing people in across the water from Boston. This will make Massachusetts a wonderful place to visit or want to live in.

Thanks for listening.

Anthony DeMarco

Resident of Revere for over 56 years.

Balcom, Darian (MGC)

From: frankmchugh@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 4:44 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Cc: mayor@cityofboston.gov; John Ribeiro; celeste.myers@gmail.com
Subject: APPLICANT SUITABILITY (MOHEGAN SUN)

March 21, 2014

BY EMAIL

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street
10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Opposition to Casinos in General, and Comment on Mohegan Sun Casino's Suitability as a Resort-Casino Applicant for a Development in Revere

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in opposition to casinos in general and, specifically, in opposition to Mohegan Sun's operating a casino in Revere. My perspective is that of an East Boston resident, a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and an attorney.

OPPOSITION TO CASINOS IN GENERAL

In addition to the obvious problems that casinos bring to communities such as more crime, traffic nightmares on local roads, air pollution, harm to local businesses, gambling addictions, divorces and personal bankruptcies, I would like to briefly address the alarming connection of casinos and suicide. Tom Larkin, a licensed psychologist and President of United to Stop Slots, wrote in "The Social Costs of Gambling," "Suicide 'Suicide attempts are higher among gamblers than for any of the addictions.' --Dr. Rachel A. Volberg. This is a complex subject but suicide rates (including teenagers) in gambling counties are 2 to 4 times greater than non-gambling counties. Las Vegas has the highest suicide level in the country. In Atlantic City, abnormally high suicide levels appeared, for visitors and residents, only after casinos appeared." The sources he cited were: Kindy, John, (Ed). US International Gambling Report, Hein and Co. 2008; and Phillips, David P. Ward Welty and Marris Smith. "Elevated Suicide Levels Associated with Legalized Gambling." Dec. 1997 (on line). Further, in 2013, the Institute for American Values, in "Why Casinos Matter," noted in a report by the Council on Casinos, at page 20, "Spouses [of gamblers] are harassed by bill collectors and suffer a wide range of stress-related physical and mental problems; they attempt suicide at three times the rate of the general population."

We all have a moral obligation to protect our families, our children, our grandchildren, our neighbors and generations to come from this very real threat to their lives. One life lost to casinos is one life too many. Certainly, many lives will be lost to suicide through casino gambling in Massachusetts, and many families will be forever shattered. If we know that casinos will increase suicides, and we welcome them into our communities, we share in the responsibility for these foreseeable deaths.

Some will compare the casino-suicide issue to alcohol use and the number of deaths that will be caused every year by drunk drivers. Should we outlaw alcohol because we know that deaths will be caused by drunk drivers?

We tried prohibition once and it did not work. Alcohol and the trouble it brings are here to stay, but casinos do not have to be. The people of Massachusetts are not crying out *en masse* for casinos. Rather, it is the casinos who, like predators, are advancing to prey on those who can least afford to gamble, i.e., the poor. One of the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching is the option for the poor and vulnerable. Our Catholic tradition instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. In contrast, it is from the poor and vulnerable that casinos extract most of their profits, thereby putting them last.

This is a matter of public health. Note that the Host Community Agreement between Revere and Sterling Suffolk Racecourse in paragraph 2M states, "The owner shall mitigate the potential negative public health consequences associated with the Project." However, none of the negative public health consequences are specifically named.

Arguably, this loss of life could also be considered a matter of public safety. Consider the Wikipedia definition of public safety: "[This term is used in many capacities by counties, states, cities, and regions to describe the authority and responsibilities the entity oversees. The public safety issues a city might grapple with include narcotic use, trespassing, burglary, harassment, juvenile delinquency, unauthorized living, noise, littering, inappropriate social behavior, DUI's, and other quality of life issues.] The following definition only looks at a higher level of function such as a county task force: involves the prevention of and protection from events that could endanger the safety of the general public from significant danger, injury/harm, or damage, such as crimes or disasters (natural or man-made)." Families of victims of suicide caused by gambling addictions would clearly see casino gambling as a matter of public safety, just as we all would see the selling of heroin and the deaths associated with it as a matter of public safety. Because casinos present serious problems of public safety, especially loss of life, they should be kept out of our communities.

Sadly, casinos in America today are making an increasingly large contribution to what has been described by Pope John Paul II as a "culture of death." Rejecting or supporting casinos is ultimately a question of who we are and what we value more—human life—or money and entertainment. Sometimes, as with casinos, the cost of an economic quick-fix is just too high.

OPPOSITION TO MOHEGAN SUN IN REVERE

I am also writing to comment on the lack of suitability of Mohegan Sun to operate a casino in Revere. Hartford Business.com reported on June 1, 2012 that the owners of Mohegan Sun refinanced **\$1.6 billion in debt**. On January 30, 2014, Businesswire.com reported **decreases of revenues** for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority for the first quarter of fiscal 2014 as compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2013 in the areas of net revenues (3.7%), gaming revenues (5.1%), gross slot revenues (2.5%), table game revenues (11.2%), and income from operations . **Income from operations decreased by 36.3% from the first quarter of fiscal 2013**. It appears that the only area in which an increase was made was in the area of non-gaming revenues, an increase of 8.5% over the first quarter of fiscal 2013. Lastly, in the same article, Businesswire.com reported for the first quarter of fiscal 2014 a "**Net loss attributable to the Authority of \$67.3 million** compared to net income to the Authority of \$9.1 million [for] the first quarter of fiscal 2013."

The numbers speak for themselves, and they do not inspire confidence in the ability of Mohegan Sun to operate a new casino in Revere. I would respectfully ask how an organization as deep in debt as Mohegan Sun, and showing continuing decreases, can now be trusted and relied upon to enrich the economies of Revere and Massachusetts? Given its on-going financial problems, even with outside money to prop it up, it seems all too possible that Mohegan Sun, even with "best efforts," may not deliver.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Francis W. McHugh
(617) 838-2959

cc: Mayor Marty Walsh
John Ribeiro
Celeste Myers

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: lmason2121@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 10:31 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Racing at Suffolk Downs

Thank you for the e-mail and update! We are a family run farm of owners and a trainer who support the families and horses from racing at Suffolk Downs! We feel we have no future in racing anymore!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 7:03 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs casino

To whom it may concern;

I hope the gaming commission saw the news on channel 5 tonight as they un- covered a Counselor visiting business's in Revere telling them to take the no casino signs out of their windows. I think this counselor should be let go and the city be disqualified from any casino negotiations with Revere.

These kind of tactics is not something we want in Revere.

Thank you.

Revere Resident for over 55 years.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Matthew Neave <mdneave@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 1:19 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Down's Partnership

MGC,

I am troubled by the way that Suffolk Downs is continuing to run the casino proposal in Revere as their own. I saw in this article that Chip Tuttle is negotiating surrounding community agreements: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/regionals/north/2014/02/02/mohegan-strikes-deals-with-seven-local-communities/EMj3oNRmlBj1ZcXjPziVYM/story.html>

Why is the applicant not the one doing this? It is really disingenuous and insulting to the voters in East Boston for this proposal to continue as if our referendum never happened.

East Boston did not vote on a land use question as the developers contend. We voted on a community impact question. We voted on an HCA that included mitigation efforts for a casino at Suffolk Downs. Even though the physical locations of the slot machines has changed, here's what hasn't changed:

- It is still a casino at Suffolk Downs
- The most used entrance will still be the Suffolk Downs entrance (look at a map)
- Over 80% of the traffic will use tunnels to our island and the 2 roads with access to Revere (1A and Bennington St/145)
- Suffolk Downs (Chip Tuttle) is still leading marketing and negotiations
- Suffolk Downs profit sharing makes them more than landlords
- Suffolk Downs parking lots will likely be used by Mohegan visitors, buses, and employees

If Suffolk Downs is not allowed to apply for this license, why are they allowed to run the application?

Thank you,
Matthew Neave

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: George <mrmrsheran@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:30 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Eastie voted No on Nov 5 13, so therefore Casino at Suffolk Downs should be dead in the water no matter what the outcome of Feb 25 14 is. Suffolk Downs is addressed in East Boston not Revere.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 4:40 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Joseph Scaramozza

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(339)532-9050

Subject

Mohegan Sun Revere

Questions or Comments

Please let this serve as my support of a Revere, Mass casino at the site of Suffolk Downs. Its' location to all transportation sites and downtown Boston make it the ideal site for a state of the art destination resort. Our city is no stranger to gambling venues and related traffic along route 1A & 16 corridors and proposed road changes to access and fly-over routes to and from the proposed location will improve overall traffic flow and reduce back-ups during peak travel hours. I trust that due process will be initiated through-out your review of both proposals (Revere & Everett) and that your final decision will take into account the employees of Suffolk Downs and the "clean" proposed Revere site at Suffolk Downs as well as location, Location and LOCATION.

Best Regards,
Joseph Scaramozza
185 Suffolk Ave
Revere, Mass 02151

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 6:39 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Maria Jones

Email

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Subject

Casinos

Questions or Comments

I would like to express my sincere dismay over the entire gaming process. Should Revere be granted the license for a Casino, East Boston will be negatively impacted as you know. When we voted on the original proposal it was never ONCE mentioned that if one community voted yes then the project would be moved over the line to that city. We were lied to. To move this massive project inches over the line to Revere is a big slap in the face to the good people of East Boston. This entire process has been fraudulent, corrupt, and to put it bluntly a joke. But it is not a joke to the good hardworking people of the Commonwealth. This Casino will bring nothing but negativity to our neighborhoods. Crime, drugs, and the ruination of families who think they will get "rich quick". I am simply disgusted by the lure of gaming knowing fully that these are just predators waiting to take hard earned money by the people. I am even more upset with our public officials starting from the Governor down. Their job is to protect the citizens, instead they will make poor people even more poor and we the good citizens will have to pick up the slack with more EBT and welfare benefits... thanks...

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Weezy Waldstein <weezy.waldstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 11:13 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC); Griffin, Jill (MGC); Day, Rick (MGC)
Cc: 'Marvin Martin'; 'Priscilla Flint'; 'Hakim Cunningham'; 'Gladys Vega'; cjhil@clvu.org; 'Janet Jones'; EverettHaitian.Services@gmail.com; rterrell@bostonfairhousing.org; gfcac@hotmail.com; 'Steve O'Neill'; lacomunidadinc@yahoo.com; 'Robert Marra'; 'Lewis Finfer'; 'Gloribell Mota'; 'Meridith Levy'; 'Philip'; 'Mukaji Gigi Ambila'; kathy brown
Subject: RE: Letter to Chairman Crosby from community organizations

Boston Tenant Coalition, Kathy Brown, is also a signatory to our letter. My apologies.

From: Weezy Waldstein [mailto:weezy.waldstein@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 10:47 AM
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Subject: Letter to Chairman Crosby from community organizations

Please find below the same content as in the attached letter. We look forward to opening a constructive conversation.

February 27, 2014

Stephen Crosby, Chair
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Chairman Crosby:

We are writing today to ask to open a dialogue with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in order to maximize the benefits of a new casino in Eastern Massachusetts to the region's communities as envisioned in the legislation. Regardless of where a casino is sited, low income and diverse communities face particular impacts but can also receive huge benefits from a project of this magnitude through shared commitment and careful planning. We are writing to request both a meeting and continued dialogue going forward.

We are broad regional coalition that extends from Somerville across the river to Malden, Everett, Chelsea, to East Boston, Roxbury, and Dorchester. Community groups, religious groups, and issue-based organizations focused on returning citizens, housing, good jobs and access to good jobs have all come together to reach out to you today. Action for Regional Equity, the convening organization, is a multi-issue, regional coalition founded on the principle of equity. We recognize that equity is a strong economic foundation for the whole economy and our whole region, as well as a social justice principle.

We have seen that some parts of our communities have not been active participants in the debates surrounding casinos. For example, in both Everett and East Boston, we have documented that immigrant communities have had less information and less opportunity to make their needs heard. We want to ensure that as we move into implementation, this weakness is remedied.

We recognize and applaud the debate that has been fostered by the public process across the state and the work done within each potential host community to shape an agreement to meet local needs. Nevertheless, we believe there is still a need to identify a few issues we believe have not received sufficient attention. We have attached a list titled **Issues to Discuss**. We want to ensure that we apply lessons that have been learned elsewhere and adopt the most creative and effective strategies possible. The time for this conversation is now, before final decisions are made.

We look forward to hearing from you about a meeting time to open this discussion with the hopes of establishing an ongoing working group during this lengthy start-up period.

We look forward to hearing from you to set up an initial time to talk. I can be reached at 617-620-9904 or weezy.waldstein@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Weezy Waldstein on behalf of

Action for Regional Equity, Marvin Martin
Black Economic Justice Society, Priscilla Flint,
Boston Workers Alliance, Hakim Cunningham
Chelsea Collaborative, Gladys Vega
City Life/Vida Urban, Curdina Hill
Dorchester-Roxbury Labor Committee, Janet Jones
Everett Haitian Services, Reverent Myrlamd DesRosier
Good Jobs-Strong Communities Dorchester-Roxbury
Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston, Bob Terrell
Greater Four Corners Action Coalition, Marvin Martin
EPOCA, Steve O'Neill
La Comunidad Inc, Antonio Amaya
Bob Marra, public health activist
Massachusetts Communities Action Network, Lew Finfer
Neighbors United for a Better East Boston, Gloribell Mota
One Everett
Somerville Community Corporation, Danny LeBlanc
Tri-CAP, Philip Bronder-Giroux

cc: Rick Day, Executive Director
Jill Lacey Griffin, Director of Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity Initiatives

ISSUES TO DISCUSS

Job standards: While many jobs will eventually be covered by collective bargaining agreements, it is possible that not all will be. We are addressing this issue to ensure that all positions—even those such as contracted workers working in retail outlets or fast food on the property—will be living wage jobs that can support our families and sustain our communities. We believe that all jobs on the property should be at above minimum standards, regardless of the position.

Our goal is permanent full time jobs with benefits, including the following:

- Living wage jobs standards including permanent, living wage, full time jobs, with health and other benefits, and with stable shifts and hours
- Contracted workers have the right to retain their jobs for 90 days if a contractor changes
- Requirement to pay the “standard” wage if there is a dominant labor union in the particular occupation
- “Labor peace” requirements to ensure the maximum possible share of jobs have collective bargaining rights
- Right to be free of retaliation for using the rights provided here

Job access: We are concerned about access to both construction jobs and the permanent jobs that follow. Much of the public policy surrounding opening casinos has focused on jobs and the potential impact of access to those jobs for specific communities. We hope to partner to ensure we achieve these goals. While the host agreements have been vague, it is now time for concrete requirements.

In addition, successful job access for diverse communities requires the creation of gateways and pathways—not just putting out a sign and saying apply here.

While host agreements specify local hiring, community colleges are already training people without regard for their residency. We know the Gaming Commission is already considering the problem of recruiting enough people. We want to ensure that diversity standards including gender, income, people of color, and age, be met, as well as local hiring goals from the region surrounding any proposed casino. We also want to minimize predatory training that costs those seeking work and does not result in a job.

With a large project and long time horizons, particularly for permanent job hiring, we have an opportunity to work collaboratively to implement effective pipelines for both construction and permanent jobs.

- Diversity: We are proposing hiring goals that mirror the diversity in the communities surrounding the final site for both construction and permanent jobs.
- CORI backgrounds. As we have noted in other statements to you, we want to maximize the number of jobs available to applicants with CORIs, set goals for how many hired, and then monitor hiring. The stringent requirements set in the legislation place even greater demands on the Commission to make this happen.
- Gateways and pipelines.
 - Construction: Job access should build on the programs such as Building Pathways and YouthBuild that are now underway, but not be limited by them. Opportunities for workers who want to return to unionized construction but need a loan to pay back dues or who have skills but need a way in should also be part of the overall program. Retention will matter. Funding needs to be available for pre-apprentice programming, for a job placement program for those not needing pre-apprentice training, and retention services.
 - Permanent jobs: Pre-placement services such as ESOL and job readiness training should be available starting well before any hiring starts—at least six months before and possibly earlier. We would like to work with you and others to identify and target funding now.
 - Community gateways: For both construction and permanent jobs, community organization rooted in their constituencies need to serve as gateways for their communities. These are base-building organizations, churches, and other similar organizations that can build relationships both with the public workforce system and employers. For them to play this critical role, they need a small amount of funding.
 - Workforce partners. We hope the Gaming Commission will convene the public workforce development system, community colleges, organizations working with returning citizens, community gateway

organizations, unions, developer, owner and contractors to shape a plan that will ensure success of this critical policy element.

Enforcement. We have learned that enforcement of standards and access requirements such as these is not easy or automatic. As a result, we are suggesting we discuss the following set of practices that can ensure effective implementation, compliance, and enforcement.

- Creation of an “Access and Opportunities Committee” representing developer, employers, labor unions, Gaming Commission and community organizations to monitor access and enforcement of both job access and job standards. The participation in the committee can change as the site moves from construction to operations.
- All commercial contracts shall include requirements to implement the agreed upon standards and information requirements, making each contracting entity obligated to enforce the requirements on its contractors.
- All employers shall provide agreed upon information related to implementation of these requirements to its contracting entity or other agreed upon intermediary in a timely manner in the form required.
- All employees covered by these obligations have the right to make a payroll deduction to a non-profit worker education and service entity that will carry out information dissemination and support for employees.
- In addition to any agency enforcement, all employees covered by these obligations have the right of private action to enforce any provision set out for job standards.
- To reduce or eliminate labor-related disruptions, including retaliation against employees, upon request from a labor organization, all employers shall agree to a “labor peace” agreement.
- Penalties for failure to comply with standards need to be set. These need to include loss of contract and loss of right to bid.

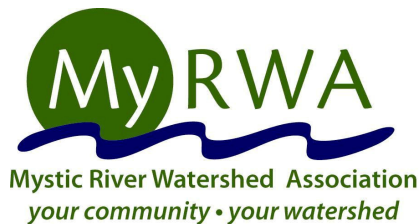
DISPLACEMENT OF TENANTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Across the country, major developments are leading to residential and small business displacement. Re-zoning in areas around new casinos will allow current landlords and landowners to make their own decisions to stay or leave. We are primarily concerned with the immediate impact on tenants and small businesses.

We are proposing that an audit be conducted in the area immediately surrounding any licensed casino to:

- (1) Map an “eviction-free zone” around the final site with the commitment that no one in that zone be displaced by this development
- (2) Survey and identify by name and situation all residents and small businesses that may be impacted
- (3) Identify if programs exist to assist them in staying in the town and what further step should be undertaken.
- (4) A committee including community residents should be convened to assist in this process and the review of results.
- (5) It should be completed within 6 months after the designation of a casino. Resources should be identified to be tapped if necessary to mitigate displacement and maintain the community.

Weezy Waldstein
Action for Regional Equity
Coordinator, Jobs Equity Initiative
617-620-9904



March 24, 2014

Steven Crosby, Chair
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Crosby,

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) appreciates this opportunity to comment at the Public Input Meeting for Mohegan Sun Massachusetts, a destination resort casino proposed at the Suffolk Downs racecourse in Revere, Massachusetts.

The Mystic River Watershed Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1972 by a group of concerned citizens. The Mystic River Watershed Association's mission is to protect and restore clean water and related natural resources within the basin's 22 communities and to promote responsible stewardship of Mystic River natural resources through educational initiatives and science-based advocacy.

As an environmental organization, we are particularly attuned to how proposed projects will impact existing environmental conditions within the highly urbanized areas of Mystic River communities.

The Mystic River Watershed Association has been actively engaged in evaluating the prospective environmental impacts of both of the resort casinos proposed to be built in the Mystic River Watershed.

While we greatly respect that there are many other issues about which Mystic River communities will be concerned, throughout this process the Association has maintained steady focus upon environmental issues associated with casino development. Broadly, these issues include impacts on water quality, wildlife and aquatic habitat, wetlands impact and protection, wastewater and stormwater management, and water conservation.

On September 25, 2013 the Mystic River Watershed Association and the US EPA Mystic River Steering Committee hosted a special presentation on the environmental impacts of both proposed Mystic River casinos. Over 80 people attended this public meeting and had the opportunity to ask questions of each proponent. Attendees agreed with the Mystic River Watershed Association that

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casino proponents have a unique opportunity to provide leadership in efforts to protect the Mystic River and restore this important natural resource.

The Mystic River Watershed Association would like to request that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission give strong consideration in its decision making to initiatives that provide for protection and restoration of the local environment. Such initiatives that are included in the resort casino development proposals and gaming license applications will become an important component of the benefits that result from Casino development in Massachusetts.

We urge the commission to study and evaluate carefully the Expanded Environmental Notification Forms, the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports and the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Certificates, as these documents ought to provide a clear and unambiguous picture of the proponent's treatment of and contribution to improving and enhancing the Mystic River Watershed. Restoration and preservation of local natural resources in the Mystic River Watershed will provide important benefit to all residents of the host and surrounding communities.

Given its extraordinary scale and scope, the Resort Casino project proposed by Mohegan Sun Massachusetts at Suffolk Downs represents an extraordinary opportunity for proponents to provide important leadership and support for the transformation of this hardworking urban river system.

To support this interest, the Mystic River Watershed Association has met with representatives of Mohegan Sun Massachusetts and its consulting team to outline specific ways that additional protection and restoration of the local natural environment can be incorporated into the development process and we are pleased that Mohegan Sun Massachusetts has been responsive to these recommendations.

In addition we have outlined a number of concerns in letters to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental and Energy Affairs.

We have noted that the project site includes portions of Sales Creek and abuts Belle Isle Marsh, part of the Rumney Marshes Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The Rumney Marshes Area of Critical Environmental Concern encompasses over 1,000 acres of highly productive salt marsh, salt meadow, tidal flats, and shallow subtidal channels. This Area of Critical Environmental Concern is extremely valuable to our region for the habitat, climate resilience and other environmental services it provides. The Association seeks to ensure that any potential impacts on this critical environmental resource be closely scrutinized and mitigated.

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We have also recommended that:

- Best Management Practices be used to remove nutrient loads and other urban pollutants from stormwater discharges
- Additional setbacks and improved treatment of Sales Creek be undertaken
- The proponent develops a lower Mystic River watershed inventory that delineates all opportunities for potential ecological restoration. Such an inventory will help provide a much needed foundation through which to prioritize prospective habitat and ecological restoration projects in the area

The Mystic River Watershed Association plans to monitor and remain in contact with the proponent and relevant authorities during the preparation of the Notices of Intent and all other State and local permit applications to be filed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and other State and local ordinances. We are encouraged by efforts to date and the stated commitment of the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts development team to setting high standards of excellence with regard to site design and environmental protection. We look forward to the opportunity to review in greater detail plans for the Resort Casino and the ways that proponents will support restoration of the local natural environment through this significant project.

It is important to our efforts and to efforts of all local and regional environmental advocates that the Gaming Commission makes a clear statement that protection and restoration of the local natural environment is a high priority of the commission and a component of the license provided.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (781) 316-3438 or at EK@mysticriver.org.

Best regards,



EkOngKar Singh Khalsa, Executive Director

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Field Representative

Daniel Ottaviano
Executive Board
Field Representative

March 19, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Region A. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

We write in support of the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts at Suffolk Downs resort casino application. The Mohegan Sun Massachusetts plan is comprehensive, well-thought and thorough.

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts is a \$1.3 billion destination resort proposed for Revere. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will be a world-class destination resort casino that evokes the rich and deep history of Revere and Greater Boston. Central to this theme will be the waterfront and Revere's long history as a coastal community and hub of tourism, as well as the history and excitement of the adjacent Suffolk Downs racetrack.

There are several key points in support of the Mohegan Sun project:

Create Jobs

This project will produce 2,500 construction jobs. And because Mohegan Sun has signed into a Project Labor Agreement we know this will be on time and on budget. Additional infrastructure and transportation improvements in the area will provide hundreds of additional jobs. Once the development is open for business means 4,000 permanent jobs. Mohegan Sun has entered into labor harmony agreements and these will be good jobs, with good salaries, benefits and opportunities for significant career development.

Spur local business

This project will be good for local businesses because Mohegan Sun has comprehensive plans to contract with area vendors and local suppliers to help build their businesses.

Preserve Thoroughbred Racing

Should Mohegan Sun Massachusetts earn the Category 1 license for its region, the owners of Suffolk Downs have committed to using revenue from Mohegan Sun Massachusetts' ground lease to preserve and enhance racing at the historic facility.



Diversity for construction personnel

Diversity in hiring is a key goal of the Expanded Gaming Act and a lynchpin of Mohegan Sun's corporate philosophy. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts has set goals to hire 25% minority and 10% women in its Host Community Agreement, far exceeding the minimum requirements. By contrast, the Wynn proposal sets his goals at the bare minimum provided by the statute.

Continued Reinvestment in the Facility

Mohegan Sun is committed to continued reinvestment in the property and enhancing the facility. By contrast, the Wynn proposal requests removing the requirement that gaming facilities invest 3.5% of gross gaming revenue in improvements to the facility, taking away the Commission's discretion to approve multi-year plans that meet the 3.5% annual expectation. The Boston area deserves a higher-priority status and a commitment to reinvestment.

Good for the environment

Because the development will preserve thoroughbred racing this means preservation of open space. The proposed project also includes numerous environmentally friendly initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

Improved transportation and infrastructure

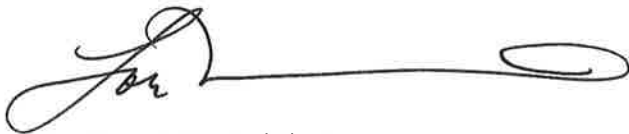
First and foremost, clearly the Mohegan Sun project has the best accessibility for patrons and employees – minutes from Logan airport, public transportation and easily accessible. Once this project is completed, it will improve the transportation infrastructure that exists right now.

Construction schedule

The Mohegan Sun Massachusetts construction schedule is shorter than the other Region A developer and ensures jobs are created in a timelier manner and cities, towns and the state reap the revenues from this project sooner.

Mohegan Sun is the best choice for Region A. We urge your support for this application.

Sincerely,



Louis A. Mandarinini, Jr.
Business Manager
Laborers' Local 22

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, floor 10
Boston, MA 02109

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter on behalf of a business owner in East Boston who supports Mohegan's Sun's proposal for a casino at Suffolk Downs in Revere. As I could go on and on about the benefits of Mohegan's Sun's proposal over Wynn's proposal, I want to talk specifically on "complement v.s. cannibalize."

With Mohegan Sun and the tens of millions of dollars they are willing to spend within a 15 mile radius of the facility, amazing things are possible. From the first day Mohegan Sun has entered this area, its has always been an open conversation on "how can we help you." The dialogue has been warm and inclusive from the start and they are always willing to find a way to help my business and others, grow and benefit from the project.

Whether it is the points partnership program, vendor opportunities within or directly to the project, or even the employee discount program; Mohegan Sun is always looking out for the local people. When I hear Steve Wynn speak about his project, it is always "I" or "me." His plan to give out \$50,000 dollars worth of "business vouchers" is incomparable to any of Mohegan Sun's business plans and in my opinion, disrespectful to local businesses in Everett.

The two proposal will generate millions of dollars for the commonwealth, create thousands of jobs and boost local economy. However, I believe the Mohegan Sun's proposal is far superior in every aspect over Wynn's. The Mohegan Sun proposal is one that will fit in the community, benefit people, places and businesses, save an industry and complement an area that has unimaginable potential. I hope Mohegan Sun has the opportunity to earn this license and become a great neighbor to our community. They are the perfect choice for the license in Eastern Massachusetts. Thanks you for taking the time to read this letter.

Bests,

Freddie Novello
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Mendocino Market
+
Market Cafe East Boston

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Cathy <stache3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:51 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs casino

My name is Catherine Stacy. I have lived in the small town of Winthrop, Massachusetts for 32 years. I have enjoyed living in this quaint, usually quiet, safe town. However, it saddens me to think that if a casino is built at Suffolk Downs I will have to move out of this town due to all the traffic and crime that a casino brings to its neighbors. I am not against gambling and I am not against casinos. However, I believe a business such as a casino should be built in a place where it will not destroy the neighborhood where it is built in and it's surrounding cities and towns. It is a fact that there is no positive things for any of the surrounding cities and towns where casinos are built. You have heard of the many negative affects brought on by casinos such as traffic, gambling addiction, prostitution, drunk drivers, the drop in home prices, etc. If there were no negative affects there would be no such thing as mediation. There is no amount of money that a casino can offer someone for their security, their home, their love of their town, the children in the town, the lives that gambling addiction (that alone) destroys, etc.

I am asking you to not build a casino at Suffolk Downs. Please take one minute to NOT think about money that you would be taking from the residents in this area and think about the health and welfare of our neighborhood.

Thank you.

Catherine Stacy
Winthrop, MA 02152

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:35 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject

Casino proposal

Questions or Comments

Please support the Suffolk Downs casino proposal.

This is an honest, hardworking group, who dearly deserve your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:28 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

As a native resident of Massachusetts, I support the licensing of Mohegun Sun in Revere, MA. I feel that the establishment would add value to the Revere community and all of the small business within the 15 mile radius of the Mohegun Sun. This facility would be operating 24 hours/7 days a week. These operating hours would create employment the families, support small business with contracts for cleaning, distribution, security to say the least. It will also enhance the beach area and add to the Massachusetts tourism industry here in the commonwealth.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Subject

Support from East Boston

Questions or Comments

Mohegan Sun – A Win for All | Wynn – A Win for Wynn

Hello,

My name is Jesse Richard, a current resident of East Boston. I am writing to show my support for the Mohegan Sun/Suffolk Downs casino proposal. I am an eager supporter of this initiative and truly believe in the wealth of opportunity that Mohegan Sun would bring to Revere, East Boston, and the greater Boston community.

A resort casino at Suffolk Downs would bring much needed tourism to the area, help save racing at Suffolk Downs and bring in new businesses (we are already seeing new local business proposals and plans happening at staggering rates.)

I have seen many scare tactics being used by opponents, that unfortunately influenced many of my fellow East Boston neighbors in November. I believe that many of the nay-sayers in the November referendum were misled and given false information. Even so, I am very confident that the MGC will see the true opportunities that a Suffolk Downs casino would bring, and I am hopeful that if the casino resort is built at Suffolk Downs, many of the nay-sayers will realize the benefits and realize that many of the reasons they voted no, were false, and that the opponents were simply trying to push their agenda of a full casino repeal in the Commonwealth.

Although the Wynn/Everett proposal is also very well done, the Mohegan Sun/Revere casino will be more beneficial to the Commonwealth and fit in with our culture and Boston lifestyle.

Location and Transportation:

- Suffolk Downs offers a top notch location for a resort casino. With two MBTA stations, direct access to a major highway and close proximity to an international airport, there could not be a better location.
- The Everett proposal has me very concerned. I-93 and Sullivan Square are already some of the worse traffic hot spots in the Greater Boston Area, and would serve as the primary route to a Wynn casino. There is also no direct MBTA station or ease of access from public transit. Most concerning is the state of land contamination. The land is heavily contaminated and carries many environmental and health risks. To solve all of these issues in the name of a casino seems counterproductive, whereas many of these issues don't ring true at Suffolk Downs.

Community:

- It is very clear that Mohegan Sun has the community in mind with their proposal. The design was crafted to fit in with the landscape and Revere Beach. The community agreements are very well thought out and very generous. Mohegan Sun is already a New England name and knows the community well. Gamblers from across the Commonwealth already visit Mohegan Sun Connecticut regularly and have trust in the name. Bringing the Mohegan Sun name to the Commonwealth will ensure that gamblers stay in Massachusetts. Also, Suffolk Downs has been a well known name in the Commonwealth and has close ties to the community, which will ensure that they will do their due diligence to support not only Revere, but East Boston and our other

local communities.

- I am very concerned with the Wynn proposal, as the design does not fit in with New England architecture, and also because of Wynn's lack of empathy or support for the community. In my opinion, it seems that Wynn is just trying to build his name and brand on the East Coast, where as Mohegan sun is putting the community first.

These are just some of my views on the two casino proposals that I hope will be taken into consideration. I look forward to the results, and am confident that the MGC will do what's right for the Commonwealth.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinions and concerns. Mohegan Sun – A Win for All

With kind regards,
- Jesse A. Richard
jesse@mrjarichard.info
774 270 3012

About myself:

- I am actually not a gambler myself, and I have no ties to Suffolk Downs, Mohegan Sun, or Revere. I am a proud East Boston resident who believes in the community and city as a whole. I work at a marketing agency out of Cambridge and was born, raised and educated in the Commonwealth. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Matthew Morano <mfmorano@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 10:45 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Opposed to the proposed Mohegan Sun casino at Suffolk Downs

To the MGC:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Mohegan Sun casino at Suffolk Downs. Not only do I believe that the proposed casino will have negative impacts on the communities of Revere, East Boston, Winthrop, and Chelsea, but I believe that the proponents of the Suffolk Downs casino have shown a blatant disregard for the gaming legislation and other relevant laws, specifically:

- Suffolk Downs' casino proposal failed. M.G.L. c. 23K, § 15(13) clearly states that if a proposed casino is located in more than one city or town, it must win a referendum vote in both communities. As you are well aware, East Boston voters overwhelmingly rejected the casino proposal at Suffolk Downs. Therefore, Mohegan/Suffolk Downs' ongoing pursuit of a license is in violation of the gaming legislation and is an attempt to disenfranchise East Boston residents and circumvent the clear intent of the law.
- Mohegan/Suffolk Downs failed to follow the proper licensing procedures stipulated by M.G.L. c. 23K, 205 CMR and the MGC's own application deadlines previously set forth.
- Mohegan/Suffolk Downs violated the confidentiality requirement of its negotiations with a surrounding community (Winthrop) and through this breach, is not negotiating in good faith with an impacted town.
- Mohegan/Suffolk Downs has failed to complete accurate environmental impact studies, and is instead attempting to utilize prior studies for its earlier, substantial different, casino proposal with Caesars Entertainment. Not only were environmental impact studies required to be filed as part of the MGC's application process, but such information is of critical importance as the MGC and potential host/surrounding communities attempt to assess the proposed projects.

In light of these actions (as well as a substantial fine paid to the EPA for environmental violations, which occurred prior to the licensing process), I do not believe that Mohegan/Suffolk Downs can be entrusted with a casino license or to fulfill any of the requirements of their host/surrounding community agreements. If Mohegan/Suffolk Downs is willing to break and disregard the law BEFORE a license has been awarded, it is clear that such behavior will continue, and likely worsen, in the event they are successful with their MGC application.

The MGC should not award a license to Mohegan/Suffolk Downs, as doing so would not only be an affront to voters in East Boston, but to all of the other gaming applicants who have acted in good faith and followed the rule of the law in their pursuit of a license.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Matthew Morano

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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Joey Carroll <joeyccomic@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:23 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Request to address the Commission/MGM/Sterling Suffolk

Hello, my name is Charles Carroll and I would like to speak at the meeting on March 25, 2014 regarding the casino at Suffolk Downs. I live in Winthrop and do believe my community will be negatively impacted. We have a lot of small restaurants that rely on out of town clientele to keep their doors open. When there are traffic delays during and after construction people will not want to spend an extra 15 minutes each way and will detour to another restaurant. I also commute to work at different remote locations that require me to drive there. The additional traffic will delay me on my daily commute also. I understand one of the ways they were going to keep the traffic flowing in Atlantic City during the planning stages by using a monorail. The last time I checked the monorail was still not built and they were closing down one of the casinos.

I would also like to know if any of the MA legislators that voted in favor of the casino bills would be willing to sign a pledge that neither they or their immediate family will be working in the gaming industry in any capacity such as special advisor, consultant, lobbyist or other direct employ. I would think that would be an easy way to make sure that there is no conflict of interest if there is no direct benefit to them or their immediate families. I mean in light of what has taken place at the Probation Department it would really make sense to see that our representatives our representing their constituents and not themselves first and foremost in these issues.

Thank you,
Charles Carroll
2 Terrace Ave
Winthrop MA 02152

To the Gaming Commission:

My name is Leslie Gould and I am the President/CEO of the **Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce** representing over 400 businesses in the communities of Lynn, Lynnfield, Nahant and Swampscott.

On behalf of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, job creation and economic vitality are always a central focus.

Our role as a Chamber is to not only fight for the economic health and vitality for our local business community, but identify our regional connections to see where we fit and how we can work together to create positive progress.

Four years ago when the thought of a casino coming to Suffolk Downs was just that – a thought – the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce immediately connected with Chip Tuttle and his team to discuss how the LACC and the City of Lynn can help foster this endeavor.

The LACC unequivocally understood that if a Casino came to fruition---- Lynn, an older industrial City -- would benefit in a multitude of ways.

First and foremost, job creation. A green light for Mohegan Sun Massachusetts means job security for the 800+ jobs that currently exist at Suffolk Downs.

Also, a green light for Mohegan Sun to build on the Revere property means the potential of 2,500 construction jobs and 4,000 permanent jobs. These figures simply cannot be ignored.

A red light for Mohegan Sun will sadly mean the end of an era and the inevitable loss of those 800+ jobs at Suffolk Downs thereby creating a wasteland of lost opportunity and acreage that could remain vacant for decades.

President Ronald Reagan once said – “Recession is when a neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours.”

After the past seven years of recession, this cannot be on our conscious.

And to that point, while the residents of Revere may get first priority for employment, the LACC is confident that area residents will also enjoy employment opportunities by virtue of Revere’s Host Community Agreement requiring that 75% of all jobs are filled by residents living within a 15 mile radius of the facility. In addition, our local business owners will benefit under a similar provision calling for \$50 million dollars spent annually on goods and services on businesses within this same 15 miles radius, and by participating in Mohegan Sun’s points program allowing guests to use their player’s card in local establishments where they will revive discount and redemption opportunities helping to keep our Main Street businesses strong.

Second, we believe the domino effect from the millions of dollars promised to Revere for economic development and investment can only help Lynn. As Revere continues to focus on their revitalization plans, and bringing more tourists and business to the area, there is no doubt that Lynn and our neighbors on the north shore will also benefit by the creation of new development opportunities as well.

As an example, immediately adjacent to the Lynnway thoroughfare are 300 acres of developable waterfront property. This property is just a couple of miles from the proposed casino site at Suffolk Downs. The LACC truly believes that this rising tide will raise all boats and in this case, create an opportunity for this property to be developed, thereby bringing even more jobs and business opportunities to and for the residents to Lynn.

Lastly, Mohegan Sun has always made it clear that they want to be an addition to our business community- not a competitor. This has become apparent by our discussions centering around their outward facing strategy. Mohegan Sun recognizes Lynn’s commitment to local area theatre and concert venues, and has

promised to help foster these initiatives; yet another example of their desire to become part of bigger plan to lift all local economies.

One example of the City of Lynn's dedicated laser-sharp focus on rejuvenating our downtown and jump-starting economic growth in the City was the re-grand opening of the Lynn Auditorium in 2006.

After an extensive makeover, The beautiful Lynn Auditorium reopened and kicked off with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops. Since then, this 2,100 seat venue has hosted Peter, Paul and Mary, Foreigner, Bill Cosby, Pat Benatar, Julio Iglesias, Foreigner, Kansas, The Vienna Boys Choir, Howie Mandell and Alex Cooper to name a few.

Restaurants throughout our downtown have seen a significant increase in business every time a concert is held there, and is evident as new restaurants continue to open because of this increase in traffic, and as Lynn's plan to upgrade downtown parking lots get underway.

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts has time and again expressed their commitment to be part of the renaissance of our region's "Main Street's" local and fragile economy.

Officials clearly understand that it would behoove them to be a partner in a region that has a long-standing reputation for national and international tourist appeal - instead of creating its own "satellite destination state".

Third, with many colleges and universities a stone's throw from the proposed site, educational institutions like North Shore Community College, Salem State University and Marian Court College will directly benefit with enhanced student programming. Mohegan Sun has positively discussed the notion of creating an on-site teaching tool in a multitude of professions for our future workforce.

In closing, Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will be the first economic development initiative to truly bridge Boston with the North Shore. A casino at the Suffolk Downs site will give even more reason to explore the North Shore which is rich in history and culture thus creating a true gateway to the North Shore.

It cannot be overstated.....from the beginning, Mohegan Sun has been consistently proactive in partnering with Chambers of Commerce locally and throughout the region.

Mohegan Sun officials clearly understand that in one way or another, our Chamber members will be directly impacted by this pivotal decision. They understand that Chambers are the hub and the voice for business and that a Chamber's mission is to advocate for their members. They have proven they want to work with, not against "Main Street".

We applaud their efforts for partnering and procuring our support. We truly believe Mohegan Sun officials are sincere in their outreach and are committed to an on-going partnership geared toward unlimited opportunities and initiatives for our local businesses, which will undoubtedly evolve from this one very important moment in Boston's North Shore's business history.

Positive progress!

I thank you for your time and consideration.

ROBERT & ANNETTE O'BRIEN
10 OCEAN AVENUE, UNIT 401
REVERE, MA 02151

March 25, 2014

Stephen Crosby, Chairman
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Today's Public Input Hearing on the Mohegan Sun Casino/Hotel Proposal for Revere

Dear Chairman and Other Commission Members:

My name is Annette O'Brien and I am a Revere resident and voter. More than seventy years ago I was born and raised in East Boston, where I lived on Waldemar, Faywood and Orient Avenues, all overlooking Suffolk Downs -- as does my current home on Ocean Avenue. I remember when Suffolk Downs was in its heyday, beautifully landscaped, with pennants flying, the parking lots always full and the veterans selling those little red poppy boutonnières at all the entrances. It was great. I would like to see those glory days return; and that will start with the Mohegan Sun proposal. I know what Suffolk Downs was and I know what Suffolk Down can be; and I would hate to see it closed after all those years, with the elimination of local jobs, the virtual demise of the horse racing industry in Massachusetts and the loss of all that history in Boston and Revere.

Having such fond memories of East Boston and Suffolk Downs, I was truly shocked when my hometown rejected the hotel and casino proposal that would have revitalized the racetrack and created new hotel and casino facilities as part of a larger new destination resort. East Boston would have benefited far more than Revere from the new hotel and casino facilities, which were all located in East Boston. East Boston and Revere were both host communities; but East Boston was host to the hotel and casino and Revere was host to the old stables and the parking. Not a particularly equitable arrangement, in my view; and obviously I like the new arrangement much better.

Nonetheless, Revere voters overwhelmingly supported that initial proposal and East Boston voters did not. If they had, we would not be here today; but there is no going back. Quite the contrary, we are moving forward. In a prompt and positive reaction to the surprising rejection by the East Boston community, Revere Mayor Rizzo and his team responded with a proposal to

locate the hotel and casino in Revere, with Revere alone as the host community. In February of this year, Revere voters even more overwhelmingly supported the proposal for a Mohegan Sun hotel and casino on our side of the city line. And we have now voted in favor of a hotel and casino on the Suffolk Downs reservation twice in the last six months.

Revere and East Boston both made the choices to which we were entitled. And those choices have consequences, for better or for worse, whether expected or unexpected, intended or not. Now Boston wants to regain the host status that it rejected in November. And it is not just that Boston wants it both ways, which is bad enough; it is that Boston now seeks to make the Revere vote in February meaningless, as they made the Revere vote in November irrelevant. That is disturbing and offensive to me as a citizen. Is this supposed to be democracy in action? Do not Revere voters count for anything? I obviously think we should; and I think the Massachusetts Gaming Commission should insure that we do.

Does the proposed Mohegan Sun hotel and casino in Revere impact East Boston? Of course it does. Does the planned relocation of the stables from one side of the Suffolk Downs reservation to the other impact East Boston? Of course, it does. Can these and other impacts be minimized and mitigated? Of course they can – and they should be. The fact is that Boston had already addressed and resolved such impacts in a Host Community Agreement that was made irrelevant by the East Boston vote. Now those project mitigation plans need to be updated and incorporated into a Surrounding Community Agreement. That should be Boston's focus and priority, rather than seeking to regain the host community status they rejected in November and is not now warranted.

The fact of the matter is that East Boston did not think beyond the November vote; and Revere did. Revere officials responded with dexterity and with imagination; and they came back to the table with a proposal that preserved and enhanced the benefits of the hotel and casino for our community. Revere continues to support a hotel and casino on the Suffolk Downs reservation because the Host Agreements that we voted for in both November and February would update our transportation infrastructure, improve our school system, expand local job opportunities, support our local businesses, and provide more recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors.

It would also be a catalyst for long-awaited redevelopment of our oceanfront properties, many of which have been vacant for decades. If you are not sure what I am talking about, take a ride down Revere Beach Boulevard, along the first public beach in America, to see what it is now and to imagine what it can be in the future. And while you are at it, drive by the closed and shuttered Wonderland Racetrack to get some idea of what Suffolk Downs might soon look like if the Massachusetts Gaming Commission fails to approve this proposal.

In sum, the Mohegan Sun proposal can begin the renaissance Suffolk Downs as an integral element of a new regional recreational destination; and it can also begin the Revere renaissance. East Boston may have benefited from the development boom in Boston; but Revere clearly has not. East Boston may not want or need a new hotel and casino; but Revere certainly does. And Revere should not be denied this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity simply because East Boston rejected it. The residents of Revere want Mohegan Sun; the taxpayers of Revere need Mohegan Sun; and by all that is right and fair, the voters of Revere should not be ignored.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annette V. O'Brien', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Annette V. O'Brien

Remarks from J. Justin Pasquariello

Gove Street, East Boston
theadoptionproject@yahoo.com

East Boston voted no, and I shouldn't be standing here right now.

Chairman Crosby, on September 13, 2013, you said "it would be paternalistic to deny them the opportunity" to vote on casino gambling. You also said you wouldn't want one too close to your town because of the impact on property values.

The theory that each town's people should be given the right to determine whether or not a casino will come to their own town would seem to be a fair one.

Unfortunately, there has not been a fair vote yet on this issue in this Commonwealth. In every vote, the cards have been stacked against casino opponents—and so the true right to self-determination on this issue has not been realized.

Chairman Crosby, you suggested some communities need casinos more and would make different decisions than you would because of that. I interpret the data differently. Beating a political opponent takes money. In the case of casinos, to have a fair and equal fight would cost literally millions of dollars. Casino operators know wealthier towns like Wellesley, Weston, Lexington and Longmeadow can afford to fight that fight.

The legislature, the casinos, and our past city leaders assumed East Boston could not afford to fight—and would not fight. The state legislation was written specifically so East Boston could have an independent vote—rather than having the entire city vote. Let's be clear: this was not to give power to the people of East Boston—this was to help lead to an easy vote with low resistance, so Suffolk Downs could build a casino. And let's be clear about Suffolk Downs' relationships to our elected officials. The owners of Sterling Suffolk—and family members of those owners—consistently maxed out on donations to our elected officials—both when they were pushing to legalize gambling in Massachusetts and when they were pushing to put a casino in my backyard in East Boston.

Those owners and managers have much better access to our elected officials than the people in this room representing our no vote have. I have often seen them standing together, talking and laughing at community events. How could a vote ever have been fair?

Why did so many people want East Boston alone to vote? Research shows lower-income and less educated areas are more likely to vote in favor of a casino. The American Community Survey (2007-2011) shows East Boston has the highest percentage of residents with less than a high school diploma in Boston—by a wide margin, at 34.2%, and the second lowest attainment of a Bachelor's degree or higher at 17.8%—this, in a city where 46.5% have a college degree or more. Eastie's median income of \$45,849 is more than 12% lower than the city median (which is itself lower than the state median)—and among all Boston neighborhoods, Eastie has the

second lowest percentage of households earning more than \$150,000. That gives us fewer financial resources with which to fight back.

This vote was never meant to be fair.

Suffolk Downs spent \$1.9 million—not counting money spent on campaign contributions for various elected officials, or donations to those officials' favorite charities—to convince us and the people of Revere to vote in their favor. That spending was not designed to give us a fair and balanced picture of pros and cons; cons were never mentioned. The biggest difference between us and the people of Wellesley is that we couldn't as easily raise an amount to come anywhere near competing with the casino industrial complex.

They wanted to rule out any chance of this vote being fair.

I mentioned the campaign contributions. Perhaps those had something to do with our experience of having a previous mayor of Boston who was unwilling to engage in a balanced discussion and tried only to force this proposal on us. In fact, our mayor was associated with the direct payment of people to place large signs on neighborhood vacant lots—and that sign posting was aligned with suppression of signs expressing opposing viewpoints.

Those contributions might have had something to do with our experience of having every other official we had elected to represent us tow the same line as our mayor. Maybe those contributions were tied to the many stories we heard of No Eastie Casino signs being taken down, and stores being told they could not have signs—unless the signs supported the casino effort.

Massive banner ads for Suffolk Downs in our local newspaper might have been tied to coverage leading up to the vote which was far from balanced—and which helped the Suffolk Downs side.

This vote was never meant to be fair.

In Wellesley, I think the opponents would have been able to afford more ads in the local newspaper. In Wellesley, the opponents could have given more to the campaigns for their elected officials to help balance outside interests. This was never meant to be balanced. This was never meant to be fair.

Sterling Suffolk—the sole supporter of the \$1.9M in disclosed spending for the pro-casino side before November 5—spent much of that money at local businesses. They also suggested to a far higher number of businesses than actually would be present in the original casino plan that they would support those businesses, and did not (of course) discuss research indicating local businesses would be hurt when residents with limited resources spent those resources at slot machines instead of their restaurants and stores. Is it any wonder the Chamber of Commerce suppressed dissent and voted to support this project?

It is a wonder—given Sterling Suffolk's spending at local restaurants, exaggerated claims of future business, and intimidation by elected officials—that any business owner stood with us against the casino—but a few were brave and did. Businesses were afraid they could be denied

permits and licenses, and could face other business challenges if they stood up to the casino-backed political machine, but a few were brave and did.

Did I mention this was never meant to be fair or balanced?

East Boston is not Wellesley. Yet East Boston is stronger and more resilient than people cared—or dared to imagine. A determined group of Eastie residents rose up—and with about 2% of the resources that Suffolk Downs had—and 0% of the official political support—we educated the people of our neighborhood. We told our neighbors, friends, and family members about the increased crime that would come to this safe neighborhood, the doubling in addiction in a city and neighborhood already reeling from too many lives lost to—or ruined by—addictions, the increased pollution from traffic in a neighborhood already disproportionately burdened by particulate matter from an international airport.

When we spoke with them, many of our neighbors—having dealt with old politics and intimidation before—were afraid to even admit they wanted to vote against this proposal. But . . .

This neighborhood has heard broken promises before—and on November 5, we were determined not to let our elected officials, or anyone else, break another promise. In this city on a hill, we voted to serve as a national example of having a better vision, rather than falling prey to an idea whose time has already past. In this birthplace of the American Revolution, we chose to fight back against a political system that was attempting to repress dissent.

Although there has never been a fair casino vote in Massachusetts—and this vote certainly wasn't fair, we voted no—and our vote was resounding. Let me say that again: East Boston voted NO.

This was despite the fact that this never was meant to be a fair vote.

The story should have ended there. We voted no about a casino proposed on the same property where somehow a new casino was proposed only hours later. On a property that straddles two cities. A property which—by state law—should require the affirmative vote of both those cities if casino development is to happen.

Here is the thing: just like Taunton, Springfield, and East Boston, Revere has a median income below the state average. In 2011, Revere's median household income was estimated to be \$48,278—more than 20% lower than the state median. In Revere, as in East Boston, fewer than 20% of those over age 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher. In Revere, as in East Boston and Springfield, there is a significantly greater non-white population than in the rest of the state.

Did I mention this was never meant to be fair?

And in Revere in this last election—one that was illegal because East Boston is a host community and we already voted no—the casino again vastly outspent the underresourced, but valiant opponents. In Revere, there was similar intimidation of any business that tried to hold a sign in opposition. In Revere, we watched elected officials send messages with their title of

“mayor”—on Mohegan Sun email letterhead. Those same elected officials literally dismissed *facts* about negative impacts of casino development—calling them “conjecture.” They painted all opponents as being paid by Wynn or Everett to discredit us.

Trust me—and I speak for everyone I know here who voted no in East Boston. We are not being paid. We are doing this as volunteers. In fact, we ourselves donated time and treasure to stop this from happening. How many casino supporters can say the same about their commitment to bringing casinos here? In terms of donations, the answer is 0. No one has donated his own hard earned money to support casino development here.

Mayor Rizzo—and for that matter Mayor Menino—lied about us and the opposition in Revere and tried to call into question our character to advance their purposes. We are thankful now to have a mayor: Mayor Walsh, who is representing the people of East Boston and our best interests.

There was no fair vote in Revere, although there was a valiant, strong opposition that made us proud.

We don't need to worry about paternalism here. What we do have to worry about—here, in the Cradle of Liberty—is democracy. You can name any municipality in this commonwealth. If you give people on both sides of this issue equal resources and you keep intimidation out of the picture, people will overwhelmingly vote casinos down. Because ultimately, with the facts, we all know casinos are a bad deal for the people of our towns.

There was no fair vote in Eastie, but we overcame and won anyway. We are a host community and our vote needs to stand—not only for us, but for democracy in this great Commonwealth where American liberty was born. A Commonwealth where I hope democratic principles will continue to stand. Let's be an example of what America can be, rather than an example of the corruption that in too many places, at too many times, has come to dominate our political system.

We believe we, in East Boston, in this city on a hill, and across this commonwealth, can be that example of what America can be. We believe we should be. We believe we will be.

This is why our vote matters. This is why we voted no.

INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE NATURE OF THE CRIME AND THE TYPE OF JOB THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING.

Obviously, this will require the Commission developing the capability to play the role required by the language. However, I think this development initiative is an excellent one to apply the concept that once a person has served his or her time for the commission of a crime, they have the right to be treated fairly and with respect.

Steve Crosby and members of The Mass Gaming Commission
March 25, 2014

Madeleine Steczynski
103 Webster Street
East Boston, MA 02128

Dear Mr. Crosby and MGC members,

I am a long-time resident, community leader, nonprofit business Director, home owner, registered voter and engaged citizen of East Boston. I love this neighborhood and have dedicated 24 years of my life to making East Boston a wonderful place to live, work, and raise children.

East Boston is a small geographically isolated neighborhood of Boston, with an incredible history of community activism. Over the last two years, I have had the honor of working with an amazing group of dedicated residents, who volunteered countless hours to educate themselves and others about the impacts of a proposed casino at Suffolk Downs.

On November 5, 2013... East Boston VOTED NO!

I am here today on behalf of the 4,291 East Boston residents who voted "NO" on a proposed casino at Suffolk Downs. I am outraged that a casino is even being considered at this site and demand respect for our vote.

The new Mohegan Sun proposal is circumventing the law, by simply "moving the goalposts" a few hundred feet over to the Revere side of Suffolk Downs' property. This casino will create the same negative impacts on East Boston.

The relocation of the stables and the waste water treatment plan, along with the renovation of the Suffolk Downs Grandstand, prove that Mohegan Sun's proposal is unambiguously located in both East Boston and Revere. Massachusetts law clearly stated that a proposed casino located in more than one city or town, it must win a referendum vote in both communities, M.G.L. c. 23K, § 15(13).

Moving forward with a casino proposal at Suffolk Downs makes a mockery of democracy!

East Boston residents expect and demand that our elected officials stand for the will of the East Boston people. When we voted NO, we meant NO! Our elected officials must represent our interests and reject this last ditch effort to install a casino at Suffolk Downs – whose main address is at 525 William F McClellan Hwy, EAST BOSTON, MA 02128.

A casino at Suffolk Downs, no matter who the operator, will completely re-brand our neighborhood as a "casino destination." This is NOT in the interest if East Boston residents, young or old, nor in the interest of the City of Boston or the MBTA.

I have dedicated 24 years of my life to the slow and thoughtful development of East Boston as a great community to live in. The law is clear and the voters have spoken. I call on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to remove Mohegan Sun / Suffolk Downs immediately from consideration for a gaming license.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Madeleine Steczynski

Remarks to Mass Gaming Commission – 3/25/2014

mdneave@gmail.com

Hello, my name is Matthew Neave and I'm a resident of East Boston. Thank you commissioners for giving me the opportunity to speak today about the proposed Mohegan Sun casino at Suffolk Downs.

On November 5, my wife and three young children joined me as we walked into the East Boston High School to join the majority of my neighbors in voting NO to a casino in our neighborhood. The neighborhood of East Boston is a special place; it is a family neighborhood. We've had our 3 kids since moving to the neighborhood 8.5 years ago. One of the things we love about the neighborhood is that it is full of families.

There are families who are growing up in the same house that their grandparents bought. There are families who came to our country looking for work and safety and found a welcoming community in East Boston. There are families who want to live and raise their kids in an active, diverse urban neighborhood. Unlike the center of this city or the seaport district we're in now, if you go to East Boston you'll see numerous schools filled with our future leaders, you'll see kids playing on the few playgrounds we have, you'll see families walking hand in hand down our streets. This is all true of Revere as well.

Because East Boston is a family neighborhood, my family joined the fight against bringing an adult entertainment complex to our residential, hard working neighborhood. Since our elected politicians changed their minds and started supporting expanded gaming in the Commonwealth a few years ago, people were only hearing one side of the story. It was up to volunteers to share the well documented problems that casinos bring. Our whole family engaged our neighbors in conversation, joined standouts, and reminded people that we have the final say in this development (at least that is what we were told).

You can imagine our excitement when on Nov 5 East Boston said NO. We said NO because we've borne enough burdens for the state. We host the airport with all of the traffic and pollution it brings. We're only connected to our city by tunnels and we have to pay a toll to travel to our own city hall. We have 2 drawbridges, which gridlock our streets when they open to let oil tankers through; tankers that have spilled oil into our river. We have a lack of greenspace given our dense population. So we said NO.

But does what we said matter? Our vote wasn't even acknowledged during your hearing on Nov 7. You didn't have a plan for what to do if one of the neighborhoods couldn't be bought by Suffolk Downs. To use your football analogy, we stopped them on their final play as time ran out, but then you decided to take the ball from our hands, give it to them, and add overtime since you didn't like the outcome. So I have a question for you. How would you explain to your 6 year old that even though we followed the rules and our community said that we didn't want a casino at Suffolk Downs that they can still put a casino at Suffolk Downs? That shouldn't happen in a democracy!

Should I tell my son that money and power always get what they want? Should I tell him that votes are a charade to make us feel like our opinions matter? I want to instill more hope in him than that and I think you would too.

So I urge you to take the side of the people who will bear the burden, not the few who will reap a reward. The roads to a casino at Suffolk Downs will always go through our neighborhood no matter which side of the track you put it on. East Boston doesn't want to be a driveway to a casino. We said it loud and clear, please listen.

March 25, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Re: Suffolk Downs Casino

Dear Commission,

My name is Trent Sheppard. I'm a chaplain for college students, and my family and I live in East Boston. My wife and I have two children, with a third on the way in June.

A funny thing happened with our four-year-old recently that made me think of this ongoing journey regarding the proposed casino at Suffolk Downs. I told our daughter, Miréa, that I thought she was funny, and she said, "No, Daddy, I'm crazy."

And to be honest with you, commissioners, that is exactly what I think of when I consider the saga of failed democracy that has led us to this day: *this is crazy*.

Please, *please* consider our journey for a moment...

Before the November 5 vote, we were told by our elected officials that a "No" vote in one community would *stop* the casino at Suffolk Downs, so we put our lives and our jobs and even our families – for a time – on hold, while we gave *everything we had* to rally our friends and our neighbors and members of our congregations to vote "No" on November 5.

It was a thrilling, exhausting and overwhelming ride as religious folks and non-religious folks, old timers and recent immigrants, young professionals and urban hipsters all worked *together* because we were convinced that our vote would count, that it would make a difference in our community, that the rule of law was on our side – and in this case the law was very clear: that Suffolk Downs had to have a "Yes" vote in both communities for a casino to go forward.

So, of course, we celebrated when the people of East Boston resoundingly said "No" on November 5. Because it was *over* – in the ancient words of the Apostle Paul, "We had fought the good fight" – and it was time to take a rest.

Within hours of the vote, though, various voices began to change the narrative, to change the story, to attempt to interpret the law in a way that clearly went against common sense – in a way that simply overlooked our vote altogether.

At first I thought, "Wow, this is funny, they're actually trying to make a serious case out of this, as if our vote could just be overlooked." But it wasn't until I realized that you, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, were actually seriously considering it, that I thought to myself, "This is crazy."

Commissioners, I'm asking you as a father of three, as a husband, and as a chaplain to a bunch of impressionable college students:

Please do what is right here;

Please do what common sense requires here;

Please uphold democracy here by honoring the clear intent of the ballot on November 5: that a "No" vote in East Boston means that the casino at Suffolk Downs is dead.

One of the reasons I love working with college students is that young people are still somewhat idealistic – cynicism hasn't yet gotten the best of them, and they still believe in the high ideals of a fair and just society.

You have a chance to remind them – and, in fact, to remind the whole of our Commonwealth – that democracy is not for sale, that hardworking communities like East Boston with high hopes for the future aren't simply sold off to the highest bidder, that our vote and our involvement in the democratic system is still worth believing in – that it's still worth fighting for... let *that* be your legacy, not *this*.

Thank you for listening – and God give you courage and wisdom to do what is right,

Trent Sheppard
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March 25, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
RE: Suffolk Downs Casino

Dear Commission:

My name is Rob Pyles. I'm a resident of East Boston. I'm an entrepreneur, a landlord, and more importantly a husband, and I'm also a dad to two little girls.

I want you for a moment to put aside all the emotion of this evening; and imagine you live in East Boston. You were told clearly by your government a no vote from *one community* would kill the casino proposal. So you and a ragtag band of tired but compassionate neighbors - even though you were outspent 86 - 1, you pulled off one of the most miraculous political upsets in the history of the Commonwealth. Literally people were crying at the celebration, in the basement of a church - immigrants, young professionals, third-generation Italian families - hugging each other, chanting "David beat Goliath!"

That is America at its very best.

But the next day you learn that Goliath isn't dead. He's moving a few hundred feet north. The "fair and transparent" process - the rule of law you trusted in - they were actively allowing it to happen... what would you say if you were in our shoes?

I think there's only one thing you could say: Sorry - we made a mistake.

So I'm here as a messenger. I want you to know this process is creating *serious* disillusionment among so many young people; this is happening under your watch.

As I watch this all unfold, it's confirming my fears about our democracy: that it's for sale. That if you don't like the result of a vote, keep the attorneys coming back until the opposition is exhausted.

In retrospect, the ballot question was misleading at best. The question should not have been "Do you approve of a casino at Suffolk Downs". The question should have been: "You're getting a casino. Do you want it 500 feet to the south - or 500 feet to the north?"

Another point I want to express to the Commission: This process is bleeding us. Don't you see that it's expensive for us to fight? The battle has already drained us: our time, our money, our relationships with spouses, children, bosses. And there's no end in sight.

So I am asking you tonight, and I hope you hear this: Help us. Seriously. *This is why you were given this responsibility. To listen to the voters. Well, here we are - East Boston voted... and we voted NO.*

My daughter Alessandra - who's three years old - I took her to rallies and I felt really good as a dad showing her what it means to politically active and fighting for our neighborhood. She loved to say "No casino!". And when we defeated the casino, I was so proud because of the lesson she was learning firsthand. And I've had a difficult time trying to explain what's happened since then.

Which brings me to a simple question - that I want to honestly ask you: why should a young person get involved in the political process? What's the point of getting fighting for a cause - when the rules can be changed *after* the game is over?

Is this the legacy you want? Because that is precisely what is happening.

I ask you - stop the casino at Suffolk Downs. Respect our vote. No one said your job was going to be easy. But it's time to step up and make the tough decision - and defend our democracy.

Thank you, and God bless each of you and - give you courage in the decisions ahead of you.

Sincerely,

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Talking Points for MGC Surrounding Community Hearing on March 25

Jordan Schulz

OPENING

East Boston voted NO, and we shouldn't be gathered here today

- Intro: my family and I live a stones' throw from the site, and find it both saddening and maddening that we voted to keep our neighborhood casino free, and now because of slick and sly pushing, the casino is still being given a shot
- As plenty of people have shared:
 - 1) The site is the site, a vote is a vote, a casino is a casino....if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, the likelihood is that it is a duck. This casino proposal has been wrought with trouble from the start, so for anyone to support it is very troubling.
 - Not one bad investor/partner, but two! Fool us once shame on you, fool us twice, shame on us!
 - Touted the banner of being a faithful East Boston neighbor – and then stabbed us in the back the moment that Suffolk Downs got the chance.
 - Call it a resort, call it paradise, the FACTS of the matter show that again, this is a casino – a place where, research boldly shows, addictions increase, divorce increases, crime increases, bankruptcy increases, and the list goes on. If it looks like a duck, it is a duck.
 - 2) A much brighter and better future is in grasp for East Boston, as more and more young families of immigrants remain in the neighborhood and more are settling in and investing in the neighborhood each year as they purchase houses
 - A small business incubator was started up last year in a rehabbed building
 - A new Boston branch library was just built, where my wife and daughters go to make friends and learn
 - Multiple schools are being built in the neighborhood as we speak
 - New development along the previously abandoned waterfront is going up: development that boosts interests across the socio-economic spectrum
 - 3) East Boston is Boston, Boston is East Boston, we are ONE. The City has made clear that we as a City can block this project.
 - Again, the site is the site, the horse track and casino are not separable.
 - The enormous negative impacts to Boston remain the same as original proposal
 - Key architects of the MA Gaming Legislation and staunch Suffolk Downs development supporters – Representative Carlo Basile and Senator Anthony Petrucci have presented concerns in writing to the Mass Gaming Commission – criticizing this current course of action as violating the spirit and intent of the law.
- In Closing, Suffolk Downs has been a disingenuous neighbor to East Boston and has also turned their back on the track and its workers by divesting of the application on paper and legally – in order to further their casino agenda. Their goal is apparently the almighty dollar, at any expense to their neighbor of almost a century, to their workers, and to the law.

SPEAKER: That is why on November 5th...

GROUP: WE VOTED NO!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony DeMarco <demarco380@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:30 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk downs casino

Good Morning, as you meet today on the casino at Suffolk downs, please keep in mind that this one is being built in between two school zones and right on top of residential property, not to mention the casino will be taking over the Stop&Shop and Target shopping area and that at least 800 jobs will be lost as well! No guarantee the race track will be staying as well, so another 800 jobs lost there too!

And now I guess the horse stables that they want to knock down are a land mark. This is a disaster in the making!

When this was voted out by East Boston I don't understand how Revere was able to move forward in this area for a casino. The commission should have told Mohegan Sun and Revere that if they want to entertain a gaming facility solely in Revere that they needed to look else where for property.

This is a complete disrespect to the East Boston Mayor and the people of East Boston!
Thanks for listening and good luck with the meeting today!
Anthony DeMarco, Revere resident for over 56 years!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: stiegails@aol.com <eastiegails@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 3:26 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun Revere proposal/3-25-14 Hearing/Surrounding Community Resident

Good evening Chairman Crosby and members of the MGC:

My name is Gail Miller and I'm an East Boston resident. On November 5th, 2013, I voted no on a Suffolk Downs casino proposal and I don't know why I have to appear here today to plead our position. What transpired by your commission allowing the proposal to go forward by a new applicant with some of the same players from the previous application stretches the intent of the legislature in creating the gaming bill. Our elected officials, Senator Petruccelli, Representative Basil and City Councillor Lamattina all agree that this was not the way it was supposed to be.

We do not accept the process that brings us here today, but suffice it to say we will take this opportunity to offer reasons why we opposed this proposal by the casino proponents.

I will speak on, for the most part, environmental issues. I am a founding member of the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, an organization formed over 25 years ago to protect, enhance and preserve Belle Isle Marsh Reservation "and it's environs", a DCR property which is a stone's throw from this assault on the environment, a casino at Suffolk Downs property. This reservation, while not entirely managed by the DCR is about 360 acres. I am not speaking on behalf of the organization, however, I am currently a Board member. FBIM did submit comments on the environmental documents which Mohegan Sun conveniently borrowed from the previous casino proposal for East Boston even though it's a new location, different impacts, different applicant (officially). I will add that the two separate documents for the relocated stable area and the casino itself must be reviewed in its entirety together, not separate proposals. In addition to concerns about the "smoke and mirror approach" by way of these environmental documents, they have not fully outlined all the impacts...i.e., no mention at all about the buses alone that will be bringing thousands of folks to the area...where they will park, how many, impacts on air quality. Some issues they say they will get to later. And so it goes.

Remembering that East Boston and Chelsea is an environmental justice community, it is the human environment that needs elevated attention also.

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, along with parcels within this casino proposal and abutting this proposal are designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern. What does that mean for this Reservation that is the largest remaining wetland in the City of Boston?

It simply means that it should get the "ultimate" concern regarding impacts, including the consideration for a "no build" proposition if impacts cannot be managed. Given the sensitive nature of this natural resource within the confines of East Boston, Winthrop and Revere, we don't believe you can manage the impacts in a favorable manner. Lighting alone, 24/7 will change the nesting and roosting patterns of our bird population which finds Belle Isle to be an important stopover. The proposed site is now considered landlocked tidelands, however it sits on formerly filled tidelands. The site is still surrounded by Sales Creek which Suffolk Downs had been fined for as it allowed pollution to enter the Sales Creek resource. It is also bordered by a manmade wetland that evolved in the midst of the Global and Irving tanks that is home to seasonal roosting birds. Impacts from a casino, via noise and pollution will most assuredly affect the nesting and roosting habits of the bird life alone, not to mention the other wildlife the public sees less of.

The "critical corridor" that McClellan Highway is designated as will invite 25,000 projected cars a day to the this site, further fouling the air quality that is already severely compromised. Major transportation improvements such as those proposed by former Transportation Secretaries of the Commonwealth are not even mentioned, such as extending the Blue Line into Lynn. And when the MA Department of Public Health ever releases its' Logan Airport Health Study we will learn about the health impacts we have already been realizing for so many years. This massive proposal in our urban environment will only seek to ramp up these statistics.

While Revere has applied in February for a \$4.8 million grant from the federal government to improve the Sales Creek area, there is not even a bona fide proposal by this casino applicant to contribute in any significant way improvements to this entire site. For the City of Revere to ask the Federal Government for a grant while knowingly entertaining this casino proposal and not mandating some resource improvements by the developer is a travesty. Those that are impacting the area get a pass on this front. Simply wrong!

This casino proposal will also have impacts upon the Chelsea Creek which activists in three communities seek to protect as a natural resource waterway. While Chelsea Creek is industrial in nature, a new park sponsored by Eastern Minerals is set to open soon on the Creek. An urban wild park also sits on the East Boston side of the creek, enjoyed by residents of Eagle Hill and beyond. Madonna Hill is also another urban wild which will be impacted if a casino is allowed to go forward, cutting into the hill with a flyover proposal at Boardman Street in an effort to get customers into Suffolk Downs site more quickly, doing nothing to otherwise improve traffic conditions on McClellan Highway.

With little open space that our urban environment has realized, it is of the utmost important that impacts to them not be allowed. We don't believe that any mitigation can be successful and managed.

Suffice it to say, lest we forget, that we also sit on the back of Logan Airport...so how much more should our neighborhood endure.

We are within walking distance to six elementary schools if this casino is allowed here. the industrial nature of Rte. 1-A goes without saying and the impacts we realize from the trucks carrying ethanol, gasoline and the like.

If open space and our natural environment is supposed to mean something, then this casino proposal does not do it for our community.

The quality of life will take a giant hit.

Do not allow this casino proposal in Revere.

Regards,

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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: April Rey <aprilrey13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:40 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: No Revere Casino!

Dear MA Gaming Commission:

I'm trying to make it to the meeting tonight at the BCEC, however in the event that I'm unable to get there, I wanted to express my concerns over casino plans at Suffolk Downs.

I've lived in Winthrop for about 12 years now and have grown to love my community. I feel we have great opportunity to improve upon our schools and programs in our town overall and have been moving in the right direction. As a result, I plan to stay in Winthrop for years to come...unless our community becomes affected for the worse by the casino.

I haven't been directly involved in obtaining the statistics and data, however I have to believe there are very good reasons that other communities in MA have voted down having casinos in their towns. The traffic alone will greatly affect our lives as we have young children to collect from day care and after school programs by 6:00 each day and it is already a struggle to leave the city at 5:00 and make it to Winthrop before 6:00. This will only get worse with more traffic heading north on Route 1A. Fridays will be a nightmare.

Aside from the traffic - I just can't imagine that this will affect our community in a positive way. I've never heard anyone saying they WANT to live right next to a casino. The more families that leave Winthrop due to the casino, the worse off our community will be. And as for job creation - I'm sure that space could be used for several other development projects that would also create jobs.

The saddest part is that this almost feels like a lost cause. My neighbors in East Boston voted no - and somehow this plan is still moving forward, which baffles me. It is not democratic and feels like there is a lot of corruption involved. Please hear my vote. I vote NO for the casino and YES for my community.

Sincerely,

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NORTH SHORE

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March 24, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street 10th Floor
Boston MA 02109

Re: Mohegan Sun Massachusetts, LLC
Application for Category 1 Gaming License – Revere, MA

Dear Chairman Crosby and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development's (the "Alliance") support for the location of a resort casino at Suffolk Downs on the racetrack's property in Revere and urge the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to act favorably upon Mohegan Sun Massachusetts LLC's application for a Category 1 Gaming License to operate a full casino at Suffolk Downs.

While it is my intent to make efforts to attend the Commission's hearing tomorrow afternoon, I offer this letter as evidence of broad support for the proposed casino project at Suffolk Downs from the North Shore business community.

The Alliance is a private non-profit entity formed by businesses, institutional leaders and government officials to create increased economic opportunity in the thirty (30) cities and towns - stretching from Winthrop, Revere and Saugus in the South along the Atlantic coast to the north in Salisbury and Newburyport and from Gloucester and Rockport in the east to Boxford, Groveland, Middleton and Lynnfield to the west - that comprise Boston's North Shore

The Alliance provides a cogent, broad-based voice of collaborative advocacy on issues of economic development, transportation and infrastructure planning, education and workforce issues and devotes its energies and focuses attention on business and residential "quality of life" concerns that have a direct impact on the viability of North Shore businesses and institutions.

The Alliance looks forward to working with Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs to create thousands of permanent employment opportunities for North Shore residents and vendor opportunities for local businesses that will share in the local spending attendant to the casino's operations. Both organizations initiated extensive outreach efforts to engage businesses – large and small – across the Alliance's service area to promote the

opportunities that will be available to them as potential suppliers to the casino as well as the benefits of participation in Mohegan's Loyalty Rewards program and access to its expansive customer base. Co-promotional marketing will hopefully make patrons of Mohegan Sun visitors to the cultural, natural and historic resources and the inns, hotels and restaurants of the North Shore.. The vendor forums that the applicant has hosted, and continues to host, coupled with its participation at the North Shore Chamber of Commerce's recent Business-to-Business Expo speak volumes of its commitment to making sure that the positive impacts of a Mohegan Sun casino at Suffolk Downs will be realized locally.

The region's educational institutions, including North Shore Community College and Salem State University, are anxious to continue discussions concerning career path opportunities and internships that might be available to their students in their respective culinary arts and hospitality programs as well as in other fields such as accounting and finance. Additionally, the North Shore Work Investment Board is poised to work with the applicant to address any workforce development and training needs the facility may require.

Additionally, while job creation and new economic growth are important, it should not be forgotten that the proposed casino will serve to preserve hundreds of existing jobs associated with the thoroughbred horse racing industry at Suffolk Downs upon which Massachusetts families rely. The addition of a casino on the Suffolk Downs property will breathe new life into an industry that has seen better days, and these job retention impacts are significant and merit consideration.

For the foregoing reasons, the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development supports the Application for a Category 1 Gaming License filed by Mohegan Sun Massachusetts LLC and respectfully requests that the Commission act favorably and approve said application allowing for the construction and operation of a Mohegan Sun resort casino at Suffolk Downs in Revere. The business opportunities and job creation attendant with the casino operations provide growth opportunities for North Shore businesses and residents that are welcomed.

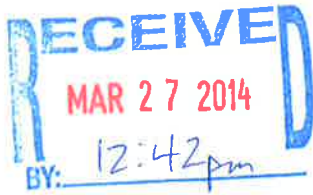
Thank you for your consideration of our thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary M. Barrett
Executive Director

cc Mitchell Etes, Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority
Chip Tuttle, Suffolk Downs Racetrack



Torretta's Bakery
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03/25/14

To The Gaming Commision:

My name is Ralph Torretta, owner of Torretta's Bakery. I have been in business 22 years in Revere at Donnelly Square Beachmont. I have been a resident of Revere for over 44 years. We here at Torretta's bakery would like to tell you that we fully support Mohegan Sun, the Mohegan Sun Team and the implementation of a new casino in Revere at Suffolk Downs. As I stated in the Boston Globe Atricle in 2011, gambling has been in Revere as far as I can remember. When I was a child, I could remember Suffolk Downs being so busy with many people there using the facility, but today times have changed and the Suffolk Downs race track is depressed and not the same. Suffolk Downs, Revere, and the local communities need the casino. Not only will it save Suffolk Downs, but it also create more jobs which will help the local economy. As a business owner I know this is a fact. More businesses in an area create more business for that area. They compliment each other. Just For example, when the racing season ends here at Suffolk Downs and the Jockies and owners move their operation to Florida, we do not see these people until next season, which is March to October. These people spend money in the local economy. So you see the closing of a business and/or the creation of a new business affects the local economy.

We do have concerns. One concern is that since the proposed food court is so close to the Bakery almost directly across from us and walking distance from the bakery and our customers. We would not like to see any similar businesses in that food court that would directly compete with us and effect us in a negative way. Will this happen? Or will we prosper because, we are so close and some people will venture out and cross the street and come into the bakery and purchase items. We are not sure. Yes we are a bakery, but we also serve breakfast, coffee, icecream, soups, sandwiches, prepared food to go. Will Brigade Capital have a Starbucks or a Penera Bread type of a operation that may affect our business in a negative way. This is one concern. The second concern is will Brigade Capital give us the opportunity to have a cafe inside the food court or not , so we may prosper and not lose business or. do they have everything already taken?

In closing I 'd like to say, in spite of these concerns, we at Torretta's bakery fully support the implementation of a new casino. We are very excited for Revere. We believe it is a win win for everyone invovled. From my one and one experience and to my knowledge, I believe the Mohegan Sun Team people are very professional, have been very truthful, and are very nice individuals who only would like to affect our area in a positive way.

Ralph Torretta's

Owner

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March 25, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the North of Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, I am writing to offer our strong support for the application being made by Mohegan Sun for an expanded gaming license to develop a \$1.3 billion resort casino in Revere, Massachusetts.

The North of Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau is one of 16 state-designated Massachusetts Regional Tourism Councils. We proudly promote the thirty-four cities and towns of Essex County as a tourism destination for leisure, group, meetings and conventions. Our investing member businesses include hotels, inns, bed & breakfasts, restaurants, museums, attractions, music venues, theatres, galleries, farms, breweries, wineries, and more. Our organization also promotes the natural and historic resources throughout Essex County, such as beaches, lighthouses, historic homes, monuments, trails, and parks.


The North of Boston CVB Board of Directors feel that Mohegan Sun has already demonstrated a deep commitment to the region through their consistent outreach as well as participation in local programs and events by proactively involving the local community in a constructive dialogue; fully understanding the importance of sharing this opportunity with the region. Moreover, the North of Boston CVB Board feels that Mohegan Sun would bring a renewed revitalization to the area, making a positive impact on the economic development of not only Revere, but also to the surrounding cities and towns, the Essex County region and the Commonwealth as a whole.

The North of Boston CVB supports the following Mohegan Sun commitments:

- Cross-marketing of tourist attractions and cultural institutions in area communities through the Mohegan Sun Points Partnership Program.
- Spending \$50million annually on goods and services from businesses located within a 15-mile radius of Revere.
- Creation of 4,000 jobs with a commitment to hiring 75% of its workforce from the same 15-mile radius, which also includes job training programs, utilizing area colleges such as North Shore Community College and Bunker Hill Community College.
- Local impact payments to Essex County cities Lynn and Salem as well as the other 5 communities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, and Melrose.
- Funding for the study and design of regional traffic solutions.

Please consider the merits of this application, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Ann Marie Casey
Executive Director

Massachusetts
massvacation.com

3/24/14

To whom it may concern,
My family and I support
the casino in Revere.

Thank you
Carol Russo

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Cc: No Eastie Casino
Subject: The truth about the Suffolk Downs/Mohegan traffic plan

Commissioners:

East Boston/Winthrop traffic "expert" John Vitagliano testified before you tonight touting the traffic plans put forth by Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs. He testified that the traffic plan is sufficient and would accommodate the more than 15,000 daily car trips to and from the facility. I wanted to let you know that his testimony tonight was quite different than what he said about the roadway needs a decade ago, when he authored a report stating that the necessary improvements would cost \$500 million -- 12 times what Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun has committed to spending. (\$45 million)

Here is an East Boston Times-Free Press article from 2010 that outlines (and even itemizes) the required roadway changes and their costs should a casino be installed: <http://www.eastietimes.com/2010/03/19/senator-petruccelli-put-casino-legislation-in-the-hands-of-voters/>

Thank you for letting me set the record straight on Mr. Vitagliano's testimony, and for listening to all of our comments!

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Senator Petruccelli: Put casino legislation in the hands of voters

March 19, 2010
By [John Lynds](#)

Citing its potential for job creation, infrastructure improvements and a solid way to shore up the state's \$250 million thoroughbred industry, Senator Anthony Petruccelli said he would support a plan to construct a resort-style casino at Suffolk Downs Racetrack. However, in the end, said Petruccelli, the decision will be in the hands of East Bostonians through a host community referendum vote.

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"This is far too important to not let the people who are going to be impacted have the final say," said Petruccelli.

For several years now Petruccelli had remained cautiously pessimistic and carefully researched the impacts other casinos have had on local economies in other parts of the country, weighed the pros and cons but kept his opinion of placing the state's first ever resort-style casino in his backyard close to his vest.

Then, a few months back, Petruccelli bumped into an old friend who had recently lost a good paying job with benefits from DHL. The husband and father of two explained to Petruccelli how the historic downturn in the state and federal economy had hit he and his family very hard.

"It was right there and then I made my decision," said Petruccelli. "I have an inherited task in my capacity as an elected official to help people get jobs and secure work when I can. The story of my friend and the fact that I have a stack of resumes on my desk from out-of-work constituents tells me we have to do something very soon to create jobs."

In the end and after months of internal debate, Petruccelli said the benefits far outweigh the risks.

"Suffolk Downs ownership predicts they could create 2,500 permanent jobs in the opening months of a casino," he said.

However, Petruccelli said his support for a Suffolk Downs casino would come with conditions ... one being a commitment from Suffolk Downs to finance an overhaul of the Route 1A corridor from the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels to Copeland Circle in Revere.

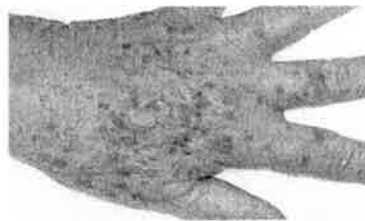
In 2009, an independent study commissioned by Petruccelli showed that regardless if a casino is built at Suffolk Downs costs to improve the infrastructure along the Route 1A corridor from the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels to Copeland Circle in Revere would cost the state almost \$500 million.

Some of the study's findings, conducted by John Vitagliano of Seagull Consulting, have been highlighted by Petruccelli in the Senate Transportation Committee's version of the Transportation Bond Bill.



As the weeks and months pass, it appears more and more likely that expanded gaming will come to Suffolk Downs (above), the struggling horse racing track in East Boston.

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A Weird Trick To Remove Dark Spots Without A Doctor



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- Sen. Petruccelli

"I was asking the executive office of transportation to take a good hard look at significant improvements that need to be done along the Route 1A corridor," said Petruccelli. "These infrastructure improvements have been part of the lower North Shore transportation improvement study since 2000 and it's merely a coincidence that now we are talking about the possibility of a full-scale casino at Suffolk Downs which is situated along this strip."

Rush hour traffic has long been a problem on Route 1A and anyone who uses the road during their commute is familiar with the gridlock that occurs southbound in the morning and northbound in the afternoon.

"I want to look at the big picture—whether there is a casino or not—and see if its feasible to make some of the changes first suggested in the 2000 study," said Petruccelli. "We've gotten the ball moving on some of these projects in the past but has not been a major priority of past gubernatorial administrations."

While the focus of the study expands on the 2000 lower North Shore transportation improvement study it does in fact include potential traffic impacts a casino might have on Route 1A from Eastie to Revere.

"A local casino would have a major traffic impact... because casinos are among the heaviest traffic generators compared to other possible uses (of Suffolk Downs)," wrote Vitagliano in his study. "Casinos generate constant high traffic volumes from 8 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week."

Even before a casino was discussed and like the lower North Shore transportation improvement study suggested back in 2000, traffic along Route 1A needs to be addressed now. Furthermore, Vitagliano suggests that add a casino to the congestion that already exists along Route 1A impacts could be felt as far north as the Route 1A-Route 60 interchange in Revere.

In his study, Vitagliano suggested widening Route 1A from Curtis Street in East Boston to Mahoney Circle in Revere. This would include property taking and cost \$40 million; widen Revere Beach Parkway in Revere, Everett and Medford at a cost of \$90 million; perform a Copeland Circle grade separation in Revere that would cost \$75 million; perform a Mahoney Circle grade separation in Revere that would cost \$30 million; perform a Brown Circle grade separation in Revere that would cost \$25 million; install a Route 1A to Route 16 connector on Railroad Ave. in Revere at a cost of \$45 million; construct a haul road in East Boston at a cost of \$20 million; build a Route 1A-Chelsea Street Bridge connector in East Boston that would cost \$40 million; perform a Route 1A/Boardman Street grade separation in East Boston that would cost \$10 million; build a Route 1A-Route 16 interchange that would cost \$15 million; perform a Revere Street grade separation in Revere that would cost \$10 million; improve traffic signalization along the Route 1A corridor at a cost of \$5 million; and finally mitigation for traffic impacts on the local communities would be \$15 million.

The total cost of the improvements would have a price tag of \$420 million according to Vitagliano.

It's this reason that Petruccelli said he'd throw his support behind a full scale casino and not a plan to simply put slot machines at Suffolk Downs.

"Slots would not generate enough capital to allow Suffolk Downs to create the amount of jobs, fund the necessary transportation improvements and sure up the thoroughbred industry in manner that is the most beneficial to the host communities," said Petruccelli.

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Casino

Questions or Comments

we really don't need this in our city, please don't let it happen. I don't need all the bad elements in my neighborhood where I'm raising two small children and it's a fact that crime and drunk driving come along with this deal.

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Revere Casino is Wrong

Questions or Comments

I speak with a silent majority of people in my community and other surrounding communities in saying I am strongly opposed to the development of a resort-style casino at Suffolk Downs (and in Everett). Unfortunately, we were not afforded the opportunity to vote on this proposal--a proposal which is overstating the benefits and for which there has been far too little discussion of the negative repercussions.

If people in Swampscott had had the opportunity to learn about this proposal, I am confident we would have strongly voted no. We are very concerned for several reasons: 1) We cannot trust Suffolk Downs or Mohegan Sun. The people of East Boston and Palmer voted, and the owners of Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun circumvented the law to have another (illegal) vote on a proposal for which both East Boston and Revere continue to be host communities. Mohegan Sun violated the confidentiality of Winthrop in negotiations with their town leaders. They negotiated a host community that gives them the right to renegotiate "at any time for any reason." Such an agreement is not worth the paper it is written on. For these and other reasons, we cannot trust the entities who have proposed to develop this casino. 2) This proposal will bring significantly increased traffic to the area. Proposed traffic mitigation is woefully inadequate--as demonstrated in independent letters from two former state transportation secretaries--and relies too heavily on agreements the city of Boston has yet to make. This will make our commutes more difficult and will deter people from visiting, shopping and dining in Swampscott. 3) On a related note, this proposal will have a negative economic impact in Swampscott. First, gambling addiction will double because we are within 15 miles of the proposed casino. This will destroy families and lead to increased foreclosures--hardly an economic development strategy. Second, this will take money away from our local businesses and redirect it into slot machines. Finally, research demonstrates there is no net job creation from casinos built in urban areas; this proposal will lead to job loss at local businesses. 4) There is woefully inadequate provision for the increased costs associated with addiction, crime, pollution and other social ills that will befall Melrose as a result of this proposal. Finally and most importantly, 5) Boston is a family-oriented city and a Revere casino will serve to poison our environment with gambling corruption. I don't want my kids to grow up in this environment.

Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs proactively reached out to employees and other guaranteed supporters, providing free transportation and dessert to encourage them to attend the hearing on March 25. This does not demonstrate stronger support for the casino, but rather demonstrates that with millions of dollars, corporations can bring a group of people to a hearing. I speak for many others in surrounding communities in letting you know that while we may not have been at the hearing in person, we strongly oppose the proposed casino at Suffolk Downs. It is wrong for Swampscott and it is wrong for Massachusetts.

Unfortunately the anti-casino movement doesn't have deep pocket access like pro-casino advocates, i.e. Mohegan Sun. Do the right thing and put this question on a ballot so all the surrounding affected towns (perhaps even the state) can vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Hyer

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Rejection and Resolve

Questions or Comments

Good morning,

I just wanted to write a note and remind you that there are thousands of us folks in East Boston who feel extremely slighted by Suffolk Downs and the manner in which the Commission has accommodated their slick ways. In the name of Respect, Democracy, and the Rights of the typical family in East Boston (WHO, by the way, does NOT have the luxury to take off work to come to an afternoon/evening meeting in South Boston to remind you that we voted no), please do not allow this proposal to slide one foot further along.

- Outraged x Thousands

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Winthrop Resident Opposed to Casino at Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

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Revere Casino

Questions or Comments

It is my opinion that the Commission has ignored the East Boston vote of "No," in regards to the proposed E. Boston/Revere casino, by allowing the restructuring of the proposal to a "Revere only" proposal and a "Revere only" vote. My feeling is that the Gaming Commission is unfairly modifying the licensing process to provide the best opportunity for a license to be granted and a project to be approved, and is also performing sub-par due-diligence in it's assessment of the various proposals and their claimed benefits.

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Casino

Questions or Comments

East Boston has already voted down the casino once; it's insulting and irrational to continue the initiative. However, if special interest insist on proposing a casino in Revere, there's no question that East Boston (as well as the rest of the city) would be affected: resources would be used, traffic increased. Ideally this entire initiative should be abandoned, but if it is not, East Boston if not the entire surrounding region should be considered a host community, as Revere does not exist in vaccuum.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As commissioners, you have two proposals asking for the sole license of the resort casino in Eastern Massachusetts. However, only one proposal has the qualifications and the makings of a beneficial project to the a community, the region and the commonwealth.

I am writing this letter expressing my on-going support to Mohegan Sun Massachusetts. As a small business owner, activist in the community and family man in East Boston I am hoping and praying Mohegan Sun earns this license for a casino at Suffolk Downs.

Mohegan Sun is in competition with a very successful developer for this license. Wynn has several successful casinos around the world and his facilities are beautiful. With that said, Massachusetts is not the place for a Wynn project. The framework for his properties are all about him. He owns the restaurants, he owns the hotel, he owns just about everything in his facilities and as that is successful for him, there are too many people, places and things in this area that he would not include as Mohegan would and should.

The Mohegan Sun proposal is open and embracing to everything and everyone around it. They want to partner with people, businesses, places, organizations, attractions and anything else. Mohegan Sun wants to be involved and engaged in the community. From building the "greenest" casino in the world or their commitment to try to hire 75% of the employees within a 15 mile radius, the Mohegan Sun group is committed to enhancing and benefiting this area, this region and this state. Wynn's commitment and inclusion should not even be compared. The host community agreement set by Mohegan Sun and the City of Revere is a far more lucrative and substantial agreement than the one set by Wynn and Everett. I hope and pray Mohegan Sun is successful in earning this license. Please chose Mohegan Sun because they are the best choice for a Casino in Eastern Massachusetts.

Wishing for the best,
Joseph L. Ruggiero

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RE: Region A. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

We write in support of the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts at Suffolk Downs resort casino application. The Mohegan Sun Massachusetts plan is comprehensive, well-thought and thorough.

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts is a \$1.3 billion destination resort proposed for Revere. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will be a world-class destination resort casino that evokes the rich and deep history of Revere and Greater Boston. Central to this theme will be the waterfront and Revere's long history as a coastal community and hub of tourism, as well as the history and excitement of the adjacent Suffolk Downs racetrack.

There are several key points in support of the Mohegan Sun project:

Given the work IATSE members do in arts, cultural and entertainment venues in Massachusetts it is important to note the importance of this project and the approach Mohegan Sun has taken to integrate these venues and the arts and cultural community into their entertainment plan. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts plans an 'outward facing' facility, integrating the facility into what greater Boston offers.

Create Jobs

This project will produce 2,500 construction jobs. And because Mohegan Sun has signed into a Project Labor Agreement we know this will be on time and on budget. Additional infrastructure and transportation improvements in the area will provide hundreds of additional jobs. Once the development is open for business means 4,000 permanent jobs. Mohegan Sun has entered into labor harmony agreements and these will be good jobs, with good salaries, benefits and opportunities for significant career development.

Spur local business

This project will be good for local businesses because Mohegan Sun has comprehensive plans to contract with area vendors and local suppliers to help build their businesses.

Preserve Thoroughbred Racing

Should Mohegan Sun Massachusetts earn the Category 1 license for its region, the owners of Suffolk Downs have committed to using revenue from Mohegan Sun Massachusetts' ground lease to preserve and enhance racing at the historic facility.

Diversity for construction personnel

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Diversity in hiring is a key goal of the Expanded Gaming Act and a lynchpin of Mohegan Sun's corporate philosophy. Mohegan Sun Massachusetts has set goals to hire 25% minority and 10% women in its Host Community Agreement, far exceeding the minimum requirements. By contrast, the Wynn proposal sets his goals at the bare minimum provided by the statute.

Continued Reinvestment in the Facility

Mohegan Sun is committed to continued reinvestment in the property and enhancing the facility. By contrast, the Wynn proposal requests removing the requirement that gaming facilities invest 3.5% of gross gaming revenue in improvements to the facility, taking away the Commission's discretion to approve multi-year plans that meet the 3.5% annual expectation. The Boston area deserves a higher-priority status and a commitment to reinvestment.

Good for the environment

Because the development will preserve thoroughbred racing this means preservation of open space. The proposed project also includes numerous environmentally friendly initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

Improved transportation and infrastructure

First and foremost, clearly the Mohegan Sun project has the best accessibility for patrons and employees – minutes from Logan airport, public transportation and easily accessible. Once this project is completed, it will improve the transportation infrastructure that exist right now.

Construction schedule

The Mohegan Sun Massachusetts construction schedule is shorter than the other Region A developer and ensures jobs are created in a more timely manner and cities, towns and the state reap the revenues from this project sooner .

Mohegan Sun is the best choice for Region A. We urge your support for this application.

Sincerely,

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