



MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION
HOST COMMUNITY HEARING - CLOSING

March 28, 2016

4:00p.m.

The Shaw's Center

1 Feinberg Way

Brockton, MA



Massachusetts Gaming Commission



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE HOST COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c.23K §17 (c) AND 205 CMR 118.05 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 1 GAMING LICENSE

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 and G.L. c.23K, §§17(c) and (d), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The meeting will take place:

Monday, March 28, 2016 @ 4 P.M.- 6 P.M. (longer if necessary)
The Shaw's Center
1 Feinberg Way
Brockton, MA 02301

PUBLIC HEARING:

This public hearing is a continuation of the Commission's March 1, 2016 public hearing and is intended to provide the Commission with the opportunity to hear any comments related to events occurring since the opening of this Host Community Hearing.

This public hearing is intended to provide the Commission with the opportunity to pose questions to the applicant and address concerns relative to the proposal of **Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC** ("applicant") to build a gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts. Topics may include the scope and quality of the gaming area and amenities, the integration of the gaming establishment into the surrounding community, the extent of required mitigation plans and to receive input from members of the public from an impacted community relative to the events occurring since the opening of this Host Community Hearing on March 1, 2016. A copy of the applicant's application is available for review on the Commission's website: massgaming.com. No votes or decisions will be made at this hearing; it is simply intended as an opportunity for the Commission to gather information and gauge public sentiment relative to the application.

The chair will preside over this public hearing. The applicant and its agents and representatives shall attend the public hearing, and respond to questions as directed by the chair. Any other interested person may attend the public hearing and may make a presentation in the discretion of the Commission.

Those who wish to submit written comments in advance of the hearing may do so by sending an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with **MG&E Brockton** in the subject line. All comments received via email will be made public and distributed to the Commission for their review prior to the hearing.



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Public officials from a host or surrounding community, representatives of interested parties, and citizens of the host or surrounding communities who wish to address the Commission at the hearing may place their name on the list of speakers by sending an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with "Request to address the Commission/MG&E Brockton" in the subject line. In order to use the available time most efficiently, the Commission reserves the right to limit the amount of time for speakers depending on attendance at the meeting.

The following is the anticipated agenda for the public meeting:

1. Call to order and introductory remarks by the chair
2. Commission questions to the applicant
3. Comments by members of the public
4. Closing statements from the applicant and Host Community if desired (10 minutes each)
5. Other business reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

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DATE


Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

Date Posted to Website: March 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.



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MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Jeen9643@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 7:22 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: M.G.& E. Brockton
Attachments: The Mass Gaming Commission 3.docx

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Forwarded to Amy and copied Janice.

Please accept the attached statement as my statement in opposition of the Casino in Brockton.

The Mass Gaming Commission

Re: Rush Street Gaming application for a Casino License in the City of Brockton

Although there have been several meetings on this matter and I have weighed in on at least one of them I am submitting once again.

Once again I will readily admit that Brockton is struggling as are many cities these days with many changes taking place in the economic landscape of our country, however I cannot accept that a Casino is the answer for my city or any other neighborhood city for that matter.

It is my firm belief that a Casino belongs in a stand-alone environment and not in an inner city neighborhood.

I heard much of the presenting of the Rush Street Gaming Co. and I must say that I find their presentations are nothing more than "sunshine rhetoric" and I cannot believe that anyone would succumb to the flowery nonsense that they present. They speak of the extensive care that they take to prevent underage gambling but they certainly fail to mention that they were fined pretty heavily for violations of exactly that nature in 2015. The story was even carried in our own Brockton Enterprise and I am sure that many people saw it and I am also sure that many who would like to see a Casino in Brockton chose to overlook it. I feel that the proponents of a Casino are targeting the most vulnerable citizens of my city, the elderly and the low income.

They also spoke extensively of the promised work to be done on the roads and highways leading to this facility and it was noted recently that the intersection of Pleasant St. and West St. in Brockton is one of the most dangerous in the state and it is even more interesting that this intersection is exactly on the other end of one of the streets that would be severely impacted by the proposed Casino traffic. I know that many tax dollars were spent on the research, engineering, design and planning for the restructuring of this intersection which is quite new only for it to now be named one of the most dangerous in the state. I cannot feel comfortable that the many dollars that are promised by the Rush Street organization will really happen and that it will really work as they do not seem to me to be as honorable as they would like us to feel.

I noted that they (Rush Street) were very adept at throwing around the colorful numbers in the many millions which I am sure dazzled many of those in attendance. I am sorry to say that looking around I noted many of the very obvious low income citizens were very much in attendance. I feel that gambling is designed to attract the low income and very vulnerable and thus even more dangerous to have within the confines of my city. Our own Mayor hosted parties in two elderly high rise facilities which just so happen to have posters promoting the casino on the walls during those parties. I feel that even he does recognize the vulnerability of these people and he played on that vulnerability. I fear that these people will be taken advantage of and they will spend what little money they have and thus become unable to take proper care of themselves and perhaps jeopardize their own safety and health. A casino in the confines of the city is far too tempting and far too convenient.

I felt as though the members of the Commission were very attentive to the speakers and I hope that when the actual citizens including the ones in opposition of this facility were able to speak that the Commission was equally attentive.

I took the initiative when I got home to do some research of the Rush Street Group and I found many negative remarks stated about the false promises of equal pay, equal opportunities to be just that, false. They present a wonderful picture but they do not follow through. To some extent being someone who works in finance I understand that presentation was set up to make them look like a desirable organization to do business in our city however, I feel that much more research into the kind of organization that they actually are certainly should be done before granting this license.

I understand business decisions and sometimes that these decisions are not comfortable ones and therefore not everyone walks away smiling but this kind of organization can be very detrimental to the growth of a city and the growth of the young people in our city.

I know that the Mayor spoke of the needs of the schools, police and fire department but as someone who has lived in Brockton for 50 years I feel that there is a considerable amount of spending done by various departments in our city that can be monitored much more efficiently and that the mayor and others in charge have a fiduciary responsibility to do what is best for the city and not for themselves. I am sure that if our city leaders put their minds to it they could do things that would attract long term legitimate businesses to the City of Brockton and not one of a "fairy tale" get rich quick venue. We have many locations in Brockton, including our downtown that our Mayor should be targeting for regrowth and rebirth and not focusing so much on something as frivolous as a Casino.

I would have liked to be able to stay through these entire meetings but I was unable to do so and therefore I ask that some more deep consideration be given before this license is issued.

I am quite sure that a more suitable site could be found that would not invade a city and a neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Joyce Nyhan

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 10:50 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Jeff Svirtunas

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Subject

Mashpee Wamps

Questions or Comments

Why is no one calling their bluff? The Cowlitz Casino was allowed because it was fast tracked. Allowed because a decision for or against that tribe did not mean anything, moot. The MGC is 100% in the right to fully review and investigate obvious falsities in the tribes LIT decision. Just because it happened doesn't make it right. Great job questioning this point yesterday. Call their bluff. This has Nothing to do with history. It has everything to do with greed. It's a caberet.

March 15, 2016

Stephen Crosby, Chair
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal St., 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: MASHPEE WAMPANOAG COMMITMENT TO FAIR PROCESS FOR LABOR
RELATIONS IN CONTRAST WITH RUSH STREET GAMING

via email to mgcccomments@state.ma.us

Dear Mr. Crosby,

We write to draw your attention to the labor relations commitment in the Tribal-State Compact between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Mashpee Wampanoag have committed to a fair process for workers to organize free of harassment or intimidation.

The Mashpee Wampanoag have taken a very different approach than Rush Street Gaming, whose affiliates have been described by Commission staff as "the driving force behind" the Brockton casino application.¹ Rush Street shares its three senior officers (Chairman, CEO, and Secretary/Treasurer) with the Brockton applicant (Mass Gaming & Entertainment) and would manage the Brockton casino if built.²

As you are aware, the three existing Rush Street casinos have been embroiled in multi-year labor disputes. Rush Street Gaming and its affiliates have refused to agree to a fair process to end the conflict.

We are confident the Taunton casino would be very different. The Tribal-State Compact between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts includes a labor relations clause committing the Tribe to a fair process for casino workers to engage in or refrain from organizing for mutual aid.³

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe would remain neutral and not express or imply any opposition to Taunton casino workers deciding whether to organize.⁴

¹ "UPDATED INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION APPLICANT: MASS GAMING AND ENTERTAINMENT, LLC," Massachusetts Gaming Commission, May 1, 2015, p.5.

² *Ibid.*, pp.3-8.

³ Tribal-State Compact (March 19, 2013), Section 18.6

⁴ *Ibid.*, Appendix C, Section 7.

The Tribe has chosen the fair process standard that workers at casinos around the country have enjoyed. By contrast, Rush Street Gaming has rejected the fair process standard at each of its existing casinos.

The Commission has noted its regulatory partnership with its Tribal counterpart, and the Commission has recognized that Tribal status has a relation to the Brockton casino proposal.⁵ As such, we know the Commission understands the significance that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has committed to a fair process for labor relations when Rush Street Gaming has not at any of its existing casinos.

Sincerely,

Warren Pepicelli
Manager, New England Joint Board
UNITE HERE! International Union

cc: Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald
Commissioner Gayle Cameron

⁵ Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Public Meeting #175 (Jan. 21, 2016) transcript, pp.8-9.

March 7, 2016

Dear Commissioner Stebbins,

All great stories begin with “Once upon a time” and in Plymouth County it is the same. This region started out with the native peoples hunting, fishing and farming. When the Pilgrims arrived it was much the same, farming and fishing. The County evolved in time into other industries including the largest rope making plant in the World and being the shoe capitol. Once again the evolution happened as it will, and industry had moved to other Cities and Towns leaving somewhat of a vacuum in the City of Brockton and many County towns.

The Town of Plymouth leaned to its natural course of tourism with the Pilgrim Story. Tourism became the number one industry in the town with a 350 million dollar visitor spend per year. There are other industries like fishing that still go on in Plymouth. The town is the number two lobster port in the State!

Brockton has struggled with the next industry in spite of heroic actions by local and State government. Staying the same is not an option, evolution must continue. The development of a 250 room hotel and gaming destination is a solid step in the right direction! High end destinations are the newest dynamic in the tourism world both internationally and domestic.

To site the example back in Plymouth, the new Mirbeau Inn and Spa has attracted the attention of Conde Naste as a top 100 Inn in the World! This 4 diamond/ 5 star property is attractive to the aging “boomers” with money both still working and recently retired. Plymouth’s local room tax finished 22% over the last year and the last year was a good year! This has stimulated other renovations of existing hotels to follow and new construction that will aim at the 4 Star rating. More visitors means more jobs, opportunities and more local rooms tax dollars!

This can happen in Brockton also. If the casino has the high-end appeal and can “house” more than the occupants of the 250 rooms, people will have to find another place to stay. They will also find different places to eat and all the other collateral business that includes food purveyors, laundry services, transportation and others that create jobs and new business.

Resident workers in the industry spend their paychecks locally. They buy cars, food, clothes and everything that feeds a community inside of itself. Tourism is a community builder! This project is a great spark to a City that needs a future, a new industry that the City can rally around.

Respectfully,

Paul Cripps, Executive Director
Plymouth County Development Council/ CVB

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Loraine Colucci <loraine.colucci@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2016 10:36 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: No Casino in Brockton

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Gaming Commission,

A Casino casino in Brockton is a bad idea for many reasons.

I am a resident and taxpayer in Brockton living 4 blocks from the proposed site in Ward 3. My ward also voted NO on the casino ballot question. The vote in Brockton was only 143 votes in favor - not enough of an approval margin to be able to say the residents want this. Two of 3 wards abutting the site voted NO. This should tell you we don't want this casino in our neighborhoods.

The location is wrong - across the street from a high school? Would you like that in your town?

The city was told a lie about the permanent jobs - most city residents will not pas the credit and background checks required for dealer or management jobs. They will be mostly minimum wage housekeeping, security, and dietary jobs.

The traffic mitigation plan is a joke - put in a rotary? Rotaries slow traffic down - that's their purpose. It's bad enough on Belmont St and Forest Ave. currently. Traffic comes to a complete standstill twice a day during the school season and during weekend and evening events at the Fairgrounds, the High School, and the Rox Stadium, backing up traffic in all directions and even onto Rt. 24. Belmont St. feeds from a single lane in both directions and you cannot get out of a parking lot onto Belmont during the business day and on weekends now. The study they did was not done well. Do you imagine this will get better with thousands more cars coming off of Rt. 24? Adding thousands more vehicles every day will be a nightmare forever for local residents and small business. People will leave the city and local small business will lose customers as the local commerce will avoid the area entirely.

Please say NO to this license. Brockton doesn't need more addiction and crime problems either. People will not come here for spas and entertainment - there will only be the bad element of gamblers and addicts - we don't want more of that.

I also want to know why Rush Casino was allowed to bring in paid employees to speak at the public hearing for our community? They are not the voice of our community. They are paid to speak and who cares what they think about their employer in another State anyway? They don't live here. They should not have been allowed to speak at all.

I also noticed a bias from the presiding gaming commissioner who was more polite - smiling and thanking the casino paid cronies and he allowed time runovers for the pro-casino speakers. Don't think this was not noticed. It suggests that you are just giving lip service to a public hearing for the taxpaying residents and are in bed with Rush and Carney.

The State should not license another casino for eastern Mass anyway - there are enough casinos in the area. Recent news is saying that Rhode Island is putting in one too now. Everett, Taunton, Plainville (which already is doing poorly). No more!

You all know that property values in the abutting wards will go down, DUI's, drug trafficking and prostitution will go up. If you approve license, you will be damning this struggling city to eternal crime.

Please don't approve this license.

Sincerely,
Loraine Colucci
62 Verne St.
Brockton, MA 02301

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Jeanne Holmes <jeannelholmesesq@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 9:25 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Follow Up to MGC meeting in Brockton

Good Evening Commissioners,

I am writing as a follow up as you stopped me before I had completed what I wanted to say. You indicated that I could follow up with you so I am.

I would ask you to carefully explore, investigate and consider the people who spoke on behalf of the casino at Massasoit. The "Yes for Brockton" campaign simply turned itself into "Better Benefits 4 Brockton" and spent quite a bit of money putting on the show for you the other night. It would be interesting to know how much more money over the \$1.6 million spent in May that Bluhm spent for the T-shirts, etc. Furthermore, I have no idea what their latest slogan means nor do they probably but I suppose some would say it is catchy and flashy. In any event, I can tell you that as I stood there the other night, I watched all of the speakers and the majority that spoke on behalf of it were paid to be there and speak in support. For example, many of those who spoke are current or were employees of Bluhm; and many of them do not live anywhere near Brockton or even in Massachusetts. The business leaders that spoke do not live in Brockton and those that do are financially invested and supported by the proponents, who have put money into the casino campaign. The politicians that spoke on behalf of it have received substantial campaign contributions from the proponents. And then there are others who work for Mr. Carney and/or Mayor Carpenter and who also worked on the \$1.6 million dollar pro casino campaign, i.e. Larry Curtis, Mr. Curriuan, Patricia Lawton, Jack Clancy, the Yunits family, etc. The majority of these people do not live in Brockton and at least one of them has a very serious felony conviction.

And if that is not enough to give you pause when you consider the people who testified in favor of the casino, I think you should be made aware of the fact that I was threatened and bullied by a large man who was with the Carney family. While I stood peacefully holding my sign in the back of the room, the man approached me and ordered me to put the sign away. I politely told him that I would not. He then told me that I better get out of his way and he asked me if I was going to sit down or if he was going to have to take care of it. I told him I would not sit down. He then proceeded to say that I was lucky that his wife was not there or else she would have taken care of me. He said several more intimidating things. All of this happened before I spoke so I apologize for being a little nervous and not completing in the timeframe allowed. I was quite rattled by him and even more so when I left the meeting to go to my car as the same man was next to my car and got into a black truck with the "Carney" name on it and some DOT numbers on the side as well. These are the kind of people that are involved and/or in support of the casino in Brockton and I don't think that bodes well for anyone if they succeed in getting a license.

In any event, what I wanted to finish with is that I feel that the Commission has been lied to and deceived by Mr. Bluhm. He has in the past told you that he did not care about a Taunton casino and that Taunton would not impact the revenue in Brockton. However, his actions belie those statements in that he is a key activist in trying to prevent the Tribe from having a casino in Taunton. The reality is that Taunton overwhelming is welcoming the casino unlike Brockton and it is a handful of Taunton residents and Mr. Bluhm who are trying to obstruct the casino in Taunton. Furthermore, Mr. Bluhm told you in November that there would be a lawsuit if the Tribe got the land in trust. What he did not tell you at that time is that he knew there would be a lawsuit because he was going to orchestrate and pay for the lawsuit. As I said, "oh the tangled web they weave when at first they practice to deceive".

It is not that I am against gambling but I believe that the Tribe should have a right to build and succeed with their casino, without the interference and oppression by Mr. Bluhm and his group. I am sure that the Mass gaming law would allow for you to consider a privately run casino in Region C somewhere down the road if the Tribe fails and/or it is shown that Region C and the state can support 4 casinos.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne L. Holmes

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Janice Schuster <schusterjanice@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 1:25 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Statement against building a casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds

Dear Mass. Gaming Commission,
I was on the list of speakers at the hearing on 3/1/16 but did not get to speak due to a lack of time. I am submitting my testimony in writing instead.

Sincerely,

Janice Schuster
465 Bay Road Road

South Easton, MA 02375

schusterjanice@gmail.com
[508-801-8414](tel:508-801-8414) cell

I respectfully request the Gaming Commission to NOT issue a commercial casino license in Region C.

For at least two reasons, I feel a close connection to Brockton, even though my husband and I and our two sons live in South Easton.

First, we have been active members of **Pearl Street United Methodist Church**, 415 Pearl Street, in Brockton since 1989. I have been the lay leader for close to twenty years. I currently serve as co-chair of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee; as membership chair; and as a member of the Leadership Team. I previously served for 4 years as lay chair of the Leadership Team.

Together with our sister church, Central United Methodist Church, Pearl Street provides a United Methodist Christian presence in the Brockton community. Due to my husband's, my and our sons's connections within the

church, some of our closest friends are Brockton residents. I have seen firsthand the poverty and hopelessness that are suffered by many Brockton residents. Those issues will be exacerbated with the presence of a casino.

Second, I have been an active member of the **Brockton Interfaith Community, BIC**, for the last ten years. I served as BIC president and co-president for five years and currently serve as board secretary. BIC works on many issues that are important to the citizens of Brockton, including: foreclosure; drug court; public safety/gun violence; immigration; increase in the minimum wage; earned sick time; and Black Lives Matter, among others. All of these issues, which reflect BIC's mission to work for justice, will be negatively impacted by a casino.

The casino will allow evils to emerge or become worse. Casinos are known to increase traffic congestion; drug use and abuse; prostitution; addiction; violence; and homelessness.

The proposed site is located within a mile of the Brockton High School and the West Middle School. In the saddest of ironies, Brockton's recovery high school, for students with addiction problems, which is currently located at the site of the proposed casino, will need to be relocated if the casino is built.

In addition, casinos target the lowliest of our society and encourage them to spend their hard-earned money in the hope of a big return, which never materializes.

Gambling quickly becomes a god (with a lowercase g) to many. I, as a Christian, choose to place my faith in the one true and everlasting God and not in the casino's fleeting god.

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Stand UP for Brockton <standupforbrockton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 12:08 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: "MG&E Brockton"
Attachments: Letter from Linda Bishop.pdf

Please find attached a letter from Mrs. Linda Bishop of Brockton, MA.

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Stand UP for Brockton
<http://www.nocasinoinregionc.info>

3/2/16

Linda Bishop
21 Burkeside Ave.
Brockton, MA 02301

To Whom It May Concern,

I was at the rally yesterday in Brockton to voice my opposition to the building of a Casino in my city. I am a registered nurse, a registered voter, and a resident of Brockton for the past 44 years. Brockton is known as the City Of Champions. Our community has seen a great revitalization of our city these past few years.

We have our own baseball team, "Go Rocks!" The ball park provides affordable family entertainment and is a blessing to our community. A family of four is able to enjoy a night at the ball park, afford those peanuts and Cracker Jacks, (as the song goes), for less than the cost of one ticket to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. This family venue is located across the street from the proposed Casino Site.

Fields Park a nice Place to walk, hike, bike, picnic and feed the ducks. This is a bit of Natures Paradise in our own back yard. It provides a nice gathering spot for family and friends. During the past decade I've seen the building of a new state of the art Court House, a much needed multilevel parking lot down town, improvements to City Hall, many new schools have been built and miles of old water pipes have been replaced. I am proud of my community, appreciate the hard work of our city leaders, but I must oppose the Casino as a means of added and much needed revenue.

The proposed location is across the street from Brockton High School. Also the skating ring and ball park is adjacent to the high school. A casino, located on the old family fairgrounds, is the last thing this community needs. The promised jobs and added revenue to Brockton will come at a high cost to the most vulnerable of our citizens. Gambling for many is an addiction, where pay checks and social security checks are squandered, trying to hit it big, and improve their personal financial circumstances. The Casino's success depends on the losses of its patrons. The people in our community work hard for their money, our children do not need to think money grows on trees, flows out of slot machines, or is just a winning lottery ticket away. I know all too personally how gambling destroys families and lives. Another concern is the fact that the gaming rooms offer free non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverage. I know these drinks are really not free; they are more than paid for by customer losses. The increase in traffic and increase of drunk drivers is a very scary proposition around a school zone. I was at the meeting yesterday and listened till 6 P.M. to the view point of the Casino Management team. Nothing they presented made me feel any better about having a Casino in that location, in my community. I was very disappointed that I was unable to speak or hear one opposing presentation while I was there. Unfortunately, I had another commitment and it was an election day. I understand the increased jobs and revenue for the city is very tempting, but at what cost? I think the City of Brockton; can find a more creative way to earn revenue that doesn't put our children at risk. President Ronald Regan once said, "The Bible holds all the answers, to all the problems of the world, if only we would read."

My hope is the Gamming Commission recognizes that this project is not a good fit for our community and that there are many people in opposition to bringing a Casino to Brockton. I know the people of Brockton can work together to find a better way to increase revenue. I thank the commission for taking the time to read my letter and concerns.

Sincerely,



Linda Bishop

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Jeanne Kireilis <jelyhoki@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 8:06 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: MB&E Brockton Opposition

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission

101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor

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Stephen Crosby, Chairman; James McHugh, Commissioner; Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner; Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner; Gayle Cameron, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

Knowing that part of your commission responsibility is to review the concerns of the citizens of Region C, I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

I was shocked and appalled that the developers of the Brockton Casino came before the Mass. Gaming Commission last week and made an urgent plea for the Commission to make a commitment now to issue a commercial license regardless of what happens to the tribe's application. I seriously question the legality of the developers coming before you with this request when they have not even completed the application process. Additionally, their request offends the very process that the Mass. Gaming Commission is required to follow as it requests that the Mass. Gaming Commission make a decision before the Commission has all the information regarding what is in the best interest of Brockton and the state as it relates to granting a Region C license or deciding not to grant a Region C license for the foreseeable future.

The most recent news in the press is reporting that the federal government expects to approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's land application for a casino in Taunton very soon. In fact, one of the members of the Carney family told an individual just last week at the YMCA that Bluhm and Carney expect that the Tribe will get the approval to take the land in trust. Despite knowing this or because they knew it, the developers and Mayor hastily come before you to try to pressure you to take action before the decision on the Tribe casino is issued and before you have all the facts. Did they tell you what the rush was? These are the kind of tactics you can expect from Bluhm, Carney, Yunits and Mayor Carpenter and they will only get bolder and worse in my opinion if awarded a license.

Another example of their tactics is that I suspect that the developer and city has also failed to mention that there is insufficient water to support the casino in Brockton currently. I personally attended a water commission meeting on August 10th and Brian Creedon specifically stated publicly that there is insufficient water in Brockton to support the casino and that is why the Mayor, without the support of the citizens or the city council, is pushing so hard to try to buy the Aquaria plant. Did the Mayor or the developer tell you that Brian Creedon from the Water Department said there is a serious question about whether there would be the necessary water for the casino and/or that if they divert the water to support the casino, that it could mean the rest of the city would have insufficient water or certainly have insufficient money to purchase the water elsewhere? This is a real issue that should have been brought to your attention and not just hidden at a water commission meeting.

Additionally, the previous report from the Mass. Gaming Commission said that they did not find any negative reports about Rush Street and Bluhm. Although I have found plenty of negative reports about Rush Street and Bluhm in the past, is it possible that the reason that Bluhm, Carney and Carpenter came rushing before you last

week about issuing the license is because Bluhm just had a \$2 million fine levied against him for illegal and corrupt practices. Did the developer mention that to you when they were in front of you last week? The irregularities by Bluhm dates back to May and they have appeared before you numerous times since May but I expect that they have failed to disclose this problem and fines to you. Well here is the information:

Illinois' Biggest Casino Hit With \$2 Million Fine

Rivers Casino was subject of questions by NBC5 investigates and Better Government Association last May

By **Phil Rogers**

Illinois' biggest and most popular casino has been hit with a \$2 million fine, and two of its officers have been ordered suspended, after a complaint from the Illinois Gaming Board lambasted the casino's parent company for failure to follow internal procedures in hiring a security and maintenance vendor, and for lax control over gaming promotions. NBC 5's Phil Rogers reports. (Published Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015)

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The stiff penalty against Rivers Casino in Des Plaines comes three months after the Better Government Association and NBC5 Investigates began raising questions about Rivers' relationship with the cleaning giant United Maintenance and its parent company United Service Companies, and past associations of the company's president, Richard Simon.

The possible issue, raised by the Better Government Association to Rivers' management, concerned the fact that Simon previously organized another cleaning company, National Facilities Maintenance, with William Daddano Jr. In 2004, Daddano was named, along with other members of his family, as a reputed member of organized crime by Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

After the questions arose in May, Rivers immediately terminated their relationship with United, and reported themselves to the Illinois Gaming Board.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we terminated our relationship with United, and since then we have been fully cooperating with the Illinois Gaming board in their investigation," said David Patent, the casino company's president. We self-reported to the Illinois Gaming Board that there might be an issue."

At the time, Patent said he was cognizant of the fact that the Gaming Board took "reputation" into account when determining who casinos should be employing as contractors. Illinois gaming laws are very specific that casinos and their operators are not supposed to do business with anyone who has even a hint of an association with organized crime. But Simon's company had a security contract with Rivers Casino while it was being built, and took over "deep cleaning" services at the casino after it opened four years ago.

"It's not just about who we are and what we do, but it is the people that we associate with and the people that they associate with," he said. "Not only the people that we employ within the casino, but the contractors, vendors, anybody who provides goods or services, be free not only of taint themselves, but of taint in people they have associated with."

But the Gaming Board came down hard on Rivers, not only for the United contract, but also for numerous infractions regarding promotions.

Describing their findings on United, Gaming Board investigators said they found that Rivers had hired the company for security and cleaning services, without going through proper bidding and other procedures. In one case, they found that a contract had been back dated, and that a due-diligence report was actually performed more than a year after the company had already been hired.

The Gaming Board complaint never mentions the questions about Simon's past associations, and in fact makes no suggestion that United should not have been hired. But over four pages, the Board's investigators outline

five gaming promotions which they say were either improperly done, or allowed to be staged without state approval.

In one case, six patrons were allowed to participate in a \$250,000 “sign up and win” promotion which had already been closed to the public. In another, June 1 of this year, called the “Jackpot Party Giveaway”, 264 patrons were given entries even though the Gaming Board’s administrator had never given his approval for the game.

“Patrons had not been advised as to the status of their entries earned as a result of their gaming, even though the casino knew the “Jackpot Party Giveaway” promotional drawing was not approved,” the complaint said.

At the time, Gaming Board officials met with officers at Rivers Casino, warning them that further infractions could lead to discipline. But the complaint says still another game later that month, “Jackpot Rush Giveaway”, was marred by improper play, with one patron winning a prize he did not qualify for, two others losing prizes for which they were qualified, and still another who won a prize after the promotion had expired.

On July 31, the complaint says a “data entry error” by a database administrator caused 38 patrons to be awarded prizes they were not eligible to receive.

As a result of the procedural and contract issues surrounding United Service, and the questions regarding promotional campaigns, the Gaming Board slapped Rivers with a \$2 million fine, and ordered the suspension of two officers: General Manager Michael St. Pierre was ordered suspended for 60 days without pay, and Vice President of Marketing Daniel Brockdorf was ordered suspended for 30 days, also without pay. The casino and its two employees have 21 days to file a formal answer to the complaint.

In a statement, United said they were “never privy to Rivers’ proprietary internal controls.”

“United, its President and CEO Richard Simon, as well as certain of United’s employees, voluntarily and fully cooperated with the Gaming Board’s investigation,” the statement said. “We are grateful to the Gaming Board for its professional, thorough, and fair investigation. Contrary to certain published allegations, United, its management team, and its employees enjoy an outstanding reputation for integrity, professionalism, and high quality services.”

A spokesman for Rivers Casino emphasized that they, likewise, had cooperated fully in the Gaming Board probe.

“As this is an ongoing administrative matter, we are limited in our ability to comment,” the company’s parent Rush Street Gaming said in a statement. “Rivers has a deep commitment to compliance, and we strive to continuously improve our culture of compliance. We are reviewing IGB’s concerns carefully, and will continue to fully cooperate with the Gaming Board to resolve this administrative matter.”

In their complaint, the Gaming Board noted that before Rivers Casino even opened, its Vice President of Human Resources, Merrick Dresnin was the one who had suggested hiring United to provide security services during the casino’s construction.

Dresnin is now the vice president of human resources for United Service.

I wonder if maybe Bluhm is again in trouble elsewhere and it just has not come to the public light yet. Does he want to hopefully slide by the Commission before everything about him and his operation comes to the light. I said it before, and I will say it again, Bluhm and Carney should not be trusted or allowed to be involved in the gaming business in Massachusetts. I firmly believe that they will repeatedly violate the law here to the detriment of the citizens and will approach the gaming the way that they said it earlier this year; fines are just the cost of doing business for them.

As importantly, there should only be on one casino in Southeastern Massachusetts and the Tribe should have the first priority in the casino. This is the only fair way to approach this. If the Tribe gets the approval to take the land in trust, they have all the background work, including agreements with the state and the city of Taunton, completed long ago. With a casino in Taunton, which is only about 15 miles from Brockton, there would be

oversaturation in Region C if the Brockton developer received a license. You should give the tribe a fair chance. A decision on the Tribe's application is expected soon. The Tribe's compact gives the state \$2.1 billion over 20 years. However, two casinos mean the Tribe pays nothing and it also means that Brockton will get substantially less than the \$10 million promised by the developers during the campaign.

Like the other citizens in Brockton, I am strongly opposed to a Brockton casino right next to our schools. I keep hearing political candidates say dumb things like they are going to put trees in between the high school and the casino. The problem is that the children are all around the entire fairground property every day so the tree idea on the side that faces the high school is laughable. Unless they put a solid concrete wall about 1,000 feet high around the entire property with no signs visible, the children are going to be attracted and distracted by the casino. They will also be vulnerable to strangers coming and going in the very area where the child should be the safest, namely around their school. The city is deeply divided over this and the residents will keep fighting it. Those who live around the fairgrounds know the traffic problems already and the other citizens have yet to realize the further traffic problems that will happen throughout the city with a casino in the proposed location. Having two casinos right near each other on the Route 24 corridor would make the highway a parking lot and ultimately, hurt jobs and the quality of life of many families.

I am not sure if you were aware of the latest public article about Mr. Bluhm so I wanted to share: Rush Street Gaming Threatens to Ditch Brockton Casino (<http://calvinayre.com/2015/09/10/casino/rush-street-gaming-threatens-to-ditch-brockton-casino-bid/>). I know Rush Street, et al appeared before you the other day but I'm not sure if Rush Street shared all the statements that are in this article to you directly.

Like the other citizens in Brockton, I am strongly opposed to a Brockton casino right next to our schools. I also don't believe that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission should be threatened by any proponent nor should the Gaming Commission be berated into acting hastily. There is an old adage that haste makes waste. I firmly believe that Mr. Bluhm, et al should be told in very clear and strong terms that the Gaming Commission will not be coerced by his veiled threats or anything else. Additionally, I think this latest tirade by Bluhm should give you an idea of what he and his cohorts are really all about. They have opened a window for you to see inside and the view should not be minimized nor ignored. If you stay the course, he may just implode right in front of you like Mr. Carney has done many times when things do not always go just the way he wants them to go.

And to add to it, Bluhm is manipulating things and has been less than forthright with the Commission regarding his supposed lack of concern about the Taunton casino and his money and orchestration of the lawsuit against the tribe all in an effort to get you to dismiss the tribe so that you will give him a license to ruin Brockton. All from a guy who won't spend a dime at a casino and who considers gambling for idiots. The only idiot is Bluhm because he is gambling that he can make fools of the Commission.

So I ask that you please take these concerns into consideration as you make your decision about a Region C casino and look more carefully at the proponents. Quite frankly, I believe that it would be best not to award any casino to Region C but I am positive that no decision should be made until you have done your due diligence and have all the information before you.

Thank you,

Courtney Kireilis

Brockton, Ma

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Joycenyhan@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 6:38 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Brockton proposal
Attachments: The Mass Gaming Commission 2.docx

Please accept this statement as my submission on the Brockton Casino

The Mass Gaming Commission

Re: Rush Street Gaming application for a Casino License in the City of Brockton

Although a meeting took place last night and unfortunately it went on so long that I had to leave so I did not get to listen to all of the speakers.

However, I did get to hear most of the presenters on behalf of the Rush Street Gaming Co. and I must say that I found their presentation to be nothing more than "sunshine rhetoric" and I cannot believe that anyone would succumb to the flowery nonsense that they presented. They spoke of the extensive care that they take to prevent underage gambling but they certainly failed to mention that they were fined pretty heavily for violations of exactly that nature in 2015. The story was even carried in our own Brockton Enterprise and I am sure that many people saw it and I am also sure that many who would like to see a Casino in Brockton chose to overlook it.

They also spoke extensively of the promised work to be done on the roads and highways leading to this facility and just this morning it was noted that the intersection of Pleasant St. and West St. in Brockton is one of the most dangerous in the state. I know that many tax dollars were spent on the research, engineering, design and planning for the restructuring of this intersection which is quite new only for it to now be named one of the most dangerous in the state. How can we be sure that the many dollars that are promised by the Rush Street organization will really happen and that it will really work?

I noted that they (Rush Street) were very adept at throwing around the colorful numbers in the many millions which I am sure dazzled many of those in attendance. I am sorry to say that looking around I noted many of the very obvious low income citizens were very much in attendance. I feel that gambling is designed to attract the low income and very vulnerable and thus even more dangerous to have within the confines of my city. Why our own Mayor hosted parties in two elderly high rise facilities which just so happen to have posters promoting the casino on the walls during those parties. I feel that even does recognize the vulnerability of these people and he played on that vulnerability. I fear that these people will be taken advantage of and they will spend what little money they have and thus become unable to take proper care of themselves and perhaps jeopardize their own safety and health. A casino in the confines of the city make it far too tempting and far too convenient.

I felt as though the members of the Commission were very attentive to the speakers and I hope that when the actual citizens including the ones in opposition of this facility the Commission was equally attentive.

I took the initiative when I got home to do some research of the Rust Street Group and I found many negative remarks stated about the false promises of equal pay, equal opportunities to be just that, false. They present a wonderful picture but they do not follow through. To some extent being someone who works in finance I understand that presentation was set up to make them look like a desirable organization to do business in our city however, I feel that much more research into the kind of organization that they actually are certainly should be done before granting this license.

I understand business decisions and sometimes that these decisions are not comfortable ones and therefore not everyone walks away smiling but this kind of organization can be very detrimental to the growth of a city and the growth of the young people in our city.

I know that the Mayor spoke of the needs of the schools, police and fire department but as someone who has lived in Brockton for 50 years I feel that there is a considerable amount of spending done by various departments in our city that can be monitored much better and that the mayor and others in charge have a fiduciary responsibility to do what is best for the city and not for themselves.

I would have liked to be able to stay through the entire meeting last night but I was unable to do so and therefore I ask that some more deep consideration be given before this license is issued.

I am quite sure that a more suitable site could be found that would not invade a city and a neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Joyce Nyhan

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Subject

CASINO IN BROCKTON

Questions or Comments

Due to my work schedule I was not able to attend the most recent meeting. I just want let my opinion on this matter known. I oppose that location.....traffic there is awful already. Also the vote was very close telling me many Brockton residents oppose this location.

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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

BROCKTON CASINO

Questions or Comments

I am contacting you to oppose the Brockton casino. Terrible location....already heavy traffic & across from a school. You should do a field trip when students are arriving or departing (or sporting events). I avoid driving by at all costs now during those times. As a frequent flyer at Foxwoods I do not oppose casino's just that location. If it is approved I will not frequent just on general principle.

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Chris Fitzpatrick <poman20009@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 2:17 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: MG&E Brockton

Dear sirs,

I was hoping to attend your meeting scheduled for March 1, 2016, however because of my work schedule I will not be able. I did, however, want to voice my support for a casino in Brockton. I am a nearly lifelong resident of Brockton. I was raised on the west side and have now purchased a home and live on the west side near the proposed casino location. I honestly feel that a business of this magnitude, with the amount of investment in infrastructure and job creation proposed, is what Brockton needs to survive. Although the city has a reputation for being resilient, it needs this size business if it has any hope of someday being more than just a once great city. This type of investment can begin the city on a path of resurgence. With the money generated by the casino contract, the city can hire much needed law enforcement. Surrounding businesses can be helped by the spending of people that might not otherwise come to the city, and road projects that are needed now but are on the state's long term list, can be completed now.

You'll hear opposition to the project because of its proximity to the high school. That's an argument that holds little water in my opinion. Having a casino near a school does not negatively effect the morals health or safety of students anymore than the liquor stores, convenience stores that sell lottery tickets, or fast food establishments which contribute to the obesity epidemic; all of which are as close or closer to the high school than the proposed casino location.

The fairgrounds location will be developed in one way or another. If, as rumor suggests, that a Super Walmart will be developed there, if the casino project does not get approval, that will be far more detrimental to the area. A Super Walmart at that location will generate as much traffic as the casino, only without the road improvements the casino developer plans and it will put nearby businesses like Shaws Supermarket, Stop and Shop and Pet Smart just to name a few, out of business. People will go to Super Walmart for one stop, cheap shopping. This will create yet more empty store fronts in Brockton. Exactly what the city doesn't need more of. Super Walmart, or something similar, will not create anywhere near the numbers of jobs needed in this community which the casino has proposed.

I would like to also address the concern of over saturation of the market with casinos. Obviously, it is a known that the Taunton area has received approval from the government for the Indian casino. I believe these two casinos can coexist. It will actually create a better business for both communities, theoretically. Why? Competition for patrons. Each location will want to have better restaurants, entertainment, and atmosphere. People will go to each location if the product is good enough to spend money on.

Finally, I am hoping the commission does not hold the current reputation of Brockton against it. It is a not so well kept secret that the commission preferred a New Bedford location over Brockton. New Bedford was unable to go forward. Brockton was able to show you that a majority of voting citizens want this business here. Please be a conduit for positive change in this city. You hold the power to help make this city a more desirable place to eat, shop, be entertained and live in, in the near future. It is a great responsibility and one that you can be proud of when you see the results in the near future, if you support this venture. Thank you.

Christopher Fitzpatrick
58 Leah Drive
Brockton, Ma 02301

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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

Note To Chairman Crosby

Questions or Comments

Mr. Chairman,
Thank you and your commissioners for coming to Brockton today to hear our pleas for and against the casino in Brockton. I am pro-casino and live in the same general neighborhood as Council President Tim Cruise who addressed you and the attendees. I've lived in Brockton all my life. My maternal grandfather was mayor of this fine city back in the late 1920s and 30s during the heyday of this Shoe City, which current Mayor Carpenter characterizes as no longer than the Shoe City. A casino at the Fairgrounds would be bigger and more beneficial than what the shoe industry brought to Brockton years ago.

I'm an usher at the catholic church, Our Lady of Lourdes across West Street from the Fairgrounds. During a recent petition drive during the Mass I was attending, one of the nuns approached another nun, asking her to sign the anti-casino form, to which the second nun proclaimed, "I will not! The casino is what this city needs!" Thought you might enjoy that little story.
Sincerely, Paul

Forwarded to Steve and copied Amy.

MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

From: Cronin, Claire Cronin (HOU) <claire.cronin@mahouse.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 4:28 PM
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Subject: MG&E Brockton
Attachments: Representative Claire Cronin_ Testimony for Mass Gaming Commission Heari....pdf

Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find written testimony for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's public hearing on MG&E Brockton.

Very Truly Yours,



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ELEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

March 1, 2016

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby and fellow Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the proposed gaming establishment in Brockton, Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC. I respectfully request that the Gaming Commission approve Mass Gaming & Entertainment's proposal for a resort casino in Brockton.

Last May, Brockton residents voted to approve the casino. The benefits of a casino in Brockton and the influx of jobs it will create is something that cannot be ignored.

A resort casino will positively impact Brockton by providing new employment opportunities, expanding the tourism industry, and creating new construction projects.

This project will have numerous economic benefits for the city of Brockton and the surrounding communities. Mass Gaming & Entertainment will make a more than \$675 million dollar investment in Brockton. The casino will provide high paying jobs with a preference given to Brockton residents. The new casino will create an entertainment district and will attract visitors from around the state, leading to increased growth and economic development for the city. This influx of people to the city will increase foot traffic for local businesses and restaurants.

Along with the economic benefits of the casino, MG&E has agreed to provide more than \$12 million in annual payments to the city. This additional revenue will be invested in Brockton schools, public safety and infrastructure, and will significantly impact the future of our city.

Thank you for your consideration of this vastly important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire D. Cronin".

Claire D. Cronin
State Representative
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The Commission has received a total of 36 form letters of opposition to awarding a Category 1 License to Mass Gaming & Entertainment in Region C. The form letters appear as follows:

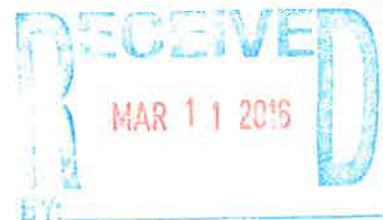
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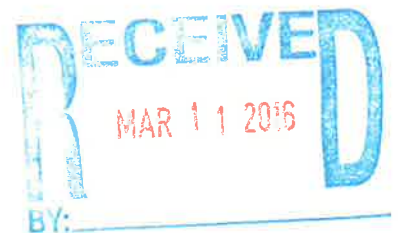
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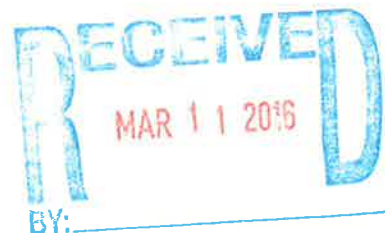


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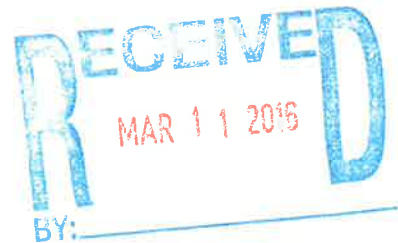
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WHY THE PROPOSED CASINO IN BROCKTON MUST BE REJECTED

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17 Longwood Ave
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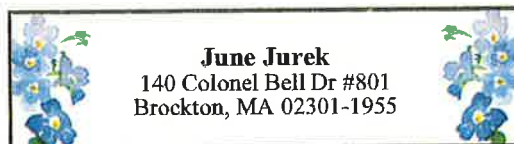
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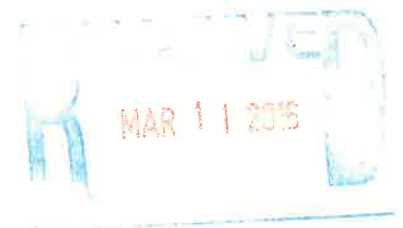
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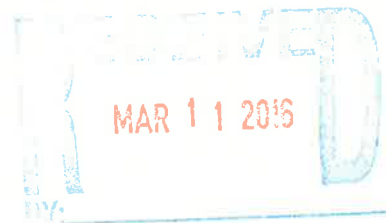
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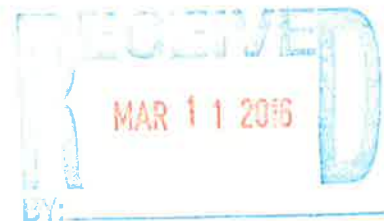
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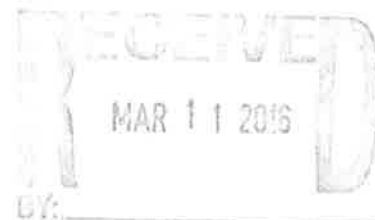
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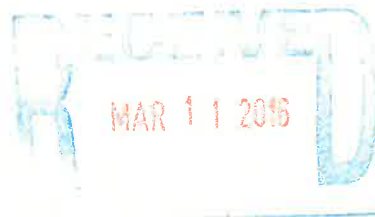
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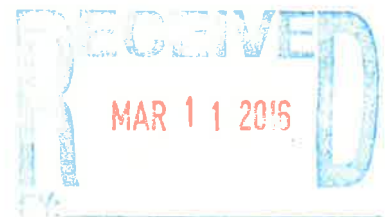
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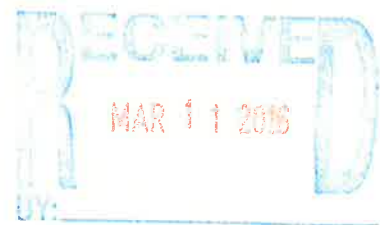
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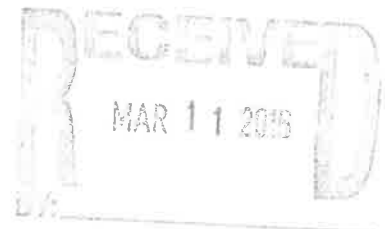
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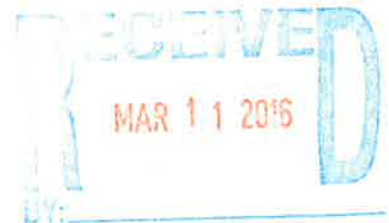
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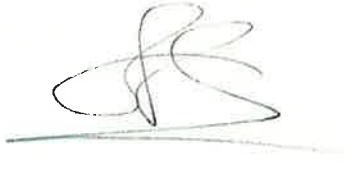
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This would be a disastrous situation. There is NO WAY all of these casinos would survive. They will be asking for tax breaks, rebates and other give-backs to be able to continue providing the (fewer) jobs and tax revenue they promised. Just look at what is happening in Maine and Atlantic City.

Licensing a commercial casino in Brockton would be first big step on a ruinous road to casino saturation. That is not what Massachusetts voters were promised or what they approved.

Please do not license this casino in Brockton.

Yours truly,

Massachusetts Gaming Commission

RE: MG&E Brockton – Region C

I have read that since the state's one casino opened in Plainville, more than 1,097 underage people have attempted to enter to gamble.

How many more will be drawn to a so-called destination resort casino in Brockton — located directly across Forest Avenue from Brockton High School?

While 23- and 24-year-olds are just beginning to use their fully matured brains to evaluate emotions and make decisions, children and teenagers aren't prepared to consider all the consequences of any one decision. This makes them ripe for addictions and predation of all kinds: opiates, gambling, alcohol.

As gambling becomes normalized, as our governments operate gambling through state lotteries and promote casino gambling, as the state considers legalizing online gambling and sports betting, the risk that children and young people will become addicted to gambling increases.

With a casino nearby, that danger is compounded, even if they are stopped at the door.

To make matters worse, I have read that Brockton's mayor hopes to create an 'entertainment district' around the casino. That is not appropriate, but I must note that the city does already have a so-called gentlemen's club located next to a hospital.

I ask the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to save us from this proposed disaster.
The proposal for this casino in Brockton should not be approved.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission

RE: MG&E Brockton – Region C

To the Gaming Commission:

I will use Commission Chairman Crosby's own words in asking that the gaming commission not approve the Brockton license.

In October, Chairman Crosby told WGBH's "Greater Boston" radio show that, "Nobody wants four casinos. Nobody wants two in southeastern Mass."

Since then, it is now certain that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe can build its casino in Taunton. Licensing a casino in Brockton on top of that would create the very situation that Chairman Crosby warned against.

Mr. Crosby also stated: "They would cannibalize one another. Neither one of them would do as well."

The argument against licensing a casino in Brockton is clear. Vote NO on the Mass Gaming and Entertainment license.

Thank you.