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Subject

Resort casino in Boston

Questions or Comments

To whom it may concern:

I have been doing much research and given a lot of thought to the casino's in Massachusetts, and in particular in Boston, and felt that it is my civic duty to contact you to let you know what this one particular resident (and tax payer) thinks about this.

I live in Danvers, MA and my work is based in Beverly, but I work across the North Shore. Based on the community thoughtfulness, workforce development and educational information, provided by both Wynn and Mohegan Sun, I would like to give my full support to Mohegan Sun. I have been thoroughly impressed by their outreach to the community, not to communicate what it is that they are going to do, but inviting the community to be a part of their planning. It's clear that Mohegan Sun has thought at length about how to make a casino in the greater Boston area an asset, both to the immediate and surrounding communities. They are interested in growing the community that they will be investing in, both economically, through employment and through infrastructure.

I hope that you will consider all voices in this process, please consider this voice wholeheartedly in favor of Mohegan Sun, which I believe will be a true asset to the entire community.

Best,

Paula Vogel

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Subject

revere casino

Questions or Comments

Hi,
I live directly accross the street to the Suffolk downs entrance in Revere and I am very much in favor of having a casino built in that location! I am originally from Italy and worked at suffolk downs. My father, father in law, my sister and I all worked there and many friends are still working there now. A beautiful casino in Revere will bring the city back to what it used to be and bring jobs to the city. Yesterday I walked on revere beach and there were so many people it felt like the city was becoming alive again. If we don't get the casino suffolk downs will close and a great oppurtunity for the city will be lost for ever along with many jobs.

Thank you

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Subject

Proposal for Region A Gaming Casino

Questions or Comments

I fully endorse the Gaming Casino proposal by Mohegan Sun for Suffolk Downs. I live in the Suffolk Downs area in East Boston and am looking forward to the jobs that will be created by the presence of Mohegan Sun.

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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I am in favor of the Mohegan Sun proposal and feel it will be a good thing for Massachusetts and for the North Shore in particular. I am a resident of Salem

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Subject

revere casino

Questions or Comments

This project would greatly benefit the revere community and its surrounding communities. As of today it is nothing but an eye sore. A resort build there would definitely be a major improvement. So please vote in our favor we want it and need it. Thank you.

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Mohegan Sun at Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

I am writing in support of Mohegan Sun's proposal to operate a casino on the Revere portion of the Suffolk Downs site. As a lifelong resident of East Boston, and former President of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, I am well aware of the legislative and community history of the East Boston proposal and was involved for a long period of time in the neighborhood and city hall meetings that related to that project. The close connections of many East Boston and Revere residents through family and business relationships make this a realistic collaboration with that city and with Mohegan. Plus the fact that this project will save hundreds of jobs at the adjacent Suffolk Downs Race Track ...jobs that have employed many East Boston and Revere families for at least three generationsis critical factor for your consideration of the Mohegan proposal. I have remained committed to a resort casino project at the Suffolk Downs site in Revere because I still believe there are many benefits that will accrue to East Boston if the Mohegan proposal for Revere wins the Commission's approval. I believe that it will provide a substantial local economic catalyst that will enhance our growing East Boston waterfront development. The recent Surrounding Community Agreement between Mohegan Sun and the City of Boston reflects Mohegan's continuing commitment to Boston, and East Boston specifically. This is essential for the anticipated benefits to reach those who literally abut the back yard of this project. Mohegan sat down and worked it out with Boston without resorting to a protracted arbitration. I believe that this is a reflection of Mohegan Sun's institutional values and the leadership that drives and motivates their local business partnership practices and relationships. For all these reasons, I endorse this project and would urge the Commission to select this site for the license in this Eastern Massachusetts region.

Thank You

Diane J. Modica
East Boston resident

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Pro Mohegan Sun Casino

Questions or Comments

As a long time patron of Suffolkdowns Racetrack I would like to have Mohegan Sun Casino be awarded the license to operate in Revere . More jobs would be created at the track ,not just saved . Vendors to Suffolkdowns would continue to benefit . With an existing MBTA Subway station already located at Suffolkdowns expected automobile traffic congestion would be aided in mitigating an obvious problem . Boston would not lose another part of her culture . A piece that contributes to making Boston one of the great cities of the world to live in and travel to .
Mohegan Suns development and management group appear to be more trust worthy , as well as more community oriented . Please choose Mohegan Sun as the developer of the Boston Casino License .
Jim Casey

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Mohegan Sun casino

Questions or Comments

I have supported their casino in Revere since the beginning, both because of the quality of their application and because it will accomplish two things, since it will also allow Suffolk Downs to continue. Recently I have become worried about the possibility of a Wynn casino apart from my support for Mohegan Sun. They have been almost contemptuous. They refused to go into mediation with Boston knowing that Boston would also refuse to produce an alternate plan. This does not bode well for the future - and supervising Wynn would be your problem. The recent news concerning political donations, while legal, maybe, is a red flag. They will use political influence whenever possible. Who will be responsible for enforcing any commitments they make? Mohegan Sun has been above board and cooperative. As have you. Thank you for you even tempered hearings. I! hope you will decide on Mohegan Sun and Revere.

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casino proposal

Questions or Comments

I am totally in agreement with Mohegan Suns proposal for Revere, East Boston and the surrounding communities. It is time to put this controversy to bed and move forward, notwithstanding all the negative publicity about casino gambling, people want to gamble, same as me, and so I say let them gamble at least Massachusetts will get something out of this .
Thank you

Michael Deangelis

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Casino License

Questions or Comments

Commissioners,
Quick and to the point. As a lifelong Revere resident, Mohegan Sun & Suffolk Downs is the best choice for the Casino License. The location and ease of access to Logan Int'l Airport, Mass Turnpike, and Public Transportation.
Thank you for your consideration!
Respectfully,
Thomas Young

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Subject

Casino

Questions or Comments

Thank you for taking the time to read this, i just wanted to add my name as a resident of Revere Mass that i hope the Mass Gaming Commission will approve a Casino for the City of Revere. As a Resident this would be such a wonderful oppturnity to have such a Resort here in the Boston Area and create much oppertunity for much needed Employment in this uncertain times we live in. Thank you all for your input and time and good luck.
Patrick Quirke.

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CASINO

Questions or Comments

MOHEGAN SUN IS GIVEING THE MOST MONEY TO ALL THE TOWNS AND CITYS AND IS SAVEING SUFFOLK DOWNS
JOBS THANKS AL AND ROSEMARY

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Subject

Casino

Questions or Comments

I think the casino would be a great idea, the fact that this casion would create a lot of new jobs for the residents of Revere (and I hope that holds true and not let illegal immigrants in) would be greatly appreciate it.

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Region A Proposal

Questions or Comments

To The Massachusetts Gaming Commission

I don't get to Suffolk Downs as much as I used too, I now live in Framingham. I am 72, so I go way back and I have seen many changes at the Track. I feel the current management is the best I can remember, and I follow tracks all across the country. I have been to many tracks East And West Coast. The advent of (Racinos) brings in added revenue witch means better jobs, pay and benefits, better purse structure for the Horsemen. Mohegan Suns Proposal for a class A Resort Casino License is in my opinion is best for the community. I have been to Mohegan Sun since it opened. Its a first class operation. I have spoken to employees and management and they are the best and love their jobs. I have visited many Casinos across the country I can say they Mohegan sun is one of the best. The Best on the East Coast Thank You, Daniel R. Salvati SR

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Sean Calista <scalista11@gmail.com>
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Subject: Revere IS the right choice!



I'm writing you this email in support of the casino proposal at Suffolk Downs.

As an East Boston resident, I have no doubt in my mind that Revere is the best place for a casino in the greater Boston area. The rich history at Suffolk Downs, close proximity to public transit along with a thriving local business community are just a few reasons why I think the casino should be located in Revere.

Please do what's right, put the hard working people of Revere back to work and bring a casino to Suffolk Downs. The benefits won't just stay in Revere, they would be felt all throughout the city including my neighborhood of East Boston.

Thanks,

Sean M. Calista
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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

As a long time resident of Revere I think the Mohegan Sun proposal will have a positive impact on the community. Revere is the perfect place for a casino as it can become one of the countries biggest tourist spots. With Boston just a 10 minute ride by T and a beautiful beach within walking distance I think the Mohegan Sun proposal is a win win.

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Support for Mohegan Sun and the Revere Casino Location

Questions or Comments

Thank you for your great and fair work of navigating through the state and local politics surrounding your upcoming casino license decision. I want to voice my opinion that the decision to make Revere as the location of the casino is the correct one for both the future of gaming in Massachusetts and the the preservation of the thoroughbred racing industry. Please choose Revere.

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Suffolk Downs Casino

Questions or Comments

Please agree that a Casino at Suffolk Downs truly makes sense. Mohegan Suns agreement with surrounding communities and location to airport. Lets save a race track that is slowly dyeing. I do hope the commission will give this consideration.

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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Both my husband and I support Mohegan Sun at Revere. Here at western ma we are anxiously awaiting the development of the casino. We are both racehorse owners with our horses currently at Suffolk Downs Racetrack. If the Casino passes job opportunities will be beneficial in all aspects of construction and employees for the casino operations itself. Please help to keep Suffolk Downs as the only historical racetrack alive in Ma not only for all the employees of the track but for racehorse owners like ourselves. We need to bring back the days when famous horses raced there and only with the passing of the Mohegan Sun casino can we bring all this to fruition. Thank you for your time and please vote YES for Mohegan Sun.

Retired MA elem teacher- Susan Wright

Retired union heavy equip operator-Ed Chmyzinski

Thoroughbred racehorse owners from Sunderland Ma/ Robin Tree Farm

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Mohegan Sun Vs. Wynn

Questions or Comments

Dear Commissioners,

Massachusetts has been a corrupt place to conduct business for a long time. I'm reading there are ownership questions regarding the property to be used for the Wynn Casino Project. While I have a high regard for Mr. Wynn, if there is any doubt as to the integrity of his proposal, I believe the long standing good citizenship of Suffolk Downs and the reputation of Mohegan Sun combined with the enthusiasm Revere's citizens have demonstrated for the project warrant the License to be awarded to them. At 68 Y.O. I've been waiting to play poker in a local casino for 40 years. Please move this project along so I can realize my dream. THANK YOU.

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save Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

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To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I am writing to ask for your vote to save Suffolk Downs and to award the casino license to Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun. I am not affiliated with Suffolk Downs in any financial or official way, but I am someone who cares deeply about the future of thoroughbred racing in New England. The hundreds, if not thousands, of people who are part of the Suffolk Downs family, who have dedicated their lives to enabling these equines to manifest their potential, have spoken more eloquently and passionately about preserving their livelihood and way of life, than I ever could.

I'm not a gambler other than an occasional small bet. I'm either not smart enough, or dumb enough, nor rich enough or poor enough, to expect to make much money from the track. If I do place a bet, it's with a calculated risk, and to enjoy the thrill of the race with an added interest. I just love watching those magnificent creatures run. I'm not talking about the jockeys and trainers, I am referring to the horses. There's not a more beautiful place to spend an afternoon than at Suffolk Downs.

But there is one bet that I believe in 100%- that if you vote for Suffolk Downs and keep this storied track alive, you will have a winner. And you will never regret this bet.

We are a country built on agricultural traditions, but we are fast losing our connections and animal husbandry. In 1785, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "From breakfast, or noon at the latest, I am mostly on horseback, attending to my farm or other concerns, which I find healthful to my body, mind, and affairs." Every time we are removed from our farming heritage, we are poorer as a result.

For the thousands affected by your decision, Suffolk Downs deserves your vote. Yes, we do not have the fortune of having a patron such as Queen Elizabeth, "who adores breeding race horses" in our midst, but we do have a Massachusetts breeding industry that is hoping to grow and the promise of renewed investment in Massachusetts agriculture.

The track's history is steeped with legendary names, and for New England, which practically invented American history, Suffolk Downs has played an important role. When it was built in the depths of the Depression, Suffolk Downs gave people hope, and a place to escape from ordinary cares, as well as see first hand a horse that was to become a national icon: Seabiscuit. Seabiscuit was discovered here at Suffolk Downs, and was ridden by Red Pollard here. War Admiral, who was bested by Seabiscuit in the "race of the century", also came to this track.

The roster of horses who have raced here is full of household names, from the two just mentioned to Whirlaway, Cigar, Funny Cide, and Riva Ridge, who was ridden by Ron Turcotte to victory in the 1973 Mass. Cap, the same year he rode Secretariat to his Triple Crown. Legendary jockeys such as Eddie Arcaro, John Velazquez, Jerry Bailey, Gary Stevens, and Boston born

Chris McCarron, as well as many others, but none more important than our own Tammy Piermarini, who has achieved the rarified status of only a handful of female jockeys, or any jockey, by having well over 2000 wins.

It's not just the famous names, though, that make Suffolk Downs. It's the everyday horses and trainers and all those affiliated with bringing a horse to the track who teach us how to compete even against the odds, to keep running even when there seems to be no chance, to triumph.

Another legend who started at Suffolk Downs when he wasn't cutting classes at Harvard is Andrew Beyer, who developed a system of analyzing a horse's speed by taking into consideration track variances which gives a more accurate method of comparing horses comparable speeds. Beyer Speed figures are in integral part of handicapping and are now a standard in the industry. As he proved, some things are more interesting than Harvard.

But Suffolk Downs is also about leadership. It was the first track in the country to ban any owner whose horse had been sold to a slaughterhouse. If a horse is found to end up in one of these unfortunate facilities, the owner is banned for life from racing at Suffolk Downs. No medications other than furosemide (Lasix) may be administered to a horse within 24 hours of racing.

Clearly, Suffolk Downs is an integral part of Boston's remarkable sports institutions. It must have your support to survive.

If the Boston Garden were in financial trouble, would you say no to the Bruins and the Celtics?

If Gillette Stadium faced closure for economic reasons, would you say no to the New England Revolution and the Patriots?

Heaven Forbid, if Fenway Park did not have the backing to continue, would you say no to the Boston Red Sox?

Will you say YES to SUFFOLK DOWNS?

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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Suffolk Downs Casino

Questions or Comments

This is clearly the only logical site for an entertainment and gambling Casino. Not only will it help out the Revere economy, but it will save for posterity the historic track . Revere has the first public beach, and one of the finest views on the east coast. Revere is already an historic vacation and recreational center. lets not mince words with the obvious. I Thank you all for your time.

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Mohegan Sun proposal

Questions or Comments

I support the Mohegan Sun proposal to build a casino at Revere and Suffolk Downs. I believe it is the best choice for eastern Massachusetts. It will support jobs, economic growth, tax revenue, and help Suffolk Downs as an Institution in the region.

Thank you.

Glenn Howard
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Revere Casino

Questions or Comments

Lived in Revere all my life, worked at bell circle during wonderland suffolk dwn days. I think impact on Revere and surrounding cities would be minimal.

With the mass pike ending at the airport, and the blue line right there traffic I don't think would make a big impact on the local area. But it will bring jobs 1 or thousand it is still jobs and increase for personnel for police and fire.

Think about it mass pike right there, blue line, make a stop for commuter rail a track close by how could you not pick Revere. It's the perfect spot

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Revere Casino

Questions or Comments

Massachusetts is rated highest in healthcare. We have the best schools in the world. We have some of the most livable neighborhoods in the country. Giving Revere the casino license would also lower the unemployment rate. It would bring in needed tax dollars. Because if the location Revere has (as compared to Everett), a Revere location would bring in more travelling people who would visit the casino. With the coming improvements in East Boston there will be more facilities for people coming into town. I live in East Boston. My whole family and I support the Revere casino 1000000000%!

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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Revere needs this employment opportunity and as a business owner I'm looking forward to it coming here .

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Subject

Moghen Sun

Questions or Comments

If you attend any casino and look in the parking lot you see a majority of Mass plates. A casino in Revere would be a great improvement. There will be shows to see gaming and lets not forget about the majority of jobs. Please consider the good it will bring

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casino in revere

Questions or Comments

I am a resident of revere for 53 years and I am in favor of having a casino in revere.

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Mohegan sun casino proposal for Suffolk d

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Casino in Revere, yeah!!!!!!

Questions or Comments

Please hurry & get a casino in Mass. It's too far to drive to Mohegan Sun in Conn.

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Casino for Mohegan

Questions or Comments

I believe Revere is the perfect city for casino gaming.

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Subject

Resort A Casino License

Questions or Comments

Please support Mohegan Sun's proposal for a Resort A Casino License at Suffolk Downs in Revere. Suffolk Downs is an established, socially accepted, and appropriate location. Revere and the surrounding communities are desperately in need of the economic development that would result, and Mohegan Sun is a proven operator with integrity and Massachusetts roots.

Thank You,
Sean O'Neil

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Casino/horse racing

Questions or Comments

I'm am all for Mohegan Sun Casino And HORSE RACING. Don't let these people down. Lets make sure that the last horse racing track in New England becomes the best that racing has to offer by offering stakes comparable to the rest of the country and bringing in the quality of thoroughbreds that excite people and bettors. Follow in the footsteps of Penn National that has combined horse racing and casinos all over the country and save the livelihoods of thousands of New England horsemen and their farms and their employees that have dedicated their lives to horses and racing. Why offer in- creased economic and job opportunities at the expense of thousands of others that are involved in the horse racing industry when you can have it all.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere casino

Questions or Comments

My wife and I and all of our neighbors here in Oak Island are mostly retirees. We find the prospect of a high-stakes gambling casino at Suffolk Downs will entice retirees to toss their hard-earned savings into the maw of a no-win con game; a scam that will leave them homeless and destitute. We strongly oppose the imposition of any unwanted casino in our fair city!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere Casino License

Questions or Comments

I just want to let you know that I believe the Mohegan Sun's proposal for a casino license in Revere is much better than the other proposal in Everett. At least the land is not on contaminated soil. Although I don't consider myself a gambler, the thoughts of the combination of both the race track and a casino will create a great vibe for the community and the surrounding area. Those people that are considered as NIMBYS are the very same people you see going to either Connecticut or Rhode Island. I am saying this because I know a number of people who are 'technically' against the casino license for Revere but they are always going down to CT to either Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun. I have yet to go to either of those two places but I can say that I will certainly find the time to go to the Casino in Revere

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere gambling casino

Questions or Comments

The thought of a casino in Revere will destroy all thoughts of improving our city!
Who wants to influence young children with a casino within one-quarter mile of an elementary school (Beachmont)? Do we want our impressionable children to see hung-over broken drunks staggering from a casino after a night of drinking and losing all of their money? Do we want our children to witness the actions of the pimps, prostitutes, drug dealers and their agents soliciting money from passersby so that they can continue their awful habits?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Moheghan Sun in Revere

Questions or Comments

I can't tell you the money I have spent in Connecticut enjoying the retaraunts and gaming at Moheghan Sun. Let's get some of those jobs there and money spent back to the state that can benefit . Bring MS to Massachusetts.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Questions or Comments

NOW is the time for Revere to be awarded the casino that they have worked so hard and so long for. Revere was one of the first communities to put together their program and plan for a Casino at Mohegan Sun. The competitive community in the area has JUST begun to get ready and appears to be laden with issues of environmental concern. REVERE is the best location and the community who went to work immediately to win a casino. REVERE IS READY!!! NOW IS THE TIME FOR REVERE!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

casino in revere

Questions or Comments

i just wanted to say that it is important to us that it goes through . my husband works at suffolk downs , and we fear that with out this he will become unemployed . it is also a benefit for the city as far as the police, fire and schools that the revenue will bring please say YES

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Vote yes for the casino in Revere

Questions or Comments

I live in Winthrop and it would good for the Town to receive benefits from this Projet ! Everet has not even contacted Winthrop !

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

suffol downs

Questions or Comments

I thought that the owners of Suffolk Downs would be true to their word that if one community rejected the casino that they would abandon the idea. Moheghan Sun's proposal will have the same negative effect on East Boston as the first proposal. Atlantic City was negatively affected by casinos and now Trump is closing theirs. There's no easy access to Suffolk Downs and is a bad location for a casino

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

support revere proposal

Questions or Comments

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SUFFOLK DOWNS PROPOSAL TO BUILD A CASINO AND THIS IS EXCELLENT CHOICE AND THIS IS ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REQUIRE FEDERAL LAW THAT HANDICAP PEOPLE SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BLUE LINE) WHEN THEY VISIT CASINO FACILITY AT SUFFOLK DOWNS.

I STRONGLY RECCOMEND YOU TO APPROVE A NEW LICENSE FOR SUFFOLK DOWNS APPLICATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY JOHN STELLA

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan's Proposal

Questions or Comments

I have been 100% for the Proposal it's a great economic boost for East Boston! I'm asking for your help in achieving this great opportunity!! Thank You for your support!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Support Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Suffolk Downs horse racing is a great asset to the state and its economy. Please keep it alive by approving the Mohegan Sun casino.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere vs Everett

Questions or Comments

Revere voted for this , so what is the problem?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mass Casino via Mohegan

Questions or Comments

I sure hope this passes. I love Mohegan Casino but I get tired of the drive down CT. It would be so nice if we have one in Revere. It would help the city so much financially. Be nice to keep the Horse track there as well. That would be so cool of both worlds.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan in revere

Questions or Comments

This location makes the most sense and it is inevitable that a casino will come to mass. Just the tax implication alone staying in mass is reason enough. More importantly is the casino to be t accessible and close to the boson area. I am fully expecting this casino to be moving forward and i think the Mohegan people are handling it the best of the bunch. They know New England and already have a relationship with many of their future patrons.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

APPROVE Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Many years ago a politician said "it is all about the economy Stupid"!!!

The same is true today for the Eastern MA casino at Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun !!

Help the economy, Help people get quality jobs from a quality employer Mohegan Sun !! It should be all about the Economy and Jobs, Don't be Stupid !!

APPROVE Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun ASAP!!!!!!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Mohegan Sun Casino Proposal

Questions or Comments

Please approve the Mohegan Sun Casino Proposal for Revere and the Suffolk Downs site. I think that this proposal is the most feasible and the most beneficial for the surrounding communities and for the state of Massachusetts. Appreciate your consideration. Thanks, R

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere Casino proposal

Questions or Comments

I own and manage 3 properties in Revere and I am in support of the proposed casino in Revere.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Name

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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Please, oh please, let gaming come to Massachusetts, especially at the Suffolk Downs location. This would be great, I live in Salem, the North Shore, and I am tired of driving to Connecticut or Rhode Island to lose my money. I would at least like to lose it to the State I live in. Thanks for listening.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun - Racetrack

Questions or Comments

I moved last month to NH in view of the uncertainty of the continuation of racing in Mass. My farm Pembury House of Sutton, MA. was used in the economic study and I have been a Massachusetts thoroughbred breeder since the 80's. I retained land in Sutton, MA. to return to in the event the Mohegan Sun/Suffolk is given the license. I have also bred my best mare to produce a Mass.-bred if racing can continue. I sincerely hope that Mohegan's proposal is accepted since it the only chance for racing to survive.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Casino License

Questions or Comments

We are hoping that you will approve the Casino License at Suffolk Downs. I grew up in Revere, had world class entertainment at Revere Beach, and now there is nothing like this. How great it would be to have a beautiful place to go have fun, see great acts, and reap the benefits of job creation in an area that just doesn't seem to get its fair share. Give Revere a good chance. Please.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Suffolk Downs Casino

Questions or Comments

I support a casino at Suffolk Downs. I live in the adjacent Beachmont neighborhood and while I think a casino will come with issues - traffic, drunk driving, irresponsible behavior. I recognize that in 2014, Beachmont already has these issues and they are worsening. A casino will give this community a chance at new jobs and a higher standard of living. Without it, we're Lawrence in 10 years. I realize your work will probably be undone by misguided voters in November (only in MA could we spend all the money and effort and insist on nothing to show for it), but I implore you to do what's best for this area and grant Mohegan Sun the casino license. Thank you!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun In Revere, MA

Questions or Comments

Comments are simple, jobs, jobs and more jobs. Keep money within our own state of Massachusetts instead of going out to other neighboring states. I do hope you read these emails commissioner.

Regards,
Emilio

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Potential Casino

Questions or Comments

Making a choice between the two candidates for the potential casino is relatively easy. Revere is NOT on contaminated landfill; The owner of Suffolk Downs has an excellent reputation...(I won't elaborate)

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Support Mohegan Sun & Suffolk Downs!

Questions or Comments

Save jobs and Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts.
Thanks.

Best Regards,

Jim Fenton

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Eastern MA Casino location

Questions or Comments

Commission Members:

I am writing to support locating the eastern Massachusetts casino in Revere, MA. I am a Revere resident with a home in the Beachmont area of Revere. Thus, I live within walking distance of where the casino would be located.

My wife and I are not gamblers and thus I doubt I will ever be in the casino except, perhaps, to look around and see what it looks like. But my wife and I do visit Suffolk Downs Racetrack numerous times during the summer. As I mentioned, we are not big gamblers. The last time at the track I bet only one race - two dollars to win. (Unfortunately, my horse came in fifth - out of six. You can see why I don't bet often!). But my wife loves horses and it is wonderful to have thoroughbred racing right here in Revere. This, as you know, will be lost if the casino is located in Everett, rather than Revere. Also, we have come to know a number of people who work at Suffolk Downs. They, and many others like them, will lose their jobs if the racetrack is forced to close.

I hope the continued existence of a historic racetrack, along with all the jobs attached to that endeavor, weighs heavily in your decision of casino placement and you choose Revere for the eastern Massachusetts site.

Sincerely,

David A. Malaro
10 Nerious Ave., Revere, MA

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun proposal

Questions or Comments

I think the commission should consider the Mohegan Sun proposal for Suffolk Downs. We do not need another vacant business and 500 people out of jobs. We need jobs, and I believe the proposal will bring more business to the surrounding cities and towns.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan sun deserved the gaming license!

Questions or Comments

I frequently drive down to Mohegan sun in CT and I can't tell you how beneficial it would be for MA to have one. Between all the forms of shopping, concerts, games, and activities they offer in combination with all of the jobs they will be creating and the money they will be bringing in towards new construction and for schools in the area is phenomenal! On top of that, just think of all of the tourism the state of the art facility will bring in!
Thank you!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

horse racing

Questions or Comments

I believe horse racing will be good for Revere and Mass.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Suffolk Downs / Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I am in total agreement of Mohegan Suns request to put a casino at Suffolk Downs. Their Casino in Conneticut is a pleasure to go to. They are a well run and is a highly respected company. I truly hope your decision is in favor of giving the Casino Licience to Mohegan Sun
Sincerely JoAnn Bertolino

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun Resort

Questions or Comments

Dear Commissioners,
As a life long resident of Lynn and Saugus I wish to show support for Mohegan Sun and the Suffolk Downs Race Track. I am neither a racing or gambling fan. With that said I wish to see the historic track remain open. Mohegan Sun has operated their gambling casino's and resorts with a minimum of negative newsworthy events. Mohegan Sun is a New England Company with Native American ties to all of the communities in New England. The impact of the casino will have no more impact than the new WalMart on Rt 1 or any new business or residence to be located in the Rt 1 corridor between Revere and Saugus or the empty Hilltop Steakhouse. Many jobs will be created from management to service workers and part time for recent baby boomer retirees,
Please take these comments into your decision.
Regards,
Mary Robblee

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

VOTEING no to a casino

Questions or Comments

I believe the city of Revere is not a city FOR a casino it is a small family fun city A ALL SEASON STATE OF ART AMUSEMENT PARK AND IT WILL DRAW THE SAME MONEY TO REVERE IF NOT MORE FOR FAMILIES A CASINO WILL DESTROY THE CITY AND BANKRUPT THE CITY ONLY REASON IT GOT THIS FAR IS DUE TO THE MAYOR BEING A GAMBLER WHICH IS NOT A GREAT THOUGHT HE WOULD USE HIS STATUS TO FORCE THE RESIDENTS TO HAVE SOMETHING THEY DO NOT APPROVE OF AND GAMBLING IS A ADDICTION JUST LIKE DRUGS AND DRINKING SO THE COMBINATION OF ALL 3 IN A SMALL COMMUNITY IN THE MIDDLE OF 5 SCHOOLS AREAS AND AND YOU CAN DRESS IT UP ANY WHICH WAY YOU WOULD LIKE IT COMES BACK DOWN TO THE SAME THING LOSS FOR THE CITY OF REVERE THROUGH ENJOYMENT COMFORT SECURITY AND SAFETY PLEASE AS A PERSON THAT CARES FOR EAST BOSTON AND REVERE DO NOT ALLOW A CASINO THERE ARE LARGER AREAS CLOSER NOR! TH IF NEEDED OR WANTED EASTBOSTON AND REVERE NEEDS A PLACE THAT BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER NOT FURTHER APART THANK YOU

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I think Suffolk downs and Mohegan Sun are a perfect fit for Massachusetts with jobs and benefits for the surrounding cities.
Please consider
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SMART GROWTH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION

MEMORANDUM

**FROM: MARC DRAISEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

TO: MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BOSTON AREA (REGION A) CASINO LOCATIONS IN
EVERETT (WYNN) AND REVERE (MOHEGAN SUN)**

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2014

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) regularly reviews development proposals deemed to have regional impacts. The purpose of such reviews is to promote consistency of the proposed development with the goals of *MetroFuture*, the regional policy plan for the Boston metropolitan area, which was adopted in 2008; the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Principles; the GreenDOT initiative; as well as decreasing adverse impacts on the local and regional environment.

In this memorandum, MAPC does not take a position on the merits of casino gambling. Nor do we suggest a preference for either of the two proposals, since the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) must make that choice based on a wide array of issues that extend far beyond the land use and transportation impacts assessed in this memorandum. In addition, MAPC recognizes that the citizens of Massachusetts will have the ultimate decision-making power when they vote in referendum this fall to determine if expanded gaming, including casinos, will be allowed in the state.

For full disclosure, I note that MAPC has performed casino-related work for the municipalities of Chelsea, Somerville, and Winthrop at their request, in order to assist them in the development of Surrounding Community Agreements (SCAs) with one or both of the applicants. (We were remunerated for the work in Somerville and Winthrop, but not in the case of our work in Chelsea.)

MAPC seeks to inform the MGC's overall decision-making process by providing information and analysis in three ways:

- 1) assessing land use and transportation impacts of the two proposed developments;
- 2) assessing whether the proposals and community agreements thus far achieved will adequately mitigate those impacts; and, finally,
- 3) indicating whether the projects will interfere with existing development or preservation plans already adopted by the Host or Surrounding Communities.

Wynn MA LLC (Wynn) is proposing the construction of a resort casino in Everett, which will comprise approximately 1.4 million square feet of gross floor area, excluding structured parking. The project includes a 504-room hotel and a gaming facility with 4,160 gaming positions. Other features include retail space, eight restaurants, a nightclub, convention and meeting space, a spa and gym, as well as an atrium garden. The project is located on approximately 33.9 acres on Horizon Way off Lower Broadway (Route 99) in Everett and abuts Route 99, a major commuter route that provides connections to numerous regional and interstate highways. It is also located within a major transit corridor in close proximity to two MBTA Orange Line stations, Sullivan Square and Wellington, and a number of bus routes. The proposed Wynn site is currently a blighted and environmentally contaminated waterfront brownfield that has sat dormant for many years. The proponent will assume

responsibility for the brownfield cleanup, which will be completed before project occupancy and require remediation of contaminated soil.

Mohegan Sun MA LLC (Mohegan Sun) is proposing a resort casino that will include 5,000 gaming positions, 450-550 rooms in two hotels, meeting/entertainment space, restaurants, a spa, and retail on a 39.7 acre site. The project site is located off Route 1A and Winthrop Avenue in Revere, and is immediately adjacent to the MBTA's Blue Line Beachmont Station as well as the Suffolk Downs Racetrack. In total, the project will comprise approximately 965,000 square feet of gross floor area, excluding structured parking. Suffolk Downs Racetrack's horse stable barns currently occupy the majority of the land proposed for the Mohegan Sun development. These horse barns will be removed as part of site preparation. In a separate project, a new stabling area is proposed on the Boston portion of the Suffolk Downs property.

From a land use perspective, many aspects of the two proposals are comparable. The scale of the facilities, number of employees, gaming positions, hotel rooms, and parking spaces are within similar orders of magnitude. Both proponents are proposing to undertake significant on-site and off-site infrastructure and transportation improvements in order to mitigate the impacts of the proposed developments. While the two projects are sited within future storm surge zones, both address this issue by placing non-critical facilities on the lower levels of the development.

While there are many similarities between the two projects, there are some significant differences. This memorandum highlights the differences between these two proposals and encourages the MGC to consider seriously both land use and transportation impacts when determining which site (if either) will be granted the Category 1 Gaming License for Region A (Eastern Massachusetts).

MAPC includes in this analysis our opinion on whether the proponent will adequately mitigate the negative impacts of the development. It is one thing if a development generates negative impacts that largely will be mitigated by actions of the proponent; it is quite another if these negative impacts will not (or, in some cases, cannot) be mitigated. MAPC's purpose in laying out impacts that are mitigated insufficiently (or not mitigated at all) is two-fold:

- 1) to encourage the MGC to place conditions on the approval of the selected gaming facility requiring the proponent to improve or expand mitigation in specific and effective ways, and
- 2) to indicate issues that the MGC must be ready to address through the Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) once the selected casino opens.

We wish to emphasize that land use and transportation impacts are not minor and ancillary issues in approving a major development proposal; rather, they will have significant effects on the users of the facility, the Host and Surrounding Communities, the residents of those cities and towns, local businesses, and people who travel into or through those communities.

Furthermore, while it is common to suppose that mitigation can be left to the MEPA process, we emphasize that many categories of impact fall beyond the range of impacts covered under the MEPA statute (housing, public safety, and gambling addiction, to name only a few). Therefore, the responsibility for mitigation in regard to such impacts falls to the MGC.

We respectfully suggest that these impacts – especially negative impacts which might be insufficiently mitigated – should play a critical role in your deliberations.

What are the major transportation and land use impacts of the casino proposals?

Impact #1: Traffic congestion. Advantage: Mohegan Sun

The transportation network will shoulder the greatest impact of the proposed casinos. Acknowledging that the casino developments will increase roadway congestion, both projects have outlined steps to improve the roadway network, to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles (SOV), to establish better transit connections, to provide private shuttle buses for patrons and employees, and to enhance water, bicycle, and pedestrian access to the sites.

The proposed casinos are at different stages in the MEPA process. However, in both cases the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs has issued Certificates that contain detailed reviews and scopes outlining specific roadway improvements that must be designed and constructed by the proponents, as well as specific roadway projects to which the proponents must contribute design funds. Since the Wynn proposal is more advanced in the MEPA process, specific improvements and design-fund obligations are proposed in the recently-issued Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). While the improvements related to the Mohegan Sun proposal have yet to be finalized, additional details are presented in the recently-released Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR); in particular, the proponent is working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) on a design for improving the Route 1A and Boardman Street intersection.

From MAPC's perspective, congestion at the Exit 28 ramp on I-93 and congestion through Sullivan Square are the biggest concerns in terms of traffic impacts for the Wynn site. I-93, a major interstate highway, serves as the main access point in and out of Boston from the north, and also serves the Sullivan Square area, and major economic development sites in Somerville (Inner Belt and Assembly Square). Sixty-three percent of all automotive trips by patrons are projected to access the site via Sullivan Square. Much of the proponent's proposed traffic mitigation focuses on Route 16 (Santilli Circle, Wellington Circle, and Sweetser Circle), a critical corridor that provides regional and local connections. The proponent also proposes to make changes to Route 99. While the proponent does propose to reconstruct Cambridge Street between its intersection with Ramp C-L and its intersection with Sullivan Square/Maffa Way, we have serious concerns regarding the overall mitigation program for Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue.

Boston has developed a long-term vision for Sullivan Square in which both residential and commercial density will be increased, the Square will become more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians, the area will be more walkable, and the intensity of connections with the Sullivan Square MBTA station will be increased and improved. This vision assumes a reduction in auto capacity on Rutherford Avenue, freeing up land for bike paths and green space. This urban land use vision was developed over several years through a comprehensive community-based planning process, in part funded by MAPC through the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant awarded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Boston's vision for Sullivan Square – which is highly consistent with the regional plan, *MetroFuture*, and which will generate numerous benefits for Boston, Everett, and Somerville, will likely be compromised by the increase in vehicular traffic associated with the Wynn casino. The plans presented to date do not adequately mitigate these negative impacts, and MAPC considers it unlikely that any reasonable mitigation package could provide an adequate solution to this problem. We urge the MGC to consider the impacts on Sullivan Square very seriously in deliberating on the Wynn casino location.

To a lesser degree, similar impacts will affect the Assembly Row and Inner Belt development sites in Somerville. The Assembly Row development is well underway and the Inner Belt development is in the planning stages. Significant federal and state investments have already been made to support and enable these developments to come to fruition. These new investments include a new Orange Line station and the planned extension of the Green Line to Route 16.

For the Mohegan Sun site, a serious concern is whether congestion could back up into the Ted Williams Tunnel. If this occurs, there would be significant delays to access Logan Airport and for regional vehicular movements headed north of Boston. The SDEIR recognizes that the Tunnel currently experiences congestion during the PM peak period. At MassDOT's request, the proponent has proposed suggestions to improve tunnel performance. One proposal is to change the pavement marking plan within the section outside of the Tunnel (the Connector "Boat Section"), effectively extending the South Boston on-ramp lane. It is important that the proponent continue to work with MassDOT and the City of Boston to implement a mitigation program that will alleviate traffic entering the Ted Williams Tunnel. MAPC is concerned that the developer's SCA with the City of Boston does not outline any funded mitigation commitments related to traffic and delays at the Ted Williams Tunnel. Mohegan Sun's SDEIR also does not outline funding mitigation commitments to manage traffic at this location.

With almost 70 percent of vehicle trips projected to approach Mohegan Sun through the already congested and inefficient Boardman Street intersection, it is critical that roadway improvements be made to this section of Route 1A. This has been a focal point of the proponent, who has made commitments to improve Route 1A in their Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the City of Revere and in certain SCAs. Ongoing discussions with MassDOT are taking place to select one of two roadway improvement options – a flyover solution (Option 8N) or an at-grade solution (Option 11).

Impact #2: Public transportation. Advantage: Mohegan Sun

While both projects outline extensive public transportation programs as a means to lower SOV travel to the proposed development locations and intend to provide shuttle access to the MBTA for both employees and patrons, public transit access to the site is more advantageous for the proposed Mohegan Sun location.

Both projects outline extensive public transportation programs, forecast similar mode shares for public transit (bus and subway) access (an estimated 10% for patrons and 30% for employees), and have MBTA bus stops nearby. The Mohegan Sun proposal has the advantage of direct proximity to the Blue Line's Beachmont Station, which is immediately adjacent to the site. By contrast, users of the Orange Line will need to transfer to shuttles provided by the proponent at Wellington and Malden Stations in order to reach the site itself, most likely increasing travel times, and making the projected mode shares more difficult to attain.

Impact #3: Proponent Funded Private Shuttles. Advantage: Wynn

Both projects will dedicate most on-site parking to patrons, requiring most employees to access the casino sites by public transportation or shuttle services provided by the proponent. While both casino developments have presented shuttle programs for employees and patrons, the Wynn proposal is significantly more advanced.

Wynn's shuttle program proposes a comprehensive network of shuttle routes to serve patrons and employees while discouraging automobile use. Specifically, Wynn outlines four different types of shuttle services that will all run for extended periods of time and have frequent headways. The four

shuttle services are: Patron Orange Line Shuttle Service, Employee Shuttle Buses, Premium Park & Ride, and a Neighborhood Shuttle. As mentioned in the FEIR, the proponent commits to allocate over \$7 million annually to operate the four shuttles. Moreover, Wynn plans to designate spaces for employee parking at existing parking facilities in Medford and Malden, which is outlined in the SCAs. Wynn has also indicated that developing lease agreements for both locations is well underway. Designating off-site employee parking is also planned in Everett but details still need to be finalized.

To minimize automobile trips to the Mohegan Sun site, the proponent discusses a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Shuttle Plan which will intercept employees commuting to the casino at key regional locations and transit hubs, such as commuter rail stations or park-and-ride locations, and at other yet-to-be-identified geographically dispersed satellite locations. Mohegan Sun acknowledges in their SDEIR that the HOV Shuttle Plan is still being developed.

In addition to and separate from the HOV Shuttle Plan, Mohegan Sun proposes a flexible shuttle system. Three separate routes have been preliminarily selected to comprise the flexible shuttle system: Maverick Square, Back Bay, and the Seaport/Theater Districts. Both the HOV Shuttle Plan and the flexible shuttle system will be implemented and operated by a third-party contractor. To ensure that the contractors select "interceptor" locations and schedule line runs effectively and seamlessly, the contracts will be performance-based.

Mohegan Sun's SDEIR also briefly mentions plans for a ground shuttle to and from Logan Airport. It is important to note that the SDEIR does not specify monetary commitments for any of these shuttle services in the SDEIR's Proposed Section 61 Findings and Mitigation Section.

Wynn proposes a robust water shuttle service. Specifically, the proponent plans to design and construct a water taxi/shuttle dock that will be available as a new stop for water transportation routes and will be located at the project site. The proponent proposes a water shuttle service with stops in Downtown Boston (Long Wharf or Rowe's Wharf) and South Boston (World Trade Center), with potential for expansion to other Boston Inner Harbor locations. Custom boats will be built by the proponent to ensure that they can pass under the Alford Street Bridge without requiring it to open. The Wynn FEIR forecasts that 6% of patrons and 3% of employees will initially use water transportation services to access the site. Even though there is no water transportation dock (existing or feasible) in proximity of the Mohegan Sun site, the proponent does outline some commitments to advance water transportation as an alternative mode.

Mohegan Sun supports the City of Boston's vision to enhance water transportation options to East Boston by instituting regular water shuttle service between the South Boston and East Boston (at Maverick Square) waterfronts. Mohegan Sun also plans to run a patron HOV shuttle between Maverick Square and the project site. The proponent will also support the Town of Winthrop's water shuttle transportation program and indicates that they will work with DCR to improve linkages between the Revere Beach Reservation and the Boston Harbor Islands.

Impact #4: Transportation Monitoring and Reporting. Advantage: Wynn

The Wynn FEIR outlines an extensive and thorough post-development transportation monitoring and reporting program. The proponent has committed to conducting regular monitoring and reporting of transportation mode shares and adjusting the project's alternative transportation services and transportation demand management (TDM) programs as necessary. Completed at the proponent's expense for a period of five years after full occupancy, the monitoring and reporting program will include annual data collection of traffic counts, parking, public transportation, and travel modes. The proponent indicates that the reporting structure will assist in measuring achievement of the project's

mode share goals, which are that no more than 71% of patrons and 41% of employees arrive by automobile. The proponent also proposes that corrective measures will be undertaken by the proponent if the monitoring indicates there are operational deficiencies and if either of the following conditions apply: 1) traffic volumes for the project exceed 110% of the projected values or 2) the distribution of project-related traffic from the project site entrance to the roadway network varies by more than 10% of the trip assignment assumed for the project.

On the other hand, Mohegan Sun's monitoring and reporting program is less advanced. While the SDEIR mentions conducting transportation monitoring and issuing an annual report, no details are provided. The SDEIR does state that TDM commitments, including specific elements of a traffic and transportation monitoring program, will be developed in collaboration with MassDOT and committed to in the Section 61 findings. The proponent also acknowledges that employee and patron mode share will be evaluated and monitoring of assumptions and effectiveness of TDM strategies will be discussed with MassDOT.

Impact #5: Economic and Community Benefits. Advantage: Mohegan Sun

Both casino proponents outline a series of measures that are meant to mitigate potential negative economic impacts caused by the gaming facilities, and to provide an array of community benefits. Such commitments can be important in a number of ways, but especially to off-set some of the potential adverse impacts of the gaming facilities on the economy of Host and Surrounding Communities.

Local Business Expenditures

Each proponent has pledged to purchase goods and services from local businesses. However, these commitments are somewhat vague for a variety of reasons. First of all, in regard to Mohegan Sun, it is not possible, with certainty, to sum the amounts pledged, because we do not know if local commitments are *part of or in addition to* regional commitments. Wynn has also included \$15 million in local business expenditures as part of its Best and Final Offer (BAFO) to Boston, but this Offer awaits action by the MGC to establish the terms of an agreement between Wynn and Boston. Finally, all of the commitments (for both proposals) pledge to use best efforts to expend funds within these communities; they are not formal firm commitments.

Nevertheless, if one sums the local (not regional) expenditures committed to each community in the HCAs and SCAs, along with Wynn's separate written commitment to purchase \$10 million from vendors located in Everett, and Wynn's BAFO commitment to Boston, then the totals appear to be on the same order of magnitude, at \$62.5 million for Mohegan Sun and \$57.5 million for Wynn.

MAPC therefore suggests that, first of all, the MGC should ascertain the exact amount of the commitments by resolving the issues described above. Secondly, in its approval of the gaming license, the MGC should add conditions that would require the tracking and reporting of these expenditure commitments, and a means for the MGC to take action if the goals are not being met. Finally, MAPC also suggests that the MGC may wish to consider whether the gaming license approval should include any language to ensure that these pledges for local purchasing would include not only the proponent, but also any partners or subsidiaries that might be involved in meeting these commitments.

Local and Minority Hiring

Of the two proponents, Mohegan Sun is more specific on local hiring preference as well as its commitment to market to and hire minority, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses, stating percentages for hiring from Revere and Chelsea for construction jobs as well as ensuring that 25% of

the construction jobs will go to minorities and 10% will go to women. Mohegan Sun also ensures that specific percentages of permanent jobs will be filled by residents of Revere, Chelsea, and the 15-mile region around Revere City Hall. Wynn provides a hierarchy of preference for hiring local workers and states it will use union labor for construction and will make an effort to utilize Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises. MAPC is aware that a draft diversity plan has recently been developed by Wynn and we hope that it is finalized soon.

Workforce Development

Both proponents make various references to job training and local economic development. Wynn's agreements reference coordination with local Chambers of Commerce to help get the word out about job and vendor fairs. In its agreement with Cambridge, Wynn included a commitment to coordinate with the Cambridge Office of Tourism and Cambridge Local First. It also included a commitment to work with Cambridge Rindge and Latin School's culinary program. Wynn's commitments under the SCAs also included allocations for business development programs.

Mohegan Sun's agreements indicate a commitment to workforce development by referencing job readiness programs in Chelsea and Somerville. They also commit to supporting economic development by contributing to Winthrop's Business Improvement District. Most significantly, Boston's SCA with Mohegan Sun indicates that the Community Impact Fees can be spent on such issues as education partnerships with local community colleges, hospitality and other job training, projects of the Mayor's Office of Art and Tourism (especially for programs in East Boston), and other small and local business assistance. This SCA also designates funds from the up-front \$30 million Community Capital Projects Fee to be used to support local businesses through the East Boston Neighborhood Business Association.

Ancillary Development

A key question in analyzing the economic benefits of a development is the ancillary development it might help to spur, and the jobs and tax revenue that might be generated by that ancillary growth. As identified in a review of literature, ancillary commercial development around resort casinos is typically limited due to the business model/design of these developments, which typically provide a complete consumer experience with gaming, shopping, dining and lodging all incorporated within an enclosed space. However, according to the literature, some communities did experience ancillary hotel and convenience retail development, mostly along access routes to the facilities. Although both the Wynn and Mohegan Sun proposals offer some opportunities for ancillary redevelopment adjacent to the facilities, the Mohegan Sun proposal appears to have an advantage given its immediate access to public transit.

Should ancillary development occur in the vicinity of the Mohegan Sun proposal, customers could avoid potential roadway congestion via direct transit service to and from the casino facility, Logan Airport, the City of Boston, and Revere Beach. Additionally, while land directly adjacent to the Mohegan Sun project, both in Revere and Boston, presents an opportunity for ancillary development, additional opportunities are also found along nearby Revere Beach. As highlighted earlier, ongoing planning by the City of Revere has identified numerous sites for potential development, including retail and hotel development less than one mile (and one or two Blue Line stops away) from the proposed casino, including at Southern Revere Beach and the former Wonderland Race Track. The Mohegan Sun development could serve as a catalyst for redevelopment of these areas.

For the Wynn development, although access concerns including congestion and lack of direct public transit would not preclude additional development adjacent or proximate to the Wynn site, it could alter the type of opportunities in Everett, and potentially limit opportunities in neighboring Boston. While the Wynn project is generally consistent with the City of Everett's vision for a mixed-use Lower

Broadway Corridor, it would likely change the opportunities in areas directly adjacent to the site (e.g., more hotels, less neighborhood-serving retail or employment). However, as highlighted earlier in this memorandum, Boston's vision for nearby Sullivan Square as a more walkable, bicycle-friendly, better connected area with increased residential and commercial densities would likely be compromised due to increased traffic and congestion, thus diminishing the economic potential of the area.

Community Benefits

Mohegan Sun has negotiated roughly twice as many agreements as Wynn, and the total amount of annual payments to the communities under these agreements is significantly higher for Mohegan Sun (approximately \$50 million) versus Wynn (approximately \$31 million), even including Wynn's BAFO to Boston. On the other hand, while all of the HCAs and SCAs tend to assign money to broad categories of activities, Wynn's agreements tend to have more specificity than those of Mohegan Sun. Generally speaking, MAPC believes that many of the payments in these agreements – whether they are made to the municipalities or other entities – will have a positive economic benefit, either direct or indirect, on the Host and Surrounding Communities.

Impact #6: Environmental impacts. Advantage: Wynn

From an environmental perspective, Wynn's proposed design scenario would have significant environmental benefits. The first is the redevelopment of a brownfield site, which in its current state, is an impediment to any redevelopment and negatively impacts the Mystic River's water quality due to environmental toxins and pollutants. The regional importance of eliminating this major brownfield site should not be underestimated, especially because it has remained undeveloped for so many years. Any future developer would need to devote major resources to the clean-up, or to depend at least in part upon government subsidy.

Redevelopment of the Wynn site also has the beneficial result of constructing required public access on the Chapter 91 tidelands: a trail will connect with other existing and proposed trail segments to produce a continuous network along the lower Mystic, bringing a significant resource (the river) to an urban population that has a lack of existing parks and open space and access to natural resources. The proposed establishment of an oyster reef in the Mystic River as part of the Wynn proposal would, if successfully established, also benefit water quality. Proposing to establish private dockage and providing a direct water shuttle service to the casino will further activate both the waterfront and river and help to improve the image of the Mystic River as more of a community asset.

While the Wynn project is located outside the 100-year floodplain, Mohegan Sun proposes to construct its facility within the 100 year flood plain and proximate to Sales Creek and Rumney Marsh, areas which include a portion of the Rumney Marshes Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The Mohegan Sun project plans to provide compensatory flood storage in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act regulations to offset and mitigate work in the 100-year floodplain. Furthermore, the Mohegan Sun project fully complies with the applicable Wetlands Protection Act performance standards relative to construction work in an ACEC.

Impact #7: Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Advantage: Both proposals equally advantageous

MAPC is a consistent promoter of alternative modes of transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as a means of lessening dependence upon SOV. MAPC is pleased that both proposals incorporate significant, and comparable, improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities in and around their proposed gaming facilities. The roadway improvements proposed by both proponents include changes that will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. In general these

changes include improvements to crosswalks, signal timings, bicycle lanes, and the installation of medians along key roadways and at critical intersections and rotaries.

Mohegan Sun plans to provide on-street bicycle accommodations to connect Constitution Beach, Belle Isle Marsh, and Revere Beach along the Bennington Street corridor. Wynn plans to provide a bicycle and pedestrian path along the waterfront, connecting the project site to existing trails in DCR's Gateway Park, which is located on the west side of the commuter rail tracks. The Wynn project's harborwalk will also connect to the proponent's planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Broadway (Route 99). If determined to be feasible, MAPC is pleased that Wynn intends to provide one Hubway bicycle sharing station on-site and Mohegan Sun has committed to provide accommodations for two.

Impact #8: MBTA Maintenance Facility. (This is a concern regarding the Wynn proposal, and not a comparable matter.)

The MBTA's Bus Maintenance Facility adjacent to the Wynn site is an essential back shop for MBTA services and operations. The MEPA Certificate points out the importance of the Maintenance Facility, which is also acknowledged in the proponent's FEIR. The FEIR outlines two proposed vehicular access plans – a Primary Site Access Plan and an Alternate Site Access Plan. The Primary Site Access Plan will necessitate vehicular access changes, land acquisition, and other infrastructure improvements at the Maintenance Facility that will need to be coordinated with the MBTA. The Alternate Site Access Plan would locate the project's driveway along the existing Horizon Way and would require minor modifications to the MBTA Maintenance Facility's access. The FEIR has indicated that discussions among the proponent, the MBTA, MassDOT, and the City of Everett regarding the design of a final Site Access Plan are ongoing. Regardless of which Site Access Plan is selected, it is imperative that the MBTA Maintenance Facility remain accessible and available at all times for MBTA use and that truck and shuttle bus connections to the project site be mitigated and not hinder area MBTA bus service and vehicular access.

What impacts are left unmitigated or inadequately mitigated, and might therefore cause a future request to the Community Mitigation Fund?

Both proponents, of course, have reached HCAs with their Host Communities. Mohegan Sun has reached accord on 12 SCAs, all of which were achieved voluntarily between the municipalities and the proponent. Wynn has executed 5 SCAs, two of which required arbitration. Collectively, these agreements reflect the proponents' efforts to address impacts of their facilities on nearby communities. (At this time, Wynn has put forward a BAFO for an SCA with Boston, but Boston is opting to allow the MGC to determine a community impact arrangement outside of the formal arbitration process.)

While we are pleased that so many communities have entered into HCAs and SCAs, the reality is that the agreements themselves frequently lack specificity in regard to mitigating individual impacts. Most of the agreements focus on payments to municipalities or third parties, without clearly explaining how and when these funds will be used, and whether they are even tied to the mitigation of negative impacts. This lack of specificity is especially problematic in regard to impacts that may occur over a long period of time and are not amenable to a "one shot" solution at the point of development, and in regard to unidentified impacts, which may crop up during development or further down the road.

This section of MAPC's memorandum provides information on areas where the HCAs and SCAs are lacking in providing for appropriate mitigation. We encourage the MGC to examine the agreements and to add more specific conditions to the Category 1 Gaming License, to ensure that the best provisions are implemented for all communities, and/or to otherwise be ready to utilize the Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) to address non-mitigated impacts. Since Mohegan Sun has reached agreements with more communities, more communities will be at the table when and if disbursements from the CMF are discussed for impacts that were either unanticipated or inadequately mitigated.

Public Safety and Gambling

A few of the agreements address public safety (police, fire, EMS) issues specifically (e.g., Revere HCA, Winthrop SCA). The Boston SCA with Mohegan Sun also specifies that the one of the potential uses for the \$18 million annual Community Impact Fee is public safety, including a long list of potential uses for the Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. Most agreements, however, do not address public safety in any significant way.

Similarly, although there is a separate fund to address problem gambling established by statute, most of the agreements did not provide significant specificity on this issue. One exception was Chelsea's agreement with Mohegan Sun, which included reference to services that would be tailored to the cultural and geographic needs of the city, including the provision of services in Spanish.

Another exception was the Boston SCA with Mohegan Sun, which included construction of a new Addiction Resource Center in East Boston, as well as funding to supplement existing anti-addiction programs, as potential uses for the \$18 million annual Community Impact Fee. Boston's SCA also includes a series of actions that the proponent will undertake to address the issue of problem gambling. Wynn's SCA with Cambridge also references access to responsible gambling resources for Cambridge residents. Mohegan Sun's SCA with Somerville addresses Somerville's casino development concerns by agreeing that no shuttle stops and mass mailings from the casino would occur in Somerville. However, as with public safety, most of the remaining agreements do not address compulsive gambling in any significant way.

The MGC should not allow these significant gaps to stand. Either through conditions placed on the approval of the License, or through the CMF (or through both mechanisms), the MGC should require the successful proponent to address public safety and gambling addiction concerns through specific mitigation measures, backed up by actual monetary commitments, in both Host and Surrounding Communities.

Housing

MAPC notes that only two of the SCAs address in any significant manner the issue of impacts to the availability of housing, including housing affordable to casino employees. The development of major facilities such as casinos, along with ancillary development that the casinos are likely to spur, will have an overall inflationary impact on the rents and sales prices in the Host and Surrounding Communities.

We recognize that in many parts of the country, increased sales prices and rents are seen as a positive, especially in depressed markets where many casinos are located. However, in Eastern Massachusetts, housing prices are already inflated, and major developments almost always contribute to further price escalation, which causes low and moderate income renters to lose their

apartments, and makes it virtually impossible for low and moderate income homebuyers to purchase a home in these communities.

It is essential that the successful casino licensee contribute a reasonable amount of funds to help preserve existing affordable housing and/or spur the development of additional deed-restricted affordable housing in the Host and Surrounding Communities.

Without such efforts at preservation and increased production, housing costs will continue to rise and displacement of working families will accelerate. This is an economic and social impact factor as great as any other being addressed by the MGC. The casino proponents have made only very limited commitments to assist in the preservation or creation of affordable housing for existing or future residents of the communities, or even for casino employees. One example is the commitment in the Winthrop SCA for Mohegan Sun to provide \$100,000 annually to Community Action Programs Inner City (CAPIC) for social services programs. Although CAPIC is primarily a housing support organization, job readiness programs are specifically cited in the commitment, so it is unclear whether any of these funds will assist in the housing arena. In any event, the amount committed is very small.

The other effort to address affordable housing is found in the Boston SCA with Mohegan Sun, which sets aside \$500,000 annually for a Housing Fund to provide \$10,000 grants (repayable upon future sale of the house) to East Boston residents for purchase of their first home in East Boston.

There are numerous other ways in which the successful casino licensee could help to assist in the preservation or creation of affordable housing. MAPC would be glad to discuss these mechanisms with the MGC, and we hope the Commission will stand ready to ensure that this critical issue is addressed.

Public Transportation

MAPC believes strongly that transportation impact mitigation should not be limited solely to roadways. Each casino proposal has a public transportation component as part of their site design, which will result in increased demand on MBTA service. While the proponents have conducted analyses that indicate MBTA service will not significantly exceed capacity, that is hardly an assurance of optimal performance. MAPC believes these services will be strained by the substantial addition of new passengers, especially at peak times. To off-set this impact, each proponent should partner with the MBTA by contributing to the both the operating and maintenance costs of area bus and subway lines in amounts that are reasonably related to the additional demand of the project.

Since such a partnership is not apparent in existing commitments, the MGC should use its influence to assure such a commitment on the part of the successful licensee.

Roadway Improvements

In the case of roadway improvements, Wynn intends to contribute some funds for study, design and construction of Wellington Circle, Santilli Circle, Sweetser Circle, Bell Circle, I-93 Exit 28 off-ramp, and to contribute to the study of the Sullivan Square design. However, additional funds are needed for final design and construction at each of these locations. Although the need for these improvements is not entirely related to the casino development, the need is increased due to the casino, and some additional portion of the cost should be borne by the proponent.

In the case of the roadway improvements associated with the Mohegan Sun proposal, the specifics are less defined at this time as the proponent is still working with MassDOT to refine the preferred

alternative for the Route 1A improvements. Therefore, we do not yet know the degree to which the proponent will contribute to design or build the improvements. Mohegan Sun traffic will also impact Route 16 and Route 60, and therefore the proponent has committed to making improvements intended both to off-set project-generated impacts and to address longstanding regional traffic problems at locations which include, but are not limited to the Route 1/Route 16 interchange, Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16/Route 145), Donnelly Square, Bell Circle, and Copeland Circle. Mohegan Sun will not fund the construction of all these intersections, so as with Wynn, the need for additional public funds to address these concerns will be increased due to the casino development.

While Mohegan Sun proposes to mitigate increased traffic on Bell (Mahoney) Circle by improving traffic flow, this goal and the current configuration do not address the need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Residents are able to use buses to reach Broadway and nearby destinations, and the MBTA Blue Line provides service to the larger metro area. For closer destinations, however, many take perilous shortcuts across Bell Circle, including middle and high school students on a daily basis. In the long term, the redesign of Bell Circle should balance pedestrian, transit, bicycle, and automobile improvements, along the lines of a "Complete Streets" approach, where all users have equal access and status within an intersection or along a corridor.

Since the Wynn site has less advantageous direct transit access, Wynn should also include improvements to facilities for bus service as part of their existing commitments to the Route 99 corridor. Route 99 provides access to the project site, downtown Boston, and the interstate highway system. The Route 99 corridor also provides a significant amount of bus service. On an average weekday, over 2,900 passengers board MBTA buses at stops along Route 99, accounting for about 61% of total bus boardings in Everett alone. Even though Wynn does propose to widen the roadway to add more auto capacity and enhance bus stops near the project site, additional roadway design changes are needed to improve bus service along this corridor. The proponent should add design elements that include signal priority for buses, dedicated bus lanes, mixed-flow lanes with queue jumps, enhanced bus shelters, real-time message boards, and other bus rapid transit features that will improve bus service.

What might happen to the each of the sites if the site is not selected for a casino development?

The Wynn site is zoned for future mixed-use development, but the high cost of remediation to the brownfield site would mean one of three things would likely occur: the site would either remain vacant for a significant length of time due to remediation costs, or significant public investment could be made to clean up the site so that it could be brought back into productive use (and thereby generate more local tax revenues), or the site would need to be very densely developed in order to yield enough return to pay for the private investment in the cleanup of the site. In the first case, none of the environmental benefits of the redevelopment of the site (e.g., publicly accessible space along the river's edge, re-activation of the water surface for recreational and transportation uses) would occur; in the latter two cases some of the items are required (public access along the filled tidelands) but others currently proposed (dockage, water shuttle, and oyster reef establishment) would not necessarily be incorporated into future designs for the site.

The Mohegan Sun site, as well as the remainder of Suffolk Downs (which may not stay in operation if the casino is not located there), is a very large site with significant redevelopment potential. Even though portions of the site are within flood and storm surge zones and other portions of the site are wetlands and buffers, the majority of the site is already impervious and available for potential redevelopment. The location immediately adjacent to two Blue Line stations makes this site a potential suitable location for future commercial or mixed-use development.

In both cases, the impacts of the future alternative development would be mitigated through the MEPA process, but additional benefits to the Host and Surrounding Communities as required under the Expanded Gaming Act might not be provided. The Host Community is more likely to seek more robust mitigation and benefits through a community benefits agreement with the proponent, but the Surrounding Communities are unlikely to receive many benefits.

What are the likely impacts on other plans that have been adopted by the Host or Surrounding Communities?

Wynn

After a four-year planning process with significant public input, the City of Boston has adopted a transportation and redevelopment vision for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue part of Charlestown which involves scaling down traffic along Rutherford Avenue so that it becomes less of a highway and more of an urban boulevard, with dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths adjacent to the roadway. Additionally, Sullivan Square itself will be redesigned as a gridded street network facilitating new development oriented to the Sullivan Square MBTA station. Similar to Rutherford Avenue, the goal is for an area with less auto traffic and more walking, biking, and transit use. These plans call for new residential and commercial development that will provide much needed housing, add jobs to bolster the economy, and take advantage of the proximity of the MBTA station to encourage residents and workers to use transit rather than drive to all of their destinations.

This effort to create a “new neighborhood” in the City of Boston is highly consistent with the Commonwealth’s Sustainable Development Principles, the regional plan *MetroFuture*, and MassDOT’s mode-shift goals and GreenDOT programs.

Unfortunately, the traffic impacts projected for the Wynn site would seriously damage this vision for Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue, because the vast majority of traffic to and from the site will utilize this corridor. To date, a comprehensive mitigation program has not been determined, and it is not clear that such mitigation is even practical. MAPC does acknowledge that Wynn’s BAFO to Boston includes a \$15 million contribution to implement transportation infrastructure improvements for Sullivan Square (\$1 million per year over 15 years). This contribution is in addition to the \$5 million in improvements it will make per MEPA requirements. However, as of this writing, an agreement has not been formalized between Wynn and the City of Boston.

Typically, traffic mitigation takes the form of creating more capacity by widening intersections, roadways, or improving signal timing. But the City of Boston’s plan for the Sullivan Square area is to decrease auto capacity in order to facilitate mixed-use development around an existing transit station. Signal timing alone will not address the congestion. The additional traffic generated by the Wynn site and the vision for Sullivan Square are at odds with each other, a contradiction that no reasonable traffic mitigation package can resolve. Therefore, it is highly likely that development of the casino at the Wynn site will preclude the redevelopment plans for Sullivan Square, as well as the quality of life improvements (safer walking and biking along a landscaped greenway) that would come from the redesigned Rutherford Avenue.

One interesting question is whether these problems could be solved by rebuilding the Rutherford Avenue underpass instead of creating a 4-lane surface street. Our assessment is that they could not. First of all, a new underpass would have to be built from scratch; rebuilding the existing underpass is not a viable option. So the expense would be formidable. Secondly, although the

underpass might handle somewhat more traffic than the surface option, the difference would not be significant, and it would certainly not be sufficient to make a meaningful difference in the capacity of the area to handle casino-related traffic.

Furthermore, the underpass would reduce "public realm" improvements in significant ways. The presence of access and egress ramps would reduce available space for the proposed greenway, as well as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, harming the objective of encouraging more people to walk and bike in the area. In addition, it would use up some of the land available for residential and commercial development, and several parcels bordering the ramps would become less valuable and more difficult to market.

Beyond the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue area in Boston, the City of Somerville is undergoing significant development in close proximity to the proposed Wynn site. The Somerville side of Sullivan Square will serve as one of the main access points to the new Assembly Square development, which will become one of the state's largest mixed-use developments, centered on a new Orange Line Station, Assembly Station. Further west of Sullivan Square is Somerville's Inner Belt, another site for mixed-use Transit Oriented Development (TOD). The congestion generated by the Wynn proposal at the Exit 28 I-93 off-ramp would hinder planned redevelopment of Somerville's Inner Belt area. Left hand turns off of the I-93 ramps at Exit 28 will be the main auto access to the Inner Belt area. Inner Belt has long been planned by Somerville as a mixed-use site, made possible by the extension of the Green Line. It is important to note that both the new Assembly Station and the Green Line extension represent considerable public investments following extensive planning and review processes, in part to generate mixed-use development that includes homes, jobs, and tax revenue. It would be highly inappropriate for one private development, i.e., the Wynn Casino, to preclude or damage these plans and objectives.

The Commission should give very serious consideration to these largely unmitigated negative impacts on economic development sites that have undergone years of planning and commitment of federal, state, and municipal funds.

Less dramatic impacts on nearby development plans also deserve mention. The use of the perceived "excess parking" at Malden Center and in Medford near Wellington Station as locations for Wynn satellite parking may preclude the future use of those parking resources to support additional future development for housing or mixed-use at these transit-oriented locations.

On the other hand, the Wynn development could have salutary impacts on the Commercial Triangle in Everett (between Route 16 and the Commuter Rail to the east of Santilli Circle), which has been identified as a regionally-significant Priority Development Area in the ongoing MetroNorth Priority Mapping project, which is a joint project of MAPC, the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and the urbanized municipalities north of Boston. Development of this area, which is proposed to include housing near the existing neighborhoods and a mix of office and retail, may benefit from the remediation of the Monsanto/Wynn site and the associated improvements to Broadway and Santilli Circle that are proposed as part of the Wynn casino development. MAPC also recognizes that the Wynn project is consistent with both Everett's Lower Broadway Master Plan and the recently approved Everett Municipal Harbor Plan.

Mohegan Sun

The Mohegan Sun proposal will have a number of impacts on recent and ongoing planning efforts. The ongoing redevelopment of the Revere Beach area, in particular the Southern Revere Beach district identified as regionally-significant Priority Development Area during the MetroNorth project

(mentioned above), is proposed to include significant retail and hotel space related to, and benefited by, the casino development. Other community-level priorities, such as the Wonderland Station area of Revere, may also benefit from the casino development.

However, a number of real estate projects that are adjacent to Revere Beach are also adjacent to the lowest-income neighborhood in Revere, Shirley Avenue, which has also been the site of recent community planning activity. These projects, coupled with the potential casino, will have impacts on the limited supply of market-rate affordable housing in the neighborhood. Priority issues for the Shirley Avenue neighborhood in relation to the potential casino include: advocating for the redesign of Bell Circle to serve multi-modal transit in a better way, pedestrian and bicyclist needs, as well as cultivating funding for a business support organization for Shirley Avenue that builds local business skills, provides resources, and offers engagement and promotional activities. There is also, as noted elsewhere in this memorandum, the need to preserve and build additional, permanently deed-restricted/subsidized affordable housing in this area to prevent displacement of current residents.

The MGC should make efforts to ensure appropriate support and assistance for these critical efforts in the Shirley Avenue neighborhood, either through conditions on any license to Mohegan Sun and/or through assignment of resources from the CMF.

Conclusion

MAPC encourages the MGC to take into account the transportation, land use, economic, social and other impacts of the proposed casinos, including but not limited to those listed in this memorandum, when making a decision regarding which proposal, if any, will receive the Category 1 Gaming License for Region A. We hope that you will concur that some of these impacts are large enough that their mitigation, beyond what is found in the Host and Surrounding Community Agreements, should be a condition of approval of this Gaming License. We also encourage the MGC to be ready to address the broader range of transportation, land use, housing, economic development and social impacts through disbursements from the CMF.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to share our perspective on one of the most important land-use decisions in Metro Boston in recent years. Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact myself (mdraisen@mapc.org; 617-451-2770) or Mark Racicot, Director of Land Use Planning (mracicot@mapc.org; 617-933-0752).

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Casino

Questions or Comments

I think Mohegan Sun would be great for Massachusetts. With our governor and our legislators constantly raising our taxes, fees and finding other ways to diminish our disposal income the revenue from the casino will give us some relief. I hope the commission expedites this protracted process and Mohegan Sun is the winner.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Support for Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I would like to submit my preference that Mohegan Sun be selected to receive the Casino License for Eastern Massachusetts. I am not a gambler, but have observed numerous Casinos, in operation, over the years, and believe that Mohegan Sun is the best of all I have visited. Theirs is a user friendly atmosphere, where all can relax and enjoy, with no sense of pressure, nor the decadence that many associate with such venues. During my numerous visits to their facility in Connecticut, motivated by concerts, restaurant openings, and social events, I have enjoyed each and every experience, thanks to their hospitality. I would be proud to know that they would be the new neighbor, in my back yard!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Revere Casino

Questions or Comments

Mohegan Sun is by far the best choice. I go to Conn. Mohegan frequently. Lets do it.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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casino in Boston

Questions or Comments

I would like to see the communities benefit from having Mohegan Sun build a casino here. I think it would bring a great deal of revenue to Boston and the surrounding communities. There is so much to see in Boston, as well as the history. There is also so much to do. Mohegan Sun in Connecticut is absolutely beautiful. Very classy and I do believe it would be the same here. This would also improve our roads as they would be willing to work with the improvements for our transportation. I realize that it could be tempting for many people to gamble, but for the most, people are going to travel anyway to gamble wether it's here or Connecticut or Atlantic City. There would also be many jobs available and where you work, you cannot play at a casino. Thank you, Marie Chianca

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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allowing casino in Revere

Questions or Comments

Yes a casino in Revere would be a good thing all around. I like Mohegan Sun and the way they run there casino, Good luck.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

To have Mohegan Sun built around theNorth Shore (Suffolk Downs or even Wonderland would be the best thing for me and everyone else. We've been Waiting for a long time for this to happen.
It is pretty stupid for us to drive 2hours to spend or win money. Plus we all Should help our state not give money to Connecticut.
So, please build a new casino in our area.
Thank you for listening to me.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

CASINOLICENSE

Questions or Comments

I have not heard of any wrong doings by the Mohegan Sun . I hope you take this into consideration. They have three or four casinos that they run and I have heard that every one of them are run in a very professional manner. I hope that the license is given to the Mohegan Sun. It will also help keep the race track open and keep many people working. It doesn't make sense to not give them the license. If they don't get it you will lose all the people who work at the track and gain only the casino employees. Most of the casino employees will be fro Las Vegas and a small amount from the local area.

Thank you
Albert R. Tassone

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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SUPPORT FOR MOHEGAN SUN

Questions or Comments

Dear Commission Members,
To be sure there are millions of dollars at stake and whoever wins the casino license will enjoy profits many times over their investment. However, the fact remains that Mohegan Sun has;
>Signed the most generous mitigation packages in the US. casino industry with more than a dozen communities.
>Partnered with close to 400 businesses in efforts to build mutual support.
>Will make available 4,000 plus jobs for the region.

While Mohegan Sun is in the game to make money, they have gone the extra mile to demonstrate their willingness to give to get. They have made a loud statement about how far they will go to fit into the community, contribute to it's also benefiting from this endeavor and backed it up with thousands of dearly needed jobs for the region.

I respectfully support and ask that you award them the casino license.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject: mohegan sun revere mass

Mass Gaming Commission; My name is Michael Matrinko and I am the owner of the Brown Jug Restaurant @ 1014 Revere Beach Parkway Chelsea Mass. 02150. I plan on attending the hearing on August 11 in Revere to testify for my support for Mohegan Sun to build a casino at Suffolk Downs. As a local independent restaurant owner I need all the help I can get to compete with the big boys (ie Dominos, Pizza Hut, Papa Johns) I cannot afford the cost of TV advertisement or Prime Time radio but with the Mohegan Sun Point Partnership I will be able to use their direct marketing and internet advertising to reach out to new customers as well as have access to 500 hotel rooms for delivery service. Thank you for your consideration.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sunn at Suffolk

Questions or Comments

Folks,

I would simply like to urge you to allow the corporation that runs Mohegan Sun to run the operation at Suffolk Downs. From all that I have read, they seem concerned with establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with all people and interests involved.

Thanks,
Vincent Monaco

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Anthony Zizza <anthony.zizza@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:04 PM
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Subject: Mohegan Sun MA, LLC
Attachments: MGC_Statement_-_Anthony_Zizza - July 31, 2014.docx

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

My name is Anthony Zizza. I am a physician specializing in Geriatric medicine at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School. I would like to thank the commission in advance, for taking the time to read my statement. I trust that you have heard all of the arguments, passionate pleas, business plans, and thoughtful reasons why one location should be granted the license over the other. You have heard, I am sure, about what you will “save” if the casino is located on the Suffolk Downs property, that is, JOBS - Jobs at the track, at the farms, at the feed stores, in the associated professions including veterinarians, trainers, jockeys, blacksmiths etc. This is all true and quite important actually, and I support wholeheartedly the appeals made by my friends and colleagues in the thoroughbred industry.

We know the survival of the horse industry in Massachusetts squarely depends on your decision. We know that jobs will be not only saved and but many more created when the industry flourishes as it has in other states. It is impossible in this short amount of time to review the tremendous benefits casinos have brought to the horse industry in other states and how it has improved the lives of not only the people in our industry but the horses as well. Just yesterday an article was published in the bloodhorse.com, a popular online journal for our industry that stated that the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association said its program, largely funded through revenue from its Casinos, is offering more than 550 restricted races valued at a total of 14.5 million dollars in 2014.

I do not write today to repeat what you already know, however, as your time is too valuable for this as is mine. I have taken the time out from my work at the hospital to be here to share my PERSONAL story with you. Not because I am so important or unique but rather because I am NOT unique. My story is shared by many residents of Massachusetts, and across the nation who love the sport of horse racing.

I would like to begin by telling you a little bit about myself, who I am, what is important to me in life, and my passion for the thoroughbred horse racing and breeding business. I was raised in Revere, Massachusetts, a stone's throw away from Suffolk Downs. My family is deeply rooted in the city and Suffolk Downs to my great-grandparent's generation. In fact, my great grandmother was a cook at the track and my grandfather, before he began his own printing business was a hot walker. I had the blessing of growing up with many of my elderly Italian relatives who have taught me the meaning of life, faith, family, honesty, integrity and loyalty. Seeing the love and devotion that my extended family had for each other, especially in times of illness sparked my interest in medicine and gave me a noble example to follow. It was my dad however, who

instilled in me the passion for this wonderful and majestic animal, the horse! He was an owner and breeder of horses who ran at Suffolk Downs. I spent many mornings with him there enjoying our horses train. Even as a child, I saw the joy that this sport brought to him, and to everyone who participated in it. The feeling of seeing your horse, whom you love, cross the finish line first is indescribable. My family and I love horse racing, and more importantly we love the horses.

Although my career path did not lead me directly into the racing world, I always knew that I would one day return. I embarked on a career in medicine that took me to Boston College, followed by a several year hiatus caring for my elderly relatives who were ill and doing research at the Brigham and women's hospital, before embarking on medical school at UMass, Internal medicine residency at Tufts medical center and eventually geriatric fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where I am now.

But despite this path, my heart always yearned for the excitement of owning a thoroughbred. I shared my passion with everyone I could. Eventually, I started my first thoroughbred racing partnership with one horse. Several years later it grew to 10 horses. Being in medical school I realized that the task of managing a 10 horse racing stable and the intense training required to become a physician were not going to mix, at least for the time being so I dispersed of my stable except for one special mare named Immaculata who would become my foundation mare for my entry into the Massachusetts breeding program.

I brought my mare to a local farm called Indian Rock Stables in Saugus in 2011 where we were welcomed with open arms into the barn family. My daughter, Angelica, 3 years old at the time, and I delivered our first foal together! He is now in training preparing for a return to Suffolk Downs as a two year old this summer! I think it was then that Angelica fell in love with horses. In fact, she is now an avid rider and was second in the state of Massachusetts for her age group in her category. She felt that same spark that I did when I shared these special moments around horses with my Dad. My Dad passed away from pancreatic cancer several years ago but this gift he has given me, has given my daughter and me will live on forever. You see, these are the moments, these are the memories, these are some of the reasons why I am here, asking for you to keep thoroughbred racing and the horse industry alive in Massachusetts. The ripple effects are huge. It's about jobs, yes. But it's also about lives! About the horse, the people, the families and the lives that are made better, richer, and more fulfilled every day.

This past year, I also started a partnership named Veritas Stable. In less than 1 year, we now have 14 partners. They are doctors, lawyers, accountants, business people, teachers, and even 2 hairdressers, all coming together to support our industry in Massachusetts. The potential for growth is exponential. We can make our racing and breeding program in Massachusetts one of the best in the country. We will with your support and I look forward to being part of that growth and development of the Massachusetts racing and breeding industry.

When you decide, remember the facts, yes, but remember, most of all, the stories! Thank you!

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"When you are finished changing, you are finished!"
~Benjamin Franklin

"In our time more than ever before, the chief strength of the wicked, lies in the cowardice and weakness of good men..."
~Pope St. Pius X

"The government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
~Ronald Reagan

"There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man".
~Winston Churchill

"It is better to be silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt."
~Abraham Lincoln

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
~John Adams

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

My wife, Diana and I have been going to Mohegan Sun for more than ten years. We have also been customers at Foxwoods, and casinos in Newport and Twin Rivers. Mohegan is by far the best. The benefits are outstanding--great restaurants, top-notch entertainment. In our opinion, these far exceed Foxwoods. We go several times per year and get free lounge access, with good food and drinks. Going mostly Sunday through Thursday, we get a free room and have a host who caters to our specific needs. We never got this level of service at Foxwoods over the years, so now we go to Mohegan almost exclusively. It is a great short vacation for us. I am retired and so these great free benefits in a gorgeous casino really fit the bill for our two-day vacations.

I do feel Mohegan should receive priority as they are a class act at all times!

Ed and Diana Pedranti
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New Casino

Questions or Comments

I support the Mohegan Suns Casino bid in Massachusetts.

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Mohegan

Questions or Comments

I would rather spend my money in MA instead of Ct or RI. Revere is a perfect location. Close to the train, airport and beach. The area is perfect.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Casino Suffolk Downs

Questions or Comments

Please let this go through to bring back Revere Beach and Suffolk Downs. Why do I have to travel 2 hours to go to a Casino?
Why can't workers of MA benefit?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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revere casino

Questions or Comments

is strongly endorse the ac ceptance of the Revere Casino which will provide more jobs in our area

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Casino license

Questions or Comments

I was a huge supporter of Raynham Park attempt to get the slot parlor. Unfortunately, the state went in a different direction. I am a supporter of the Suffolk Downs/Revere proposal for the same reason. We have an established industry(Thoroughbred racing) which needs this to continue. It does no good to create a new industry(casino) and end an other(Thoeoughbred racing). This is a no brainer also Mohican Sun is first class operation.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I support Mohegan Sun's casino coming to the Greater Boston area.
Please vote for the casino.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Great revenue for MA, why give it all away to other states?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

Mohegan Sun does run their casinos in a very professional manner. They run a nice clean facility and their customers are treated with much care and concern. I have never had a problem that was not dealt with in a timely manner . As a long time visitor I have always felt safe and have enjoyed every visit. I would love to see them closer to home! Sincerely, JK

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Subject

Revere Casino Proposal

Questions or Comments

Hoping the Commission will approve the proposal for Mohegan Sun to build a casino in Revere. Ct. Is benefitting from Mohegan Sun and Foxwood and a huge number of Massachusetts residents are visiting there every day. Wouldn't it be better funding Massachusetts rather than Connecticut? Please consider approval of the first casino in Mass.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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Greater Boston resort casino license selection

Questions or Comments

To the Commission:

As you consider which of the two applicants should be awarded the Greater Boston casino resort license, please know that I favor awarding it to Mohegan Sun/Suffolk Downs. Full disclosure -- I do not have any connection to either Wynn Resorts or Mohegan Sun, except that I have patronized resorts owned by each, and I do have a players club card for Mohegan Sun's Connecticut casino. My interest in writing this letter to the MGC is in seeing that the candidate company selected is the best fit for Massachusetts and the most likely to make a success of its business in this area.

I have senior gaming industry experience, having served at high levels in two Las Vegas-based casino resort companies, and I follow the industry very closely. Wynn Resorts is an excellent operator, as is Mohegan Sun -- both are reasonably well situated financially. But, only Mohegan Sun is affiliated with a racetrack, and the Expanded Gaming Act of Massachusetts would have the MGC act to preserve and enhance our state's horseracing industry. Further, Mohegan Sun has executed a host community agreement and surrounding communities agreements second to none in the industry -- I am especially impressed with its agreement with Boston -- and I am impressed with Mohegan Sun's proposed players club arrangement that would allow casino patrons to "spend" their players club points with merchants outside of the resort, in the community. I know of no other such arrangement at any casino in the US.

I have real questions and concerns with regard to Wynn Resorts plan, among these are 1) the controversial arrangement with the current and recent Everett landowners, 2) whether an environmental cleanup on the Everett property, as planned by Wynn, would be sufficient, 3) whether an urban casino should cater principally to "high rollers," as Wynn foresees, or to a more local broad-based customer, including some high rollers, and 4) whether the Wynn traffic mitigation plan offers Charlestown true mitigation.

As a public relations person of some accomplishment (my Website, www.peretsky.com, has my background and qualifications listed) and as, some would say, an expert on community outreach, I am also impressed with the outreach work done by Mohegan Sun in Revere and by Suffolk Downs in East Boston.

So, please consider all of the above, and for the benefit of the Commonwealth and its citizens, please award the Greater Boston casino resort license to Mohegan Sun.

Burt Peretsky, 781-828-4714. www.peretsky.com

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Subject

Hope get a job at casino

Questions or Comments

I am interesting if moghesum build in mass will a lot tax and more jobs for residents

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject

Suffolk Downs & Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I have been to Mohegan Sun's Casino and hotel. It is a class operation. One of the reasons I support the Revere Casino is that it will preserve horsrs racing in Massachusetts. This means Hundreds of jobs, horse farms and stables.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Casino Comments

Questions or Comments

Stop dragging your feet. Suffolk Downs is the ideal place. Everett will be a nightmare. We all want a casino just not in our own backyard. Without getting into the politics SD gets the license hands down. There will be changes, no doubt. My main concern would be bell circle traffic, getting to and from Logan and Boston and keeping the traffic flowing

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:12 PM
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Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject

Mohegan in Revere, Ma.

Questions or Comments

I feel Revere would be the right place for Mohegan Sun. I think adults and Seniors need a nice place close to home for a little entertainment. We seniors are at an age that driving 2 1/2 hours for adult entertainment is much to long. Please give us some nice relaxing entertainment.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

CASINO

Questions or Comments

WITH THE CASINO AT SUFFOLK DOWN,JUST THINK OF HOW MANY BUSINESSES CAN BE BUILT DOWN THE BEACH-HOW MANY JOBS CAN BE CREATED-GIVES US A LOT TO THINK ABOUT

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Casino @ Suffolk

Questions or Comments

I think that we should allow this site to be purchased by Mohican Sun Casino. I think that it would add jobs, income to the state and cities. I have been going there for about ten years. they run a good organization, seems that they maintain their properties in excellant condition. All the people that drive their from MA/NH/ME/VT/and CT would come here to play, enjoy Boston, and maybe stay and tour our beautiful city.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 11:01 AM
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Subject

Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I wanted to add my thoughts to the many that you have already received. I grew up in Revere on Washburn Ave, the street that abuts the Suffolk Downs stable area. My grandfather was one of the workers that built Suffolk Downs . My father also worked there and that is how he came to meet my mother. Suffolk Downs is an intricate part of my life and it's history is precious. Granting Mohegan Sun a casino license will allow Suffolk Downs to continue and hopefully flourish. In my heart, I believe that Revere is the obvious and best location for the Mohegan Sun casino. Revere Beach, Suffolk Downs, Wonderland Dog Track....all part of Revere's history waiting t be revived by this new and exciting project. PLEASE, give Revere serious consideration and grant the license.
Thank you...Ann Elliott, 136 Vinal St, Revere.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:07 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Paul Vivnoli Jr

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Subject

Suffolk Downs Casino

Questions or Comments

My family has lived on Waldemar Avenue in East Boston since my grandfather built our house. My father sold drinks to the workers who built the track when he was 12 years old and I worked in the track kitchen while in Junior and Senior High School. My neighbors have had similar experience with the track. Granting the casino license to Suffolk Downs would create about the same number of new jobs and financial impact as a casino in Everett. The difference between would be negligible. A Suffolk Downs casino, however, would have a HUGE impact that Everett CAN NOT match. Suffolk Downs would preserve 800 EXISTING racing jobs...Everett would destroy them. Suffolk Downs would preserve hundreds of breeding and horseman jobs in Massachusetts...Everett would destroy them. Suffolk Downs would finally build the Rt. 1A/Boardman St. Flyover that has been promised to our Orient Heights neighborhood for over 40 years and they would complete the Rt. 1/Rt. 16 interchange...Everett would not. The Logan/East Boston traffic is far worse than the Rt. 99/Parkway/Wellington Circle traffic because there are many more roads in the area to handle the traffic volume. The entire North Shore drives on a single road by the end of our street to get to Logan or Downtown Boston. The City of Boston and the surrounding communities have always considered East Boston to just be where Logan Airport is located. We will never get these road improvements and hundreds of Union jobs with good pay and real benefits will be lost unless Suffolk Downs is awarded the casino license. My family sincerely hopes you will grant the license to Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 8:56 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

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Subject

Casino

Questions or Comments

Dear Gaming Commission:
I am writing to ask that you award the casino license to Revere. It would seem that Suffolk Downs would be the ideal location for such a casino because of their location, infrastructure, and experience with gaming-related activities.
Thank you for your consideration and good luck!
Suzanne Morrison

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Bob White <user746001@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 12:32 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

To Whom it may concern, I confident Revere would grow the community and make Revere Beach a tourist destination over the years to come by placing the Mohegan Sun Casino at Suffolk Downs. The track would also bring in larger horse racing events that would inject the surrounding communities with extra revenue. The city has a great leadership team to make this work
Bob White
40 Allston St, Revere, Ma

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Jack Callahan <jackcallahan33@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:50 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Approve Mohegan Sun Suffolk Downs

Dear Gaming Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to approve the Suffolk Downs/ Mohegan Sun casino project.

The Mohegan Sun people are quality employers and will provide great JOBS and Careers for many people. This is extremely important and will change people lives both in the short term and long term. Many will talk about the tax revenue that is being lost to CT. and RI. Which is also important but I also believe that people DO NOT want government jobs and hand outs but to ability to WORK for a quality employer and create a career that they can be proud of this is Extremely important. No one else including the government can create as many quality jobs from a quality company.

Mohegan Sun is such and employer. Steve Wynn is NOT.

Sincerely, a concerned citizen.

Jack

Jack Callahan
352 530-1515

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 7:39 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
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Subject

APPROVE Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

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Mohegan Sun is such and employer. Steve Wynn is NOT.

Sincerely,
Jack Callahan

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2014 10:46 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject

Revere Casino License

Questions or Comments

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Revere's opportunity to bring jobs and tax revenue to Massachusetts. Revere is the best location for a casino for a number of reasons. The Suffolk Downs location is ideal. Locating the casino at Suffolk Downs will enable the horse racing to continue, a benefit that will save almost 1,000 jobs and preserve an important part of New England's sports history. Having voting to approve the casino twice, the residents of Revere fully support a casino in their community. The existing infrastructure and the proximity to Logan Airport will minimize access problems. As a result, the Revere location will minimize the traffic challenges accompanying this development. I respectfully urge the Commission to select Revere as the ideal location for a resort casino in Massachusetts.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Casino in Revere

Questions or Comments

I have been following the news regarding the selection of a site for a casino. I hope that the commission will award the license to the group in Revere as I believe that the Mohegan Sun group is the best choice. The people in Revere want the Casino and it will also ensure that racing continues at Suffolk Downs.

Thank you.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Revere

Questions or Comments

Please vote to house the casino in Revere. Everett is a terrible choice and Wynn is corrupt. The people of Revere need these jobs and they have voted repeatedly to have them.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 12:44 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
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Subject

Comments about Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

My name is Trent Mutchler. I live in Revere. I own a company in Boston named Boston Business Printing. We are Union printers. We have been blessed by doing many jobs for Mohegan Sun over the past several months. Mailings, large format printing etc. etc. I just want to let you know that Mohegan does support local businesses and I hope very much that the casino resides in Revere, Ma. I also would like to say that I have met many people who work at the Horse track at Suffolk Downs and they fear for their jobs in the event that the Casino is not awarded to Revere (and Boston). Please save the jobs at Suffolk Downs and help support local jobs. It really is the proper place for the Casino!

Trent Mutchler
Boston Business Printing
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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
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Casino's in Mass

Questions or Comments

Comment: Despite the upcoming ballot question Casinos in Massachusetts make sense not only for the revenue to be generated (which will be needed to pay for the pending infusion of Illegals) but with the numbers of jobs which will result from the construction and operations of the casinos.

I am also recommending that the Mohegan proposal seems to be the most viable for the Boston location in that they have taken exceptional strides to keep the communities involved in their process and have submitted the most beneficial proposal to the Commission in support of their bid.

I (and many of my friends and family) am hoping that casinos do come to Massachusetts and that Mohegan Sun be the selected company for the Suffolk Downs location.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Mohegan Sun

Questions or Comments

I believe that Mohegan Sun has been very outgoing and trying to get to know the communities that will be impacted by a casino. They are also trying to establish beneficial relationships with the communities and businesses in the host communities.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

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

Casino at Suffolk Downs area

Questions or Comments

The casino location at Suffolk Downs area is an ideal place. You already have a subway system on the premises that will bring in the public and tourists an easy way in. The location is also a great opportunity for employment and being near the oldest beach in the United States. Revere Beach. This area will generate more hotels and businesses in the area. From top of the line luxury at hotels all the way down to the napkins. I enjoy the e-mails and hard work from Peter Schultz and Chip Tuttle with the updates. Their hard work and credit should not go unnoticed. Thanks for reading my comment.
-James Calabrese, A supporter for Casinos in Massachusetts

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 10:06 PM
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Subject

SUFFOLK DOWNS

Questions or Comments

I WAS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO BREED AND RACE HORSES AT SUFFOLK DOWNS, I AM A MASS RESIDENT ALL MY LIFE AND WHEN EVER POSSIBLE I AND MY FATHER WOULD DRIVE TO BOSTON JUST TO WATCH OUR HORSES RUN, WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR DREAM OF RAISING A GOOD ONE.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:46 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
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Subject

casino/mohican sun

Questions or Comments

I think that granting a casino license to mohican sun is in the best interest of revere and boston and mass. It certinley would help the horsemen at suffolk downs! The extra money will make them stay because of financial security. As a horse owner i am asking to please give a positive vote to the "mohicans" in their quest for the operation of the casino. thanking you in advance Thomas Dwyer

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:33 PM
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Subject

CASINO AT REVERE BEACH

Questions or Comments

THE GAMING COMMISSION SHOULD AWARD THE CASINO LICENSE TO THE CITY OF REVERE BEACH DUE TO THE FACT THAT REVERE BEACH CAN HANDLE THE CROWDS AS EVIDENCED BY THE WAY THE POLICING AUTHORITIES WORKED TOGETHER TO MANAGE THE TRAFFIC AND THE CROWDS AT THE SAND CASTLE FESTIVAL RECENTLY. DOES THE GAMING COMMISSION REALIZE THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 4 GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES ALREADY IN PLACE TO HANDLE THE CASINO CROWDS AND OVERFLOW? WE HAVE THE DCR (MASS DEPT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION) WHICH CONTROLS THE BEACH AND OCEAN FRONT THEY NOT ONLY MONITOR THE WATER FOR POTENTIAL DROWNING SITUATIONS, AND SAVE DROWNING VICTIMS, BUT THEY POLICE THE SHORE FOR IMPROPER BEHAVIOR, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL USE; THEN WE HAVE THE REVERE POLICE BECAUSE THE BEACH IS IN REVERE. THEN WE HAVE THE MASS STATE POLICE BECAUSE THE BEACH IS A STATE RESERVATION. ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MANAGE THE WATER, CROWD CONTROL, AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. AND LASTLY WE HAVE THE MBTA POLICE AROUND THE TRAIN STATIONS, BOTH IN REVERE AND EAST BOSTON. REVERE IS READY FOR THE CASINO

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

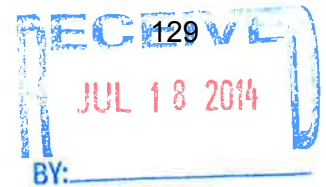
From: steve <steve@rentatool.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 11:46 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: In support of Mohegan Sun @ Suffolk

To Whom It May Concern;

Let this serve as full support for the operators and management team of Mohegan Sun for the way they have represented themselves in and around Revere over the last year. The joint venture between Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs to construct and operate a casino in Revere has been admirable. The Mohegan Sun operation has maintained a vibrant approach to the situation even with the confrontation of approval elections, neighboring community packages and public hearings. They have maintained a close line of communication with not only the residents of the Revere community but also the business's.

Being a Corporation that's family has operated in Revere for 60 years this is a perfect endorsement for their project showing Mohegan Sun's concern for the back ground and history of the community. Not only am I the President of Rent-A-Tool Inc., but I am also the manager of North Shore Road LLC and a partner in Now City Tours. All three companies look forward to welcoming Mohegan Sun into Revere, as a neighbor and a business partner. Thank You for your time.

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street
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Attention Commissioners

July 17, 2014

Dear Commissioners:

I am a longtime Revere resident ,homeowner, and supporter of the Mohegan Casino project in Revere.

I reside on the Revere Beach Parkway in Revere otherwise known as route 16.

One of the reasons that I voted (twice) for the casino in Revere was the traffic mitigation along route 16 in Revere, as the host community, by Mohegan Sun should the MGC award the Region A license to Revere.

However, if the MGC awards the Region A license to the Wynn project in Everett the residents of Revere who live on (such as myself) or in close proximity to route 16 in Revere will get no relief to the increase in traffic generated by the Everett project due to the fact that the MGC has not designated Revere a surrounding community to the Everett casino project.

What makes this situation most unfair is that in March of this year the MGC designated Everett as a surrounding community to the Revere project based on the increase in route 16 traffic for the residents of Everett generated by the Mohegan project in Revere.

Mohegan Sun has agreed to pay the city of Everett approximately \$500,000 annually plus \$600,000 in traffic studies/improvements along route 16 in Everett.

I spoke at the MGC hearing in Revere on 7/15/14 and briefly stated the above unfair scenario to the commissioners.

I am following up my statements on this situation with a more thorough analysis of the facts.

Therefore, I am now requesting in writing that the MGC designate Revere as a surrounding community to the Wynn project in Everett before the MGC awards the Region A license.

This will force the Wynn project in Everett to negotiate mitigation for the increase in route 16 traffic to the residents of Revere caused by a casino in Everett.

I would also like to point out to the commissioners that route 1, route 1A, route 60 and route 107 all feed into Revere along route 16 both east and westbound.

On 4/3/14 I sent a letter to Mayor Dan Rizzo of Revere requesting that he petition the MGC for surrounding community status to the Everett project to date the Mayor has refused to do so.

I have enclosed a copy of said letter to the MGC with this mailing for the Commissions review.

Again, it's only fair that the MGC designate Revere as a surrounding community to the Everett project based on increased route 16 traffic in Revere generated by the Wynn project in Everett much like the MGC designated Everett as a surrounding community to the Revere project based on increased route 16 traffic to the residents of Everett.

Thanking the Commission in advance for their consideration

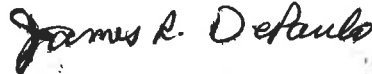
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Certificate of Mailing- 7/17/14

Mayor Dan Rizzo
Revere City Hall
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Revere, Ma. 02151

April 3, 2014

RE.: Revere's surrounding community status with the
Wynn/Everett casino project

Dear Mr. Mayor

I've attended most of the community meetings and gaming
commission hearings(MGC) on the proposed Mohegan Sun/
Revere casino project.

I think you've done a great job in trying to bring a
destination resort to our community.
However, I disagree with your handling of Revere's surrounding
community status with the Wynn/Everett project.

The MGC recently approved Everett as a surrounding community
to the Mohegan/Revere project thus forcing Mohegan Sun to
negotiate with the city of Everett. The MGC stated that the
increased traffic on route 16 in Everett due to the Revere
casino was the reason for this designation.

Meanwhile, you/Revere still haven't requested surrounding
community status for Revere from the MGC to the Wynn/Everett
project. Thereby putting Revere at a strategic disadvantage
to the Everett project for maximum mitigation potential.

If Everett doesn't like the Mohegan Sun offer of mitigation
they can appeal to the MGC prompting the MGC to look
unfavorably on the Mohegan/Revere project.

This is precisely what happened at the 3/25,2014 MGC
hearing at the convention center in Boston when the town of Winthrop
vehemently opposed the Revere project stating Mohegan Sun had
been unfair with Winthrop in it's mitigation as a surrounding
community.

MGC commissioner James McHugh went on the record stating
that Mohegan Sun should negotiate fairly with Winthrop.
I, like many Revere citizens live on or in close proximity
to route 16 and would be greatly impacted by a casino in
Everett much like the city of Everett residents to a casino
in Revere.

In past community meetings on this subject you stated that
you could request surrounding community status for Revere
on the Everett project "at a later date" and that some sort
of allegiance to Suffolk Downs is dictating this strategy.

however, you are doing a disservice to the citizens of Revere who live in proximity to route 16 by not seeking surrounding community status from the MGC on the Wynn/ Everett project prior to the MGC granting of the Boston area license. If the Wynn casino people won't bargain in good faith with you on surrounding community status you can appeal to the MGC prior to the issuance of the Boston area license much like the town of Winthrop did.

Therefore, as a Revere resident who supported you and voted for the Revere/Mohegan project I am requesting that you file an application to the MGC, without delay, for surrounding community status for Revere to the Wynn/ Everett project. This would put Revere on the same playing field as Everett's designation as surrounding community status.

This would be the right thing to do to protect Revere's citizens who live in close proximity to route 16 and maximize surrounding community mitigation.

Finally, Everett has just as good a chance at getting the Boston area license as Revere does and at the moment if Everett gets the license in June 2014 Revere gets nothing out of it.

Negotiating for surrounding community status after the license by the MGC is awarded makes no sense.

This is a no brainer.

I have enclosed an article from the Boston Herald dated 3/23/14 stating the MGC has awarded surrounding community status to Everett based on increased route 16 traffic for your review.

Also an article from the Boston Herald quoting Robert DeLeo, speaker of the house calling on Mohegan Sun to play fair with it's negotiations with Winthrop on surrounding community status.

Respectfully,

James DePaulo

849 Revere Beach Parkway

Revere, Ma. 02151

Resident/homeowner/Friends of Suffolk Downs

James DePaulo

Certificate of Mailing

AUG 23, 2014

Everett gets casino neighbor status

By Kathy McCabe
GLOBE STAFF

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted Thursday to name the city of Everett as a surrounding community to Mohegan Sun's \$1.3 billion resort casino proposed for Suffolk Downs in Revere, but denied Saugus's request for the designation for the competing \$1 billion Wynn casino project planned in Everett.

The five-member panel limited the scope of Everett's designation to the impact that traffic generated from the casino would have on Route 16, a state highway that cuts through Everett.

"Traffic is most relevant to this designation," Commissioner Enrique Zuniga said during a live Web broadcast of the panel's meeting.

Mohegan Sun and Wynn are locked in a high-stakes competition for the one license to operate a resort casino — with hotels, upscale shops, restaurants, and a 24-hour casino — available for Greater Boston.

The state's gambling law requires a developer to identify surrounding communities that would be most impacted by a casino project, and to negotiate an agreement to address local concerns.

But the law also allows a community not chosen as a surrounding community to seek the designation from the gambling commission.

Under the law, Mohegan and Everett now have 30 days to reach an agreement or head to arbitration. In separate statements, Everett and Mohegan Sun indicated they were ready for tough negotiations.

"I will continue to remain focused on the people of Everett and mitigating any and all impacts to our city by this development," Everett Mayor Carlo de Maria Jr. said in a prepared statement. "We will continue to assess the true effects of a Mohegan facility on the city of Everett and encourage Mohegan Sun to begin negotiating with

the city in good faith."

Mitchell Etess, chief executive officer at Mohegan Sun, cited a "competitive dynamic" that will make for "uniquely challenging" negotiations.

"We remain prepared to discuss the flow of traffic on Route 16 as directed by the commission, as well as the significant benefits Mohegan Sun will bring to the residents and businesses of Everett," Etess said in the statement to the Globe.

The gambling commission rejected Saugus's assertion that the town would be negatively impacted by an increase in traffic and business competition from the Wynn development, which would be about 4 miles away.

But consultants hired by the commission to evaluate the impact discounted the arguments. "We believe that Saugus's concerns are not founded," said Lyle Hall, managing director of HLT Advisory, a Toronto-based hospitality consulting firm. "We don't feel there is any potential negative impact for the meals tax to Saugus."

Commissioner Gayle Cameron noted the Everett casino could generate more business for Saugus restaurants. "Rather than decrease [of patrons]... they will see an increase. They will do better," she said.

Saugus Town Manager Scott Crabtree did not return calls to the Globe seeking comment.

Everett and Saugus were among eight local communities

that applied in January to the commission to be designated as a surrounding community to one or both casino projects.

But all the others withdrew their applications after reaching agreements on their own with developers. Wynn is still negotiating with Medford and Somerville on agreements.

In January, Mohegan Sun agreed to pay \$3.7 million annually spread among seven communities — Cambridge, Chelsea, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, and Salem. The communities would receive annual payments and benefits, such as hiring preference for jobs and tourism promotion.

Somerville reached an agreement with Mohegan last week that includes \$100,000 in annual payments, some to be set aside for city residents to train for jobs at the casino, Mayor Joseph Curtatone said.

Curtatone, a staunch gambling opponent who is leading a statewide effort to repeal the state's casino law, said the pact also includes a ban on Mohegan Sun from aggressive advertising and recruiting patrons.

"One of my major concerns was that there be no advertising or incentives to promote gambling in our city," Curtatone said in an interview Friday. "Mohegan has been very professional to work with, despite my position on gambling."

Reach Kathy McCabe at leatherine.mccabe@globe.com. Follow her on Twitter @GlobeKMcCabe.



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July 16, 2014



VIA EMAIL & REGULAR MAIL

Holly.s.johnson@state.ma.us

Secretary Maeve Valley Bartlett
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street – Suite 900
Boston, Massachusetts 02114
Attention: MEPA Office – Holly Johnson, Analyst

Re: Mohegan Sun Massachusetts (EEA No. 15006)

Dear Secretary Bartlett:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) for the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts project. I am supportive of the project and also appreciative of the level of detail and information provided by the Proponent in the SDEIR filing.

As the Revere Chamber of Commerce President, I am particularly excited about the commitment to work with the local businesses as well as the commitment to work in partnership with the DCR to support and promote Revere Beach.

Both the Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs team have demonstrated a spirit of transparency, cooperation, and willingness to listen to the citizens and small business owners of Revere and the surrounding communities. I believe the SDEIR goes above and beyond in addressing all of the questions and concerns that we have raised in our interactions with them. To the extent that there are any remaining issues, I am confident that they will be addressed through the local permitting process, including site plan review.

I urge you to find that Mohegan Sun Massachusetts has fully and adequately responded to your scope so that the document can be considered final and Revere can

move forward and start to realize the multitude of public benefits that this project will provide not only to Revere but to the surrounding communities.

Very truly yours,

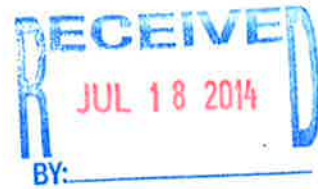
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Robert F. Upton, Jr.

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cc: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street – 10th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
(via facsimile 617-725-0258 and email at
mgccomments@state.ma.us)

June 24, 2014



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Hearing held at Revere High School
Re: Surrounding Communities Testimony

Dear Chairman McHugh and members of the MA Gaming Commission:

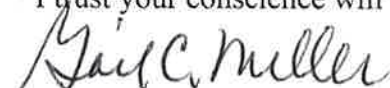
I am submitting remarks today from the former Secretary of Transportation, Fred Salvucci whose resume does not have to be illustrated here, and his work, namely with implementation of the Big Dig as one of his ideas and projects, goes without saying.

Former Secretary Salvucci has allowed Airport Impact Relief, Inc., an East Boston organization which reviews airport activities in and around Logan Airport to use his statement.

While I would submit it as a whole for the commission, I will read the following for your listening audience to help them understand why placing a project which will generate huge volumes of traffic, adding to an already overburdened region, is not good for our neighborhood, determined to be an assault on our environmental justice communities, and which reason you have within your power to consider.

I read as follows:

I thank you for your patience and consideration of this important decision before you and I trust your conscience will truly weigh the value of our comments this evening.


Gail C. Miller, President
Airport Impact Relief, Inc.
c/o 232 Orient Avenue
East Boston, MA 02128

Comment Letter by Fred Salvucci, former Secretary of Transportation re MA Department of Health report on health effects in residential areas close to Logan Airport

Late last month, the Bureau of Environmental Health of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health released a report indicating that there are elevated levels of respiratory problems in the communities surrounding Logan Airport, particularly among people in the close-in areas in Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere and Winthrop, who have lived in those areas longer than three (3) years. Among children, study results identified some respiratory effects indicative of undiagnosed (i.e., problematic) asthma; children in the high exposure area were estimated to have three or four times the likelihood of this respiratory outcome compared with children in the low-exposure area. The report indicates that the incremental impact of air pollutants from aircraft and ground movements at the airport, and the airport power plant over and above the air pollution from automobile and truck traffic to the airport, and commuting to the city, is small. But the adverse health outcome in the areas closest to Logan is clear. In fact, a look at the map will show that the areas of Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere and Winthrop closest to Logan, are also traversed by major congested roadways carrying automobiles and trucks to Logan Airport, and commuting. In this sense, there is a strong similarity to many environmental justice issues, where there are multiple possible sources of pollution, but the outcome of significantly

higher likelihood of respiratory problems, particularly among children, is a serious public policy concern.

The communities close to Logan have been requesting that the Mass Department of Public Health conduct this study ever since a local Winthrop study showed similar respiratory problems close to Logan about twenty years ago. After substantial delay, Speaker DeLeo and Senator Petrucelli were able to secure the funding to get the study done.

I believe that now that the DPH study has confirmed the existence of significant adverse health impacts in the communities close to Logan, the state needs to consider this factor in reviewing the proposed casino at Suffolk Downs, and reject it. It is important to recognize that remediating the identified health problem needs to begin by not making matters worse.

Of course, a reasonable person would have assumed that there are adverse health impacts from so much traffic volume and congestion, compounded by problematic exhausts from aircraft.

Indeed, the environmental impact analyses for the Big Dig, and separate analyses for the Logan Airport Terminal expansion in the 1989-1990 period included commitments to monitor and reduce overall adverse impacts in the communities surrounding Logan, and to take specific actions to reduce automobile and aircraft traffic growth and congestion in the area.

- The Big Dig NEPA and MEPA processes, and subsequent Ventilation permits issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection included requirements to strengthen restrictions on the supply of Parking at Logan Airport, Downtown Boston, The South Boston Seaport "Innovation District", and Cambridge, in order to restrain the danger that traffic growth would overtake the capacity increases of the Big Dig, and re-congest the Tobin Bridge, Sumner and Callahan Tunnels, and Ted Williams Tunnels, causing increased congestion and air pollution;
- The state also committed to expeditiously implement long outstanding MBTA improvements, such as the Extension of the Blue Line from Government Center to Charles Street Station to connect to the Red Line (to be completed by 2000), and the extension of the Green Line from Lechmere to Somerville and Medford Hillside (to be completed by 2011), in order to provide alternatives to excessive auto use.
- The Logan Airport Terminal Expansion MEPA process committed to Monitor, cap and reduce adverse impacts of Logan operations on the surrounding communities.

Few of these actions have occurred. In the intervening time, Massport succeeded in building new Runway 14-32, previously prohibited by court injunction, based on FAA and Massport commitments:

- that the runway would only be used during high Northwest wind conditions, in order to avoid a four fold increase in aircraft operations over Chelsea, East Boston, and Winthrop that was otherwise predicted to occur with the new runway;
- that Massport would institute peak pricing of aircraft landing fees at Logan, in order to avoid the delay and increased noise and air pollution caused by aircraft takeoff and landing and taxiway operations in congested conditions;
- that Massport would adopt a cap on NOX emissions in the area surrounding the airport, based on a surcharge on aircraft landing fees to be used to reduce NOX emissions in the area to offset Aircraft emissions.

Runway 14- 32 is built and operating, but the overflight of Chelsea, East Boston and Winthrop has increased fourfold - exactly what was NOT supposed to happen. The peak pricing of landing fees identified in the MEPA documents was substituted by a weaker plan that has no effect, and the Air Quality Initiative adopted by Massport set the cap on NOX emissions so high that it has no effect.

Also in the intervening years, Massport spent hundreds of millions of dollars building a consolidated Rent-a-Car facility that concentrates the car rentals at Logan, increasing the auto traffic generation at Logan. Massport ignored proposals to instead locate car rental facilities, at least in part, at

suburban Logan Express sites in order to reduce traffic and air pollution at Logan, and ignored proposals to locate any Logan car rental in a location near the airfield, and remote from the closest residential community, to reduce resident's exposure to PM -10 and other harmful air pollutants.

So now 24 years after formal commitments to recognize, measure and reduce adverse impacts in the communities close to Logan, and after 24 years of failure by the state and Massport to implement the mitigation promised in the environmental processes of the Big Dig and Logan Terminal Expansion, and actions by Massport further concentrating traffic generating activity at Logan, The Department of Public Health study is telling us what any reasonable person would have expected - that there are serious adverse health effects from air pollution in the communities close to Logan.

At this point, what can be done to remediate this problem? Logan Airport is an essential part of the infrastructure that supports the regional economy, and isn't going to go away. But the proposition agreed to in the Big Dig and Logan Terminal expansion processes 24 years ago was that the tremendous convenience to the regional economy provided by the central location of Logan carries with it a responsibility of the state and Massport to take energetic action to be a good neighbor and recognize, offset, and reduce negative impact on the close by communities.

Certainly the DPH report should remind us that that agreement has not been honored, and ought to be. This must entail a serious, well-funded effort to implement the mitigation measures that are so badly delayed, and identify new measures to offset the damage caused by the delay.

But such an approach will take time to implement. In the meanwhile, it is essential to recognize that state action now being contemplated to locate a casino at Suffolk Downs on the East Boston Revere boundary threatens to make these problems much worse, and that is unconscionable. The not yet approved Casino did not cause these existing problems, but it is yet another significant traffic generator attracted by the convenience of Logan, that will, if implemented, substantially worsen the existing problems, and undermine the access of the general public to Logan itself, with serious economic consequences for the region.

The Suffolk Downs site today has about 6000 parking spaces that are usually vacant, and which generate modest traffic. The casino proponents propose to put no more than approximately 5000 spaces into daily use. To put that number into context, Logan Airport is constrained to operate no more than approximately 21,000 parking spaces, under the terms of the Parking Freeze agreed to by Massport, and included in the DEP/ EPA federal Clean Air act Compliance plan for Massachusetts. Because those spaces are used by many airport customers who park for several days, while flying out of

commitments by public agencies over the past 24 years, mitigation commitments by the casino proponent deserved no credibility.

This of course begs the question, what about the casino proposal in Everett? No health effect study has been done in the communities close to Sullivan Square. But does any reasonable person believe, looking at the congested condition of Sullivan Square, that adding a casino in the proposed Everett location (which is closer to many residences in Somerville and Charlestown than to most of Everett) is a reasonable idea? Just because the Department of Public Health hasn't studied it does not mean there isn't a similar air quality problem. Shouldn't the Casino Commission, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Energy, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State require that a similar study be implemented and considered by the agencies and the voters in the potentially-affected committees, before any further decisions are made regarding a casino located in Everett?

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Ronaldsantaanna <ronaldsantaanna@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 12:08 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Revere casino

I recently went to Revere beach to watch them film the movie black Mass. There was a big crowd of over 500 people there, the only two pizza joints and one ice cream joint were shut Down Because they were in the view of the shots. Thus, there wasn't Any thing to eat. and nothing to do. How ironic that Revere Beach Was made up to look like my Miami Beach. With a resort Casino Revere Beach will become Miami Beach, hotels, restaurants ,nightclubs, cafés on the Boulevard. Soccer stadium at wonderland dog track. This all could happen with the resort casino in Revere.

Sent from my iPad

July 11, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street Suite 720
Boston, MA 02109



Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in regards to the Mohegan Sun Revere Casino proposal. I am extremely concerned about the youth of Revere and their future. I work with students and there families in various communities, including Revere. I have seen the devastating results of drug and alcohol abuse first hand. I am concerned that drug and alcohol abuse will increase if a casino is built in the city. I am concerned that the casino would be less than 1000 feet from the Beachmont Veterans Memorial School and less than 1500 feet from the Garfield Magnet School.

I refer you to a report titled "Revere Community Needs Assessment & Strategic Planning Report 2012," published by the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Community Health Improvement. Based on the 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment, Revere citizens identified drug abuse as the primary area of concern. The Revere CARES organization has set a goal: "To improve the well-being of Revere's residents by preventing substance abuse and promoting healthy eating, active living, and healthy relationships." In reviewing the information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and Department of Education (DOE), it should be noted that the most recent data shows that Revere had higher levels of consumption of alcohol by high school students than the national level. Revere High School students had a higher level of Marijuana use than the state and national levels. The number of Opioid related fatal overdoses in Revere was more than two times that of the state. The most concerning statistic is that Revere High School students' heroin use was more than four times the state level and more than twice the national level. According to MDPH records, Revere had a higher rate of substance abuse treatment admissions funded by DPH for 15-19 years olds than the state in 2011, (1561.8 per 100,000 15-19 year old Revere males compared to 1265.2 per 100,000 15-19 year old Massachusetts males; 1423.9 per 100,000 15-19 year old Revere females compared to 699.8 per 100,000 15-19 year old Massachusetts females).

Why is the city of Revere willing to expose the youth of the city to casinos by allowing such close proximity to schools? Given that the youth of Revere are already at a significantly higher risk for substance abuse than the state and nation, should the city be allowed to further expose them to gambling. Research has shown that there is a relationship between drug addiction and other addictive behaviors, including gambling.

I would like to ask the commission to consider the future of the youth of Revere when making a consideration about gambling in Revere. I would ask that the city officials uphold the goal set by Revere CARES: "To improve the well-being of

Revere's residents by preventing substance abuse and promoting healthy eating, active living, and healthy relationships."

Sincerely,



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cc: Mayor Rizzo

Attachments: Reference List, Google Map, Appendix H p. 29-32

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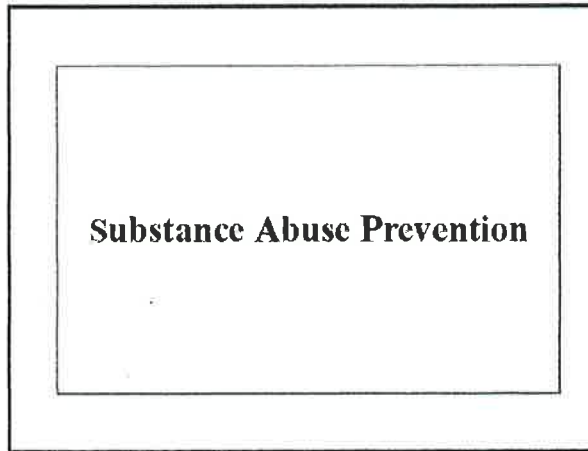
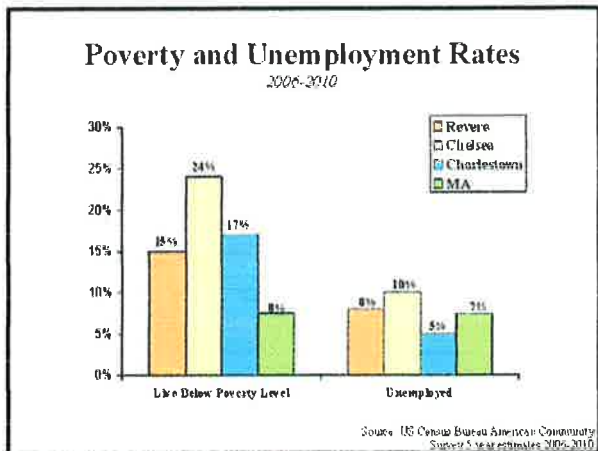
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Revere Quality of Life Survey 2012

Substance Abuse

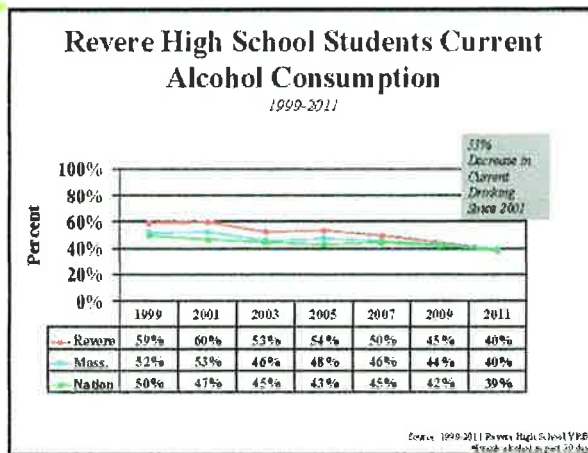
- On a scale of 1-5, respondents ranked Revere a 4.3 when asked how much of a problem drug and alcohol abuse is
- 52% reported they had had one more alcoholic drink in past 30 days
- 10% had participated in binge drinking in past 2 weeks
- 4% took prescription drugs not prescribed to them

Mental Health

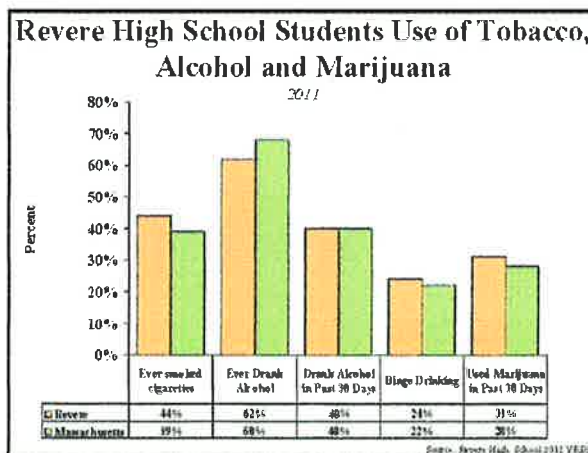
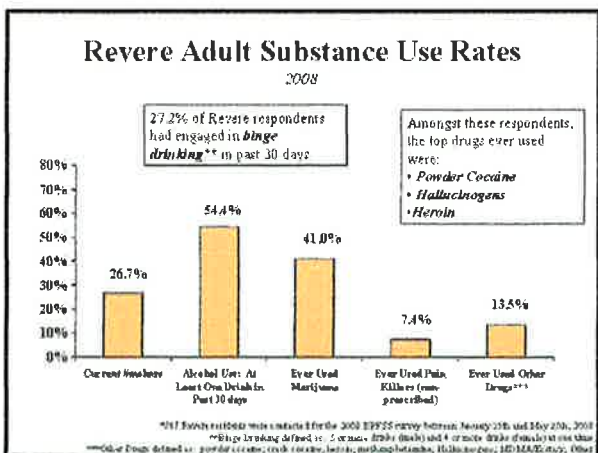
- 13% reported they have felt sad or hopeless for 2 weeks in the past year
- 1 in 4 families have been affected by depression
- 30% reported that someone in their families needed mental health services
- 45.5% could not access mental health services

"I live in a school zone and have drug addicts that sell drugs all day, every day RIGHT NEXT TO THE SCHOOL" Revere Survey Respondent

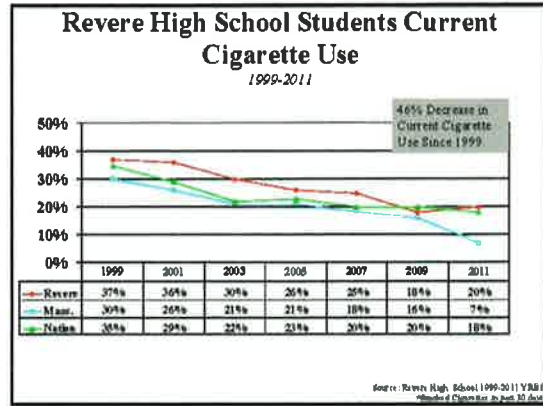
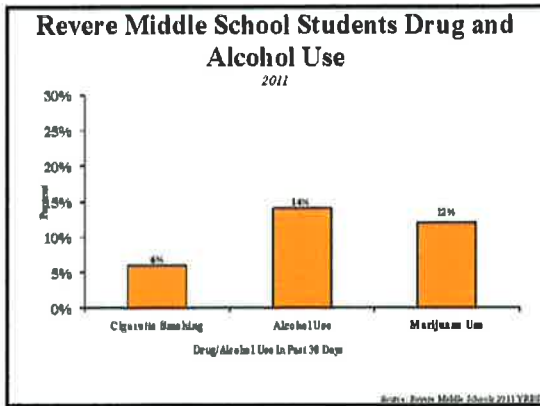
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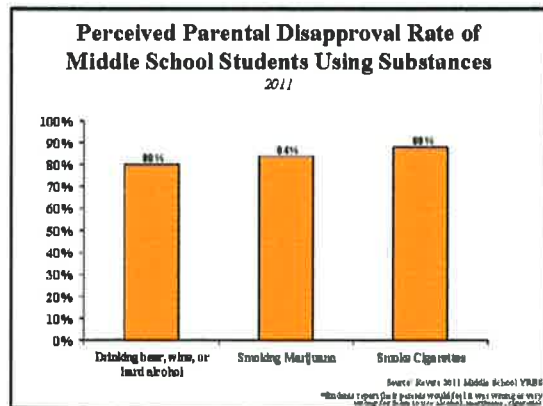
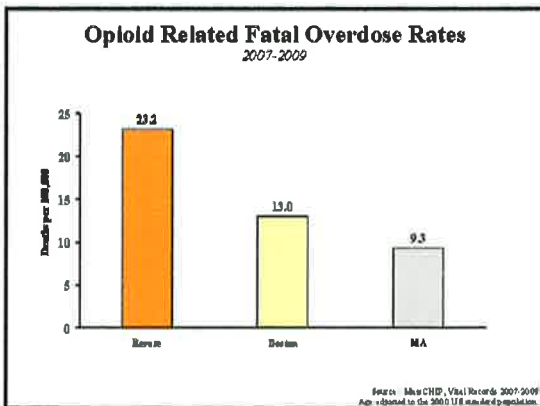
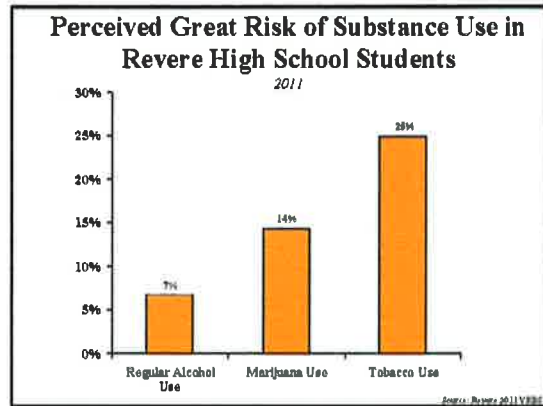
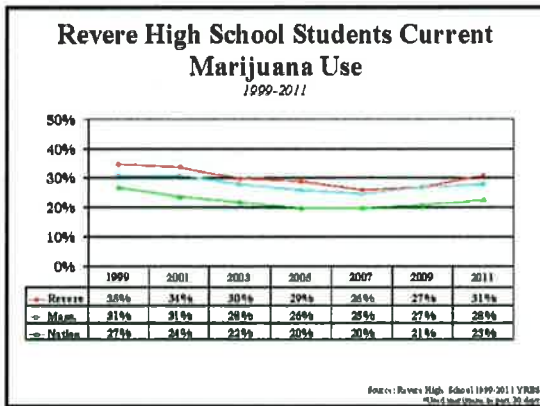
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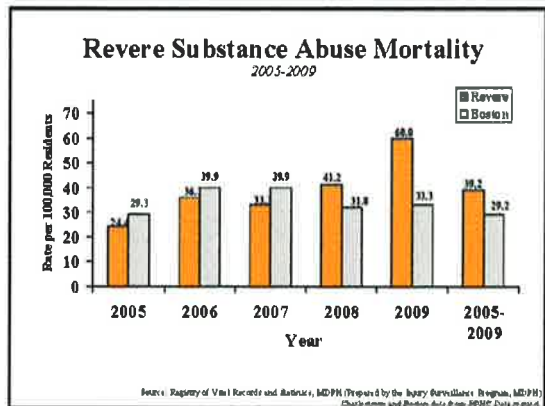
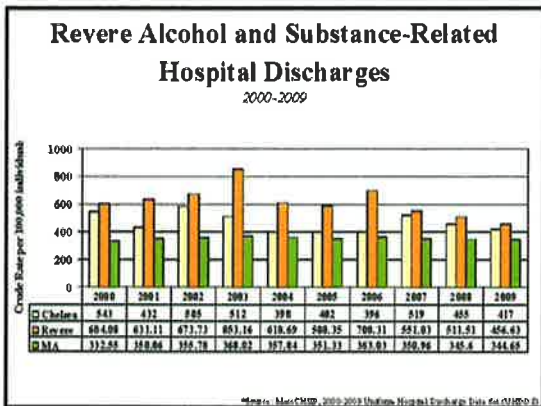
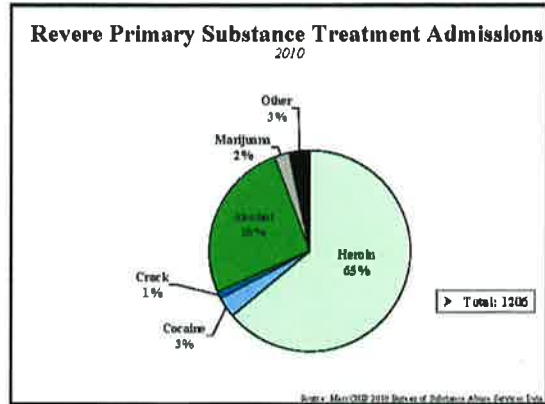
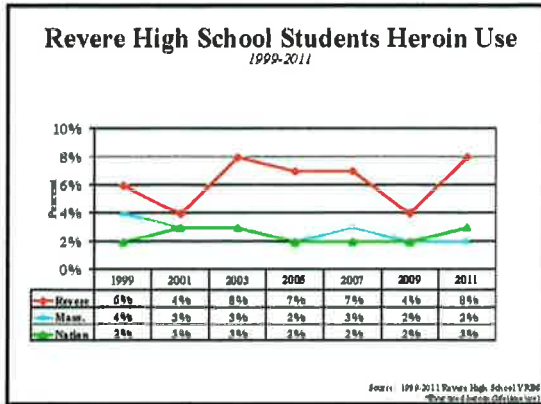
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Violence Prevention & Public Safety

Revere Quality of Life Survey: Violence 2012

- Low crime/safe neighborhood was #1 factor that defines a Healthy Community
- Crime and violence ranked second most important health problem
- Respondents ranked Revere a 3 on a scale of 1-5 as a safe place to live
- 2% have been affected by community violence and 3% reported physical abuse
- Respondents ranked feeling connected to neighbors and community a 3.2 on a scale of 1-5

"I think we need more police officers on Broadway especially during the summer months. I don't feel comfortable walking on Broadway and I grew up in this city my whole life"
-Revere Survey Respondent

*Data based on 756 completed surveys that were distributed in February and March in print, online, and in multiple languages through the Accessibility Committee and in public locations. Sample population: a general suburban, older, female population.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Meagan Catricala <megrosecat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 3:47 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Comments regarding Mohegan Sun Application

Dear Mass Gaming Commission,
My name is Meagan Catricala, co-chair of Don't Gamble on Revere and 4th generation Revere resident. When we decided to fight against the casino in Revere, we didn't know what to expect. We jumped into the fight because we knew it was the right thing to do. We had no idea how hard this fight would be and what we would endure. During the campaign for the casino referendum this past winter, we were faced with opposition from both residents and politicians. But we were also joined in our effort by residents, neighbors, and business owners in the opposition against the proposed Mohegan Sun casino. We heard from our neighbors that told us that they loved this city and they did not want to see it destroyed by a casino. We heard from young families who did not want to raise their children next to a casino and have their children walk by one on their way to school, as five schools are within 1 mile of the site. This is disturbing as even Las Vegas does not allow schools to be this close to casinos. Other residents talked about the impact the casino would have on their way of life including an increase in traffic on already congested roadways and a decrease in property values. Putting a casino in the backyard of our houses, across from our schools, and a short walk from our beach will negatively impact our city. Yes, the referendum passed, but by 60% to 40%. Even Mohegan Sun's 600,000 dollars couldn't sway those opposed.

The city officials silenced the voice of those opposed by intimidation and by pushing the majority opinion onto the community. Our mayor wouldn't acknowledge that our anti-casino

group existed and rather accused us of not being Revere residents. The city officials made residents who were opposed to the casino feel like aliens in their own neighborhoods. The issue of the proposed casino has already caused a rift in our community; if the casino is ever built in Revere the damage will be even greater. So I encourage the commission, to listen to others and myself that are opposed to the casino. We do not think Revere is the place for a casino and we are looking forward to voting in November to ensure this does not happen.

Thank you,
Meagan Catricala

McDowell, Rebekah (MGC)

From: Brian Gannon [<mailto:briangannon@briangannonboston.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 2:18 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Comments on Revere Surrounding Community Hearing

Attached are a written follow-up of my comments at the Revere surrounding community hearing.

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Brian Gannon

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Comments: Host Community Meeting for East Boston and Revere June 25, 2014

Submitted By: Brian Gannon 198 Everett Street East Boston MA 02128 briangannon@briangannonboston.com

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to speak today, my name is Brian Gannon I am from East Boston and grew up walking the picket lines with my union father who was a PATCO member and advocated for union rights and good union jobs and was fired by Ronald Reagan in 1981. So I am all for good union jobs and economic development, good economic development.

I want to make sure you are not persuaded or making decisions based on the cheering section or whistles or number of supporters in attendance in this room. The line-up of speakers and the audience in this room were persuaded, encouraged, potentially intimidated into being here today including City Workers, Fireman, Policeman and more, and in the case of the surrounding communities who have been legally bound by their surrounding community agreement to be here to show their support. I am sure you read these surrounding community agreements and are aware of this clause.

So yes these Casino projects have created a "culture of intimidation" in the communities they have come to.

What you do not see or hear in this room is the dissent from the Winthrop city officials, Revere city employees, Policeman, Firemen, small business owners, teachers in this building and thousands of Revere residents who were intimidated by this culture. You had the opportunity to witness here tonight by the booing, and jeers that we just heard. I experienced this first hand on Shirley Street where I confronted two city councilors Councilor Zambuto and Councilor Novaselski who spoke here tonight while they were discouraging minority owned businesses from posting no casino signs in exchange for the pro-casino signs all while wearing City Council jackets with the city council logo on them.

You are also not hearing the almost 4,300 East Boston voters who voted no to a casino at Suffolk Downs. You heard it tonight and saw it in the presentations by Mohegan Sun this is a Suffolk Downs casino there is no doubt about that and we in East Boston voted No on a casino at Suffolk Downs. I urge you to stand with democracy and officially recognize that this proposal is a farfetched stretch of the law and would undermine our commonwealth's democratic process. You cannot allow this development to go forward.

Thank you,

Brian Gannon

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Donna Tosches <dmtosches@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 3:44 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun

I support the licensing of Mohegan Sun in Massachusetts. I frequently visit Mohegan Sun in CT because the casino/resort is upscale and welcoming. Staff is friendly and helpful and the facility is clean.

Those that say they do not want gambling in MA because it will bring in the "bad element" don't know what they are talking about and just want to introduce scare tactics. I think that some in MA are concerned that they will lose money in "The Lottery!!"

Mohegan Sun in MA will create many jobs and draw in much more tourism and conventions. Why should CT benefit from MA monies?

Sincerely,
Donna Tosches
1 Crane Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Medeiros, Laura <Laura_Medeiros@hks.harvard.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:30 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Casino in Revere

Hello, I am a Revere resident and fully support the vision for a Casino in Revere. I believe that Revere has a much better location than the Everett site. Although both locations have traffic issues, the Everett location would be a commuters nightmare. I am excited about the possibility for new jobs and careers for the residents of Revere and also excited not to have to travel to Connecticut the 2-3 times a year that I visit a casino. Please support the casino in Revere. Thank you.

Laura Medeiros
56 Howard Street
Revere, MA 02151

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Andy Meserve <ameserve@tangentenergy.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 9:01 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun MA Support Letter
Attachments: MoheganSunSupport Letter-TES-070114.pdf

To Whom it may concern, Attached is a support letter from Tangent Energy Solutions for the Mohegan Sun MA proposed project. Please contact me with any questions and if additional information is required.

Best –Andy Meserve

Andy Meserve
Vice President of Sales
Tangent Energy Solutions
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302-388-4572 -mobile



July 1, 2014

Secretary Maeve Valley Bartlett
Attn: MEPA Office
Holly Johnson, EOEEA 15006
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114

RE: EOEEA 15006 – Mohegan Sun Massachusetts, Revere

Dear Secretary Sullivan:

Tangent Energy Solutions has been working with Mohegan Sun to develop a distributed renewable energy system for the proposed resort in Revere. The commitment from Mohegan Sun to incorporate clean, renewable solar energy into the proposed resort is clear to Tangent. Together we have worked on multiple photovoltaic (solar) system designs on the available building roofs and parking areas with the goal of maximizing the system's energy production and efficiency. There is also a clear sense of professionalism and local pride as many of our design discussions are around construction and operations safety during and after the installation and utilization of local Massachusetts components like Solectria inverters. Tangent Energy looks forward to continuing our work with Mohegan Sun to provide clean energy for the proposed project.

Tangent is confident that if the Mohegan Sun Revere project is approved, the benefits will ripple throughout the state. Tangent Energy is in support of this project.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Meserve".

Andrew Meserve
Vice President, Sales & Development



July 9, 2014

Commissioner James McHugh
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street, Suite 720
Boston MA 02109

Re: Building Design Comments on Revere and Everett Casino Designs – AIA MA Design Panel Members

Dear Commissioner McHugh:

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From: francit106@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 4:19 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun

Dear Gaming Commissioner's, My husband and I are all in favor of Revere getting the license for a casino in Revere We bought a house in Revere on August 27th 1964 and raised 3 children in this wonderful city. We do go to Mohengan Sun as often as we can and yes we both work and do not have any problem with having a casino in our city or losing our house. It would be so wonderful to have it here in Revere as we are getting on in years and traveling to CT. and Atlantic City will become difficult. So please on behalf of my husband and I please consider giving the license to our wonderful city. Sincerely Yours, Frances and Armando Citro 106 Franklin St. Revere, Ma.

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From: Mary <mcajohn35@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 4:17 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Casino in revere

Mass needs to realize the importance of continuing live racing at Suffolk downs. The vote for moegean sun will insure the future of this great sport.....it is not only about gambling! It is a chance to restore the Mass cap and return great horse racing to mass.... Please vote for revere!

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Thank you,
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another vote. We thought elections were a one time thing but apparently we were wrong, now it is 3 times and maybe they will be out for good. (that is the

Wynn in Everett.) Get going get this show on the road and decide once and for all who is going to get the casino and move along .

Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion. We hope it has an impact on your decision making. We hope you consider this letter when you make your final

decision.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Jeanette De Rosa

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Gudelia Faller <gudiefaller@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 4:44 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Why I like Mohegan Sun

I have been to other casinos so many times Atlantic City,Connecticut and Rhode Island,not to mention other places farther but I think Mohegan Sun is the best and my favorite casino.It would be a big help to our financial problem and unemployment here in Massachusetts to have Mohegan Sun,also it would be a big relief not to travel to other places to play. Why should they have the benefits that the Casinos can give when most of the players are from Massachusetts? Please take Mohegan Suns offer.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: getachew ayano <gettyayano52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 7:12 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: The only real hope for our community to develop and prosper and catch up with the 21st century is to bring in and work with the Mohegan Sun. My Name is Getty Ayano

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Carolyn Pivnick <cpivnick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 9:12 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: I hope you are considering Revere the casino to be located in this area. As a long time resident of Revere, I look forward to the dvelopment of the suffolk Downs area, the jobs that will be made available, the entertainment that will be first class, an...

It will be the best thing that can happen to our city Please consider Revere when you make your final choice.,
Thank you.
Carolyn Pivnick

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Terri Scheidel <tscheidel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 9:19 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan/Suffolk downs

As a resident of Connecticut and an owner of a Mass bred thoroughbred, currently at Suffolk Downs, I offer you my input on your decision.

There is really only one question.

How would a no vote from the commission affect the host community?

A no vote for the Wynn site would have no economic change or effect, as there are no employees there. No patrons there. No surrounding businesses, no ripple effect to grooms, owners, trainers. To the Massachusetts farmlands, their employees, or surrounding New England farms, breeding operations, nor to a historic landmark.

A no vote for Wynn, in a desolate wasteland, would have no effect.

In complete contrast, a no

vote to Suffolk Downs would invoke complete annihilation of so many lives, businesses, environments, family's and a grand historic facility, in need of, and waiting for, an injection of confidence and hope.

Your decision can make that happen.

I pray, for everyone who has an interest in or loves Suffolk Downs, you make the correct one and give the license to Suffolk and The Mohegan Sun and bring the world to Revere.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terri Scheidel

860-416-1200(cell)

Sent from my iPhone

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Joe Spaziano <jpspaziano@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 9:59 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun MA , LLC

I'm Joseph p Spaziano I had emailed the commission a letter in support of the Mohegan Sun casino project at Suffolk downs race track, can you introduce that letter in support of the casino on behalf of the Suffolk downs horsemen , I had signed in to speak at the last meeting but I live out of state and can not attend the meeting at Revere High school on July 15th. I greatly appreciate the chance to voice my opinion on the subject. I work for the Pa. Racing commission the dept. of agriculture at Parx racetrack and casino in Bensalem pa. I was a hot walker , groom , a horse trainer 26 years , a racing official and a jockey agent. I can tell you firsthand of the positive effect of the casino in our area for the community as a whole and the racetrack in particular . Roads are being built , hotels , restaurants, and shopping centers are doing increased business. It has meant a lot of jobs in our area. I have never raced horses at Suffolk downs and I was there only a couple of times , I can see great potential for the casino and racetrack to be a positive for the city of Revere and the surrounding communities . I like that the people from anywhere in the city can take the train or subway and get off right at the door , and I have seen other Mohegan Sun casinos and they are first class and I'm sure they will spare no expense to run a top world class casino in the Boston area. Thank you , yours truly Joseph P Spaziano

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: DWYERAPPLIANCE <dwyerappliance@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 3:07 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: casino

I personally feel that a casino for htesuffolk downes and mohican sun group would be a great asset to the state of Mass. I own and race horses at the track and with this casino going to happen would make a big difference to the welfare of the people and the animals. Bigger purses bring a better grade of horses Please give the suffolk/mohican sun the right to run the casino! Thank you thomas dwyer!

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Joe G. <veto109@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 1:37 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun Massachusetts

I'm a life long resident of Revere. I would like to see Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs race track be awarded a casino license. This would restore Revere to being the great tourist attraction it once was. And more important it would save and create jobs

Thank You
Joseph Green
175 Pearl St.
Revere Ma.
02151

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Ava Fantasia (NA NEW) <Ava.Fantasia@wholefoods.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:38 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Support for teh Casino At Suffolk Downs

I support the casino at Suffolk Downs because Suffolk Downs is the very logical place for a casino. Thoroughbred racing will benefit from the casino at Suffolk Downs and as someone closely related to breeding racehorses and someone who has many friends in the horse racing and breeding business I am very excited about the prospect of the casino coming to Suffolk Downs.

Ava Fantasia
Whole Foods Market
916 Walnut Street
Newton, Ma. 02461
Phone: 617-969-1141
Fax: 617-964-5773



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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Melissa Gerardi <mgerardi95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:24 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: I'm for the casino in Revere

This is our last chance to make it please consider giving revere a chance and vote for he casino here in revere MA.

It's a great opportunity for all of Massachusetts and it won't add anything negative to the community than we are already be battling for years.

Thank you for hearing us,
Melissa Gerardi
617-416-9740

Sent from my iPhone

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Robert S. Repucci <rrepucci@capicinc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:10 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Testimony
Attachments: Testimony.docx

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Please accept the attached testimony from Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. relative to our support for a Revere license. Thank you.

Robert S. Repucci
Executive Director

Testimony
From
Robert S. Repucci
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc.
June 24, 2014

Good Afternoon Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Robert Repucci and I am Executive Director at Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC), with offices located throughout Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop MA.

CAPIC is a non-profit, state and federally designated anti-poverty Agency serving the communities of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. We are governed by a twenty-one member community-based Board of Directors and employ 130 persons, many of whom reside within the service area. We provide over 15,000 units of service annually to area residents who live in poverty.

I am originally from Revere and have worked for CAPIC since 1972 in a variety of capacities and have been Executive Director since 1978.

CAPIC was chartered in 1967 to identify the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop and to that end, we have developed numerous strategies that enable residents to become self-sufficient and leave their reliance on public assistance. We respond to this challenge by developing strategies that remove barriers that keep people from entering the work force. As an example, we provide quality, affordable child care so the parents may work, attend school or job training. In cases where this strategy cannot be employed, we have services that help people meet basic needs such as heating assistance, energy conservation and various emergency services. We also work aggressively to prevent housing displacement and homelessness through pro-active strategies that encourage early mediation with landlords. In 2009, the City of Revere commissioned CAPIC to develop employment training programs in response to the findings of the Gateways Cities Initiative and to that end we created GED, ESL and computer training programs right within the Shirley Ave neighborhood.

I want to stop here a moment to share an observation from the last hearing with regard to comments made by opponents of the plan. As I listened to those opposed, I could only think that if someone establishes their opposition on a religious basis, then I can respect that decision, however, to attempt to blemish the character of those elected officials who have dedicated their careers to public service and to the betterment of Revere, it is unfair and untrue. Furthermore, I am invested in this project as a stakeholder and service provider. My only gain is to acquire resources to help deal with the 30-50 people, who walk into my office every week looking for help to pay their mortgage, rent, get heating assistance, or just put food on their table.

Commissioners, the landscape of poverty has changed...it now extends to those life-long Revere residents who have worked almost all their lives and now face an uncertain future due to unexpected job loss. I don't want to see the employees at Suffolk Downs standing in line at CAPIC offices for housing and heating assistance help. Maybe some of the opponents who feel this proposal is unnecessary, should spend a day in my office dealing with residents who cannot pay their mortgage or care for their children or aging parents. We are on the front lines and need this industry to boost the Revere economy. In simple terms...we need the jobs!

In anticipation of this emerging need, CAPIC has developed a Job Readiness Certification Program, in conjunction with Mohegan Sun, Suffolk Downs, American Training, the City of Revere and Town of Winthrop. The City of Chelsea has also expressed interest to participate. This unique initiative promises to certify 600 area residents in acquiring basic job readiness skills within the first two years. The 10 week revolving program will teach applicants customer service skills, complete their CORI checks and provide instruction in how to be an exemplary and long-term employee. The program will maintain a relationship with those trainees who become employed by Mohegan Sun order to help them transition successfully. We remain committed to seeing that Revere residents and those who are from surrounding communities have every opportunity possible to succeed. Our plan does not stop there... we will also be providing comprehensive supportive social services to trainees facing housing problems, child care needs and gambling addiction. We have forged an alliance with the Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop Home Care Center who will address the special needs of senior citizens who enter the work force and require support services. We are also working on creating a volunteer service corps, where Mohegan Sun employees could participate in serving elders. Finally, we expect to establish a Food Service handlers Certification program to better equip job applicants who wish to work in the resort restaurant industry. Plans are underway to establish a Cafe training kitchen that will give trainee's firsthand experience in food handling. We also stand ready to help Mohegan Sun establish child care, since we have considerable experience in that area.

We are delighted by the pro-active and enthusiastic manner by which Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs has embraced the Revere community and the stakeholders such as CAPIC. Clearly, they are invested in seeing that Revere residents benefit from an improved quality of life and we urge the Commission to award the license to Mohegan Sun.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert S. Repucci
Executive Director
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc.

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Mark DeAngelis <mj.deangelis@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:02 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Cc: Pete Schultz
Subject: Mark DeAngelis--Casino Support Input

Dear Mass Gaming Commission:

I support Mohegan Sun's effort to establish a casino at Suffolk Downs, and to allow gaming in the Commonwealth.

Revere can use the revenue and infrastructure improvements that would come about as a result of a casino at Suffolk Downs. The casino would also secure the future of thoroughbred horse racing in NEW ENGLAND. I have lived in Revere all my life, some 55+ years.

The opponents make it sound like gambling is a sin or worse. They should instead consider the evils of Washington State, which just legalized recreational marijuana use.

Anyways. Do not let Suffolk Downs "down."

The Mayor of Everett and the proposed casino there are already tied to organized crime, as reported in the BOSTON GLOBE. Revere is the best choice with the best team— Mohegan Sun and Chip Tuttle will run a fine operation the state can be proud of.

Respectfully,

**Mark J DeAngelis
122 Suffolk Avenue
Revere, MA 02151**

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: cameninger@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:57 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Suffolk Downs/Mohegan Sun Casino

I strongly support the casino at Suffolk Downs in Revere, Massachusetts

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: McGunigle, Maureen <Maureen.McGunigle@fnf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:42 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Support for MGC to Award the Eastern Massachusetts Casino License to REVERE Site for Mohegan Sun

Good Day ~

Since I cannot attend the Tuesday, July 15, 2014 - 4 to 8 PM Public Hearing at Revere High School, I wanted to send this email as evidence of my support for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to award the Eastern Massachusetts Casino License to REVERE – Mohegan Sun Massachusetts.

I believe that Mohegan Sun has deep New England roots, understands the region, has a plan to invest in local business, supports the arts community, grows the tourism and convention business, creates and saves jobs.

Further, the Revere site location is more attractive, accessible, and offers more varied activities for visitors than the Wynn Site:

- Revere Beach is the county's first public beach, established in 1896,
- Blue Line Public Transportation will take visitors to Aquarium, Faneuil Hall, Downtown Boston, by only using the Blue Line;
- Suffolk Downs will also offer live horse races.

Please know that I am a long time Revere resident, a registered voter, a home owner and I graduated from Revere High, Class of 1977. It is my opinion that a partnership with Mohegan Sun Massachusetts will be the key step to revitalize Revere and create additional revenue for the State of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Maureen McGunigle
48 Larkin Street
Revere, MA 02151

Cell 781-526-8393

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Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: JOHN OAKES <oakesy101853@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:27 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)

As a former Everett resident who lived off bow st. Accross from the Monsanto plant for 40 years I think IRS a terrible location for a project so large. Roads public transportation and hazardous chemicals make it a bad idea. Now I live in Revere it's already to move ahead quickly to build a casino. There are already hotels public transportation trains/ferry landings close to airport first public beach in the country. Everett does not have one hotel no more train station and a drawbridge if they decide to do ferris. Revere is leaps ahead of my home town of Everett. Revere will be up and running long before Everett builds one hotel. Thank you. Feel free to contact me for any questions about either site

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Paul Rizzo <Paul@rizzoinsurance.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:16 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Casino

Dear commissioners

I can't believe how long this has taken and the money spent. Revere has been out in front full time giving reasons and information to the commission. We all know the land in Everett is connected to a convicted felon so why haven't you disqualified them on that alone??? The land is TOXIC How long will that take to clean up. Traffic over in Everett is horrible and they have only asked for taxpayer money to fix it.

Now Mohegan in Revere will begin construction on the clean land right away. The track Suffolk downs would save over 800 jobs if the casino license is granted to Revere. Mohegan will pay for the traffic improvements not us taxpayers. I've been to the hearings on the Revere license and it seems overwhelmingly the spot to put the project.

I do have a question why are there so many issues with the land? The ownership is not clear. The land is not clean. So please do the state and the city of Revere a positive track to bringing in new development

Thanks

Paul Rizzo

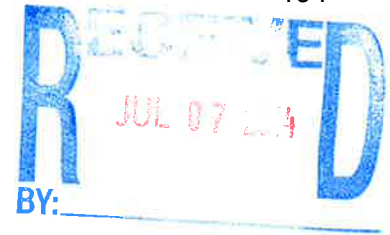
Bresilla, Colette (MGC)

From: Vincent Monaco <vjmonaco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 11:14 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Mohegan Sun

Folks,

I would like to express my support for the granting of the Gaming License at Suffolk Downs to Mohegan Sun.

Thank you,
Vincent Monaco



Joseph P. Spaziano

James F. McHugh, Commissioner
Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner
Gayle Cameron, Commissioner
Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner

July 4, 2014

My name is Joseph P. Spaziano and it was my honor to have been at the public meeting at Revere High School on June 24, 2014. I had signed in to speak on behalf of the Suffolk Downs Horsemen in favor of the Mohegan Sun applicant. Unfortunately, do to time constraints, I did not have the opportunity to speak. I live in Langhorne, PA. I have worked 34 years in the horse racing industry, as a hot walker, groom, 26 years as a trainer, a racing official, a jockey agent, and I am currently employed by the PA Horse Racing Commission for the Department of Agriculture at Parx Racing and Casino in Bensalem, PA. I can tell you that Parx (formally Philadelphia Park) racetrack was like Suffolk Downs. We were on the brink of closing down if the Casino was not approved. The purse money sky rocketed, the country's best trainers and horses shipped in to race for the bigger purses. Barns that were crumbling from age are being built. We now have 26 new up to date barns, roads are being built, businesses created to meet the demands of the increased flow of people in the area, hotels and restaurants doing increased business. So, you can see it is not just Horsemen who reap the benefits of the Casino, it's the whole community. It's all the other businesses that will benefit, the agriculture, the hay straw feed and the breeding industry of your area. Also the tax revenue that Revere will receive from the Casino.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia and never raced at Suffolk Downs. I persosnally know at least 5 trainers who race at Parx who are from the Boston area who would love to stable horses home again. So, I would ask the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to approve the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts Casino project for the city of Revere who have already approved the Casino in two elections. Please do the the right thing for the many hundreds of workers at Suffolk Downs Racetrack, for the city of Revere and the surrounding communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Casino project.

Yours Truly,

Joseph P. Spaziano

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Bratton-Davies, Marianne (MGC)

From: smh00a@gmail.com on behalf of Steve Holt <steve@thebostonwriter.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2014 10:25 AM
To: MGCcomments (MGC); Zuniga, Enrique (MGC); Crosby, Steve (MGC); Cameron, Gayle (MGC); McHugh, James (MGC); Stebbins, Bruce (MGC); Ziemba, John (DOT)
Subject: A Declaration of Independence
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Dear Commissioners,

I wrote the "declaration" below exactly a year ago as my neighbors and I waged a spirited, citizen-led education campaign in East Boston against the proposed Suffolk Downs casino. As a ballot question campaign, our efforts proved to be successful, garnering a 56% "no" vote in the local referendum last November. But today, incredibly, East Bostonians *still* face a casino at Suffolk Downs, thanks to the maneuvering of a regulatory body that nearly always sides with developers over communities and has changed the rules time after time to benefit Suffolk Downs.

A year ago, we declared our independence from a casino on our doorstep and put our faith in a process and a vote we thought would be "fair, transparent and participatory" and protect us against that which we opposed. That faith, we now know, was misplaced, and the Declaration below is sadly still as relevant as ever.

As we celebrate our nation's independence over the next several days, I encourage you to read and re-read East Boston's declaration. May it be on your minds as you continue the important work of creating a "fair, transparent and participatory process." From my perspective -- and from the perspective of the many thousands of my neighbors who voted "no" last November -- the process has been anything but.

A Declaration of Independence

WE THE PEOPLE of East Boston -- representing neighbors who have lived here their whole lives and those who have only been here a few years; "old-timers," newborn babies, and everything in between; bankers and builders; lawyers and full-time moms; every shade of skin color and country of origin; diverse religious beliefs and none at all; wealthy, middle-class and struggling to get by; drinkers of Dunkin', Honey Dew, and Market Café; gamblers and non-gamblers; married and single; from the Heights to the Flats to Jeffries Point; Eagle Hill to Maverick -- declare, with one voice:

- independence from financially compromised, predatory corporations who want to take what we have;
- independence from additional burdens to the ones against which we already fight -- an airport, two tunnels, gas tanks, a highway, pollution;
- independence from political structures that seek corporate profits above community engagement;
- independence from flashy bribes and promises of affluence that would have us give up a lot in exchange for a little;

- independence to make our own way and choose our own destiny as a neighborhood -- a destiny fueled by hard work, small businesses, our immigrant spirit, and our shared commitment to each other;
- independence to raise our children in a safe neighborhood free from unnecessary obstacles, temptations, and false hopes;
- independence to continue building an environmentally and economically sustainable future for our children and grandchildren;

WE THE PEOPLE of East Boston declare independence from a casino because it threatens that which our neighborhood's founders sought to build, what our neighborhood's servicemen and women sacrificed to preserve, what ordinary neighbors-turned-activists stood up to maintain, and what the present generation of East Bostonians both enjoys and seeks to build upon. We will not stand idly by as deals are made behind our backs that affect not only our lives but future residents' lives. It is in that spirit -- the same spirit in which a rag-tag group of dreamers envisioned and fought for their freedom 238 years ago just a stone's throw away -- that we declare today our independence from the false hope of a casino.

(originally published on Independence Day 2013)



Best,

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Steve Holt

East Boston Resident

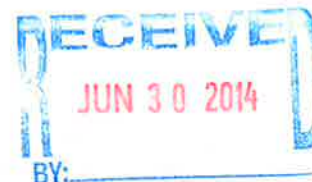


MEMBERS OF THE MASS GAMING BOARD:

6/1/2014

Please be advised that I have been to all the meetings that your board has held and I also have worked so hard to be a part of seeing that a world class casino comes to Revere and as everyone in this state knows Revere is the best place for this to go because you have two well known Historic sites, Revere beach and Suffolk downs race track which just about everyone in Revere and around the state would like to preserve, along with the hundreds of jobs that would be lost if Revere would be turn down. I have talked to a couple of you personally and I have the upmost respect for all of you, as I know this is no easy task. I have been to meetings watching Mr. Winn falling asleep at the table while you were talking to him, he has always been rude thinking that his money can buy him anything and after hearing on the news yesterday that if you people awarded Everett the casino he would give all the workers currently employed at Suffolk downs a job, I just know you people are not falling for that, if I'm not wrong I would call that a bribe. At least if Revere were awarded the casino you can be sure that it will be in a place yards from the first public beach in the country, two major transportation routes, a train that would be less than 75 yards from the casino site, a major bus route that would be less than one mile from the casino and most of all five minutes from Logan airport. Also you would be preserving hundreds of jobs which this city and state needs so bad. Everett has one transportation system, no historic site that I know of, no existing jobs that would be lost and one thing that would and should be important to all of you is corruption which none of that would be in Revere as would for sure be in Everett as we have all seen already. Being at so many meetings as I have I would definitely look at who wants to build and if he is falling asleep at the table while such an important meeting is going on, then where's the interest and what kind of a place would he be running. I have three recordings on DVR with Mr. Winn falling asleep and I watch them in disbelief thinking to myself, is this the man I would hire or have anything to do with such an important project. Well in closing once again I have the highest respect for all of you and only hope that you all make the right decision and award Revere the casino and I can guarantee that in years to come you will all be proud of the decision that all of you have made . Yours Truly and God bless
Joseph Cuoco 36 Sears St Revere Ma 02151 781-608-0002

Christopher Benson
209 Hancock Street Abington
Ma 02351
6/24/2014



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

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

I am writing to you concerning the decision that is to be made on the Casino for the Boston area. I am strongly urging you to grant the license to Mohegan Sun. There are numerous reasons why I feel so strongly that Mohegan is the correct choice for eastern Massachusetts and New England that range from economic to practical to historical. The Mohegan plan will bring more revenue as it is a trusted name for casino gambling already. The location itself is close to the T and the airport. After reviewing the two plans, the locations do not compare when thinking about building roads and the impact of traffic. Mohegan clearly grasps the challenges that will come along with the casino but also knows how to overcome those challenges to become a successful business that will provide the taxpayers income and the state revenue. My strongest feelings about the issue come with the history of Boston that can be preserved by granting the license to Mohegan. Suffolk Downs is an institution for Boston sports, culture and gaming. There is already a large workforce currently employed by the racing industry. The Mohegan plan will not only create more jobs but also save jobs. I hope you can come to the same conclusion as I.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Benson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christopher Benson