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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, please find attached a letter in response to the Commission's Request for Public Comment regarding the Region C Licensing Process.

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September 18, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
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Re: Request for Public Comments: Region C Licensing Process

Dear Commissioners:

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC ("PGR") submits this letter in response to the Commission's Request for Public Comment: Region C Licensing Process. The Commission asked for comments on the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC ("MGE") that the Commission "make an immediate determination (prior to the Region C application date) that the Commission will issue a casino license in Region C if it determines that a Region C gaming applicant meets all of the criteria for issuance of such a license and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth regardless of whether or not the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license." PGR opposes the request for the following reasons:

- A. The request seeks reconsideration of a determination made by the Commission over two years ago, when the Commission unanimously voted to "open Region C to commercial RFPs with the Commission deciding whether to issue a commercial license to an applicant after taking into account economic and other circumstances *as they exist at the time of the licensing decision ...*"<sup>1</sup> MGE has not offered any reason justifying reversal of the Commission's considered judgment.
- B. The relief sought by MGE would be contrary to G.L. c. 23K and the Commission's regulations, which require licensing decisions to be based upon current market and other relevant considerations as of the time of the licensing decision. *See, e.g., G.L. c. 23k, §§ 18, 19; 205 CMR 118.06(2).* Not only is this the explicit law, it is also practical in light of the variables discussed below.
- C. There is no reason to rush to judgment about whether the Mashpee land will be taken into trust. The Commission repeatedly has informed applicants that it is under no obligation to issue a license in any Region, including Region C. Yet MGE would have the Commission issue the maximum number of gaming licenses permissible under c. 23K, without first considering the effect of a fifth casino operated by the Mashpee Tribe, all while there is only one gaming facility operating in the Commonwealth on which to analyze the market. MGE urges this result even though if a license is not issued at this time, the process can always be re-opened to new bidders if warranted by market

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<sup>1</sup> See Transcript of Public Meeting #64 (April 18, 2013) at 105-106 (emphasis added).

conditions, as has successfully been done in other jurisdictions. Under these circumstances, adopting a stance of willful blindness to a factor as critical as the likelihood of significant new competition within Region C is entirely unwarranted.

D. Granting MGE's request would be contrary to the statutory objective of "maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth." G.L. c. 23K, § 18(11). The operation of a tribal casino and a Category 1 facility within Region C would significantly reduce gaming tax revenues. Rather than paying a tax rate of 17%, the tribal casino would pay the Commonwealth no tax on gaming revenue while, at the same time, significantly cannibalizing revenue from tax-paying Category 1 and 2 licensees. The risk of incurring such material and negative economic consequences for the Commonwealth calls for a careful decision-making process that takes into account all relevant factors as of the time the licensing decision is made.

**A. The Commission Should Not Reconsider its April 18, 2013 Decision.**

On April 18, 2013, after receiving public comments, the Commission considered whether to freeze the Region C process until the Tribal process was concluded. The specific questions considered by the Commission were whether it should (a) "open Region C to commercial RFPs with the Commission deciding whether to issue a commercial license to an applicant taking into account economic and other circumstances *as they exist at the time of the licensing decision*, in light of the statutory objectives that govern expanded gaming in the Commonwealth;" or (b) "keep Region C closed to commercial applications until the Tribal State and Federal process is completed with a favorable or unfavorable decision or the Commission is able to conclude that all necessary favorable decisions will not be forthcoming."<sup>2</sup>

The Commission decided to open the Region C commercial application process, but only subject to the proviso that any ultimate licensing decision would be based on the relevant facts and circumstances as they existed at the time of the licensing decision, considerations that necessarily include the then-current status of the Tribal process.<sup>3</sup> The Commission's decision to base licensing decisions on all relevant factors existing at the time a decision is made is as well-warranted today as it was in 2013.

**B. The Relief Requested by MGE Is Contrary to c. 23K and the Commission's Regulations.**

The Gaming Act provides that the Commission may award a license in a given region only if it is convinced that the applicant, besides meeting the eligibility criteria, will provide "value to the region in which the gaming establishment is proposed to be located" and "create a secure and robust gaming market in the region and the commonwealth." G.L. c. 23k, §§ 18(13), 19 (emphasis added). The Act also requires that the Commission "take into consideration the physical distance in selecting the locations of the gaming establishments as they relate to each other and how they maximize benefits to the commonwealth." *Id.* at § 19(d).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See State and Tribal Licensing Processes in Region C: Safeguarding Rights and Options (April 18, 2013 Commissioners' Packet) at 2, 5 (emphasis added).

<sup>3</sup> See April 18, 2013 Tr. at 105-106 (motion and unanimous vote).

<sup>4</sup> See also 205 CMR 118.06(2) ("Within any region, if the commission is not convinced that there is an applicant

The plain meaning of these statutory and regulatory requirements is that the Commission must consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances as they exist at the time a licensing decision is made. MGE's request that the Commission refuse in advance to consider a factor directly relevant to the exercise of its discretion to grant or deny a license is an invitation to run afoul of c. 23K and 205 CMR 118.06(2). The status of the Tribal process unquestionably is a highly relevant fact that should not and cannot be ignored when the Commission exercises its discretion to grant or deny a Region C license.<sup>5</sup>

**C. Region C Licensing Decisions Should Be Based on All Relevant Facts at the Time the Decision Is Made.**

The rapidly evolving and unpredictable landscape of the gaming market in Massachusetts strongly militates against the Commission making any advance rulings on licensing decisions. PGR's facility only recently opened and is the Commonwealth's first and only gaming establishment in operation today. Data about the risk of cannibalization to and from other gaming facilities has just begun to be collected and analyzed. There can be no doubt, however, that operating a mega resort and casino of the size and magnitude planned by the Mashpee Tribe would pose a significant threat to any other facility located in Region C.<sup>6</sup>

But a tribal casino is by no means the sole threat to Region C. The Twin River Casino, located in Lincoln, Rhode Island less than 50 miles from the proposed Region C location, recently proposed building a 250-room hotel to increase demand. Twin River also has proposed opening a new casino in Tiverton, Rhode Island, which is even closer in proximity to the proposed Region C establishment than the Twin River Casino.

Under these circumstances, the Commonwealth surely will not benefit from a premature (and unilateral) commitment by the Commission to ignore future market developments when making a licensing decision. As the recent withdrawal of KG Urban's application demonstrates, license applicants and their sources of funding are under no obligation to build, open and operate a facility. Just as applicants have the freedom to adapt to the market by deciding to withdraw an application, so too should the Commission be free to consider all relevant market factors—including the risk of oversaturation—when deciding whether to grant a license.

Nor is there any reason to pre-judge the effect of a tribal casino in advance of a licensing decision. The Commission repeatedly has informed applicants (and the public) that it is under no obligation to issue *any* license in *any* Region.<sup>7</sup> Despite that fact, and even though there only is

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that has both met the eligibility criteria and provided convincing evidence that the applicant will provide value to the region in which the gaming establishment is proposed to be located and to the commonwealth, no gaming license shall be awarded in that region.”).

<sup>5</sup> See generally *Singh v. Capuano*, 468 Mass. 328, 333 (2014) (“there is a difference between, on the one hand, a fact finder considering whether to draw [an] inference and declining to do so, and, on the other hand, the fact finder refusing outright even to entertain the possibility of drawing the inference”).

<sup>6</sup> Phase 1 of the Mashpee project calls for a 150,000 square foot casino with 3,000 slot machines, 150 table games and 40 poker games; a food court, two fine dining restaurants; and 10 retail stores; Phase 2 includes a 300 room 3.5-to-4 Star hotel; Phase 3 includes a 300 room mid-range hotel; and Phase 4 includes a family “water park” hotel, an outdoor water park and an event center, among other amenities. See Project First Light, City of Taunton City Counsel Presentation (May 14, 2003) at 21-22; <http://www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/content/pages/77/2013-0514-FINAL-City-Council-Presentation---Leave-Behind.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Transcript of August 18, 2015 Public Meeting at 202:12-19; 202:16-203:9; 203:11-20; 204:7-12; 204:14-



one gaming facility currently operating in Massachusetts on which to evaluate actual demand, MGE wants the Commission to blithely issue a fourth gaming license (the maximum number allowed under c. 23K) without first considering what effect a fifth casino would have on the market (and, for that matter, without considering the possible effect of the petition initiative to authorize a second Category 2 licensee). The absence of any obligation to issue a license (let alone any deadline by which a license must issue) underscores the wisdom of considering all information available at the time a licensing decision is made.

There is no reason for the Commission to act hastily in this matter. A decision not to issue a Region C license at this time would not preclude the Commission from re-opening the licensing process to new bidders should market conditions change. Other jurisdictions, including Kansas, Pennsylvania and New York, have successfully re-opened licensing processes after postponements due to market conditions. For example, rather than rushing to issue the maximum number of gaming licenses authorized by statute, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board has issued the licenses over time, as one authorized racino license remains unissued and the last stand-alone casino license was only recently awarded. As a result, Pennsylvania has not suffered from the same level of saturation that has plagued much of the Northeast, and is widely viewed as the most successful regional gaming market in the country (with the highest state-wide gross gaming revenue outside of Nevada). In those cases, as here, the paramount interest is creating a lasting, successful gaming market, not attempting to meet arbitrarily-imposed deadlines.

These facts counsel strongly in favor of the Commission staying the course it set in April 2013—a decision made even before MGE’s suitability determination—and basing any future Region C licensing decision on the most recent and reliable market data then available, including information about the prospects of competition from the Mashpee Tribe, in order to ensure that any licensing decision is in the best long-term interests of the Commonwealth.

**D. Granting the Request Will Impede the Commission’s Ability to Assess Significant Tax Consequences Arising under the Tribal-State Compact.**

Awarding a Category 1 Region C license could have significant tax consequences for the Commonwealth. Under the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe-Commonwealth of Massachusetts Tribal-State Compact, a tribal casino would pay a 17% tax on gross gaming revenue if a category 1 licensee has commenced operations in either Region A or Region B (as MGM and Wynn intend to do).<sup>8</sup> If a category 1 licensee commences operations in Region C, however, the tax rate is reduced to zero percent.<sup>9</sup>

Given the terms of the Compact, a decision to license a Category 1 facility in Region C would not just provide the tribal casino with a significant competitive advantage against the other gaming facilities in Massachusetts. It also would permit the tribal casino to dramatically cannibalize revenues from tax-paying licensees. This would lead to a significant decrease in the Commonwealth’s overall tax collections, a result at odds with the statutory objective of “maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth.” G.L. c. 23K, § 18(11).

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24; 205:4-7.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* §§ 9.2.1.2, 9.2.1.3.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 9.2.1.4.

Simply put, the Region C licensing decision will have substantial economic consequences for the Commonwealth. Accordingly, the Commission should consider all relevant information available at the time that decision is made, including whether land has been placed in trust for the Mashpee Tribe. Because there is no justification for MGE's request that the Commission turn a blind eye to such a highly relevant and significant factor, PGR respectfully requests that the Commission deny MGE's request.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,



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Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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Thank you.

Forwarded to Catherine B./copied John Z., Torissi, Amy M., Marty T. and Cecelia P.

September 18, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
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**RE: Request for Public Comment Pertaining to Region C**

Dear Sirs:

Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC ("MGE") is asking the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (the "Commission") to commit to issuing the Region C license if an applicant meets the Commission's criteria for such issuance and the Commission determines it will be beneficial to the Commonwealth given the totality of the circumstances *even if* the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (the "Tribe"). Under our request, the Commission will not deny an application for the Region C license for the sole reason that land has been or may be taken into trust prior to the issuance of the Region C license.

Notwithstanding that the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently issued letters to the City of Taunton, MGE continues to invest significant resources in Massachusetts in pursuit of the Region C license. Accordingly, the Commission should make its intentions regarding its consideration of MGE's application very clear. While we expect the Commission to retain its discretion to issue a Category 1 license in Region C based on the totality of the circumstances, it is unfair to the citizens of Brockton and Region C, the Commonwealth's taxpayers, and MGE for the Commission to wait for land to be taken into trust before clarifying whether it will continue to consider MGE's application if the Department of Interior takes land into trust for the Tribe. In contrast, we request that the Commission affirm now that it will continue to consider MGE's application even if land is taken into trust.

It is important to note the following:

- 1. The Compact<sup>1</sup> between the Tribe and the Commonwealth contemplates the possibility of a Category 1 gaming establishment in Region C along with a tribal casino.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> The Tribal-State Compact between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts made and entered into on March 19, 2013 (the "Compact").

<sup>2</sup> See Section 9.2.1.4 of the Compact.

- a. Therefore, the Tribe already has agreed to such a potential outcome.
- b. A commercial casino in Region C does not prevent the Tribe from continuing to pursue land in trust or developing a casino in Taunton. Further, a Taunton casino is expected to be successful even with a Region C casino, especially since the tribal casino's revenue sharing will be zero in this scenario.

**2. Even if the Department of Interior takes land into trust for the Tribe, the ultimate outcome likely would be uncertain for many years.**

- a. Due to *Carcieri*, doubts about the Tribe's historical connection to Taunton and other reasons, it is highly uncertain if the Department of Interior's decision would withstand legal challenges in the courts.
- b. It is expected that there would be protracted litigation, which would take many years to resolve.
- c. During this period of uncertainty, Region C would be left in limbo and unfairly denied the economic and social benefits of a gaming establishment.
- d. In fact, the 2012 opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in the case of *KG Urban vs. the Commonwealth*<sup>3</sup> reinforces the above points. Below are excerpts from the decision.
  - i. "*Carcieri* may in the end prohibit the Secretary from taking the Mashpee lands into trust and so making them Indian lands, a question not yet resolved";
  - ii. "If the Secretary lacks such authority, that would require Congressional action before land could be taken into trust. This adds yet another layer of uncertainty and potential delay"; and
  - iii. "Even if the lands were taken into trust by the Secretary, there could be further delays from litigation over the Secretary's decision."

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<sup>3</sup> *KG Urban Enters. v. Patrick*, 693 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 2012).



- e. In the course of reaching its decision, the First Circuit acknowledged that §91 of the Expanded Gaming Act was meant as a temporary accommodation to allow lands to be taken into trust. Three years have passed since the Court issued its ruling.<sup>4</sup>

**3. The Commonwealth is better off with the proposed casino resort in Brockton than without it, in every scenario.**

a. Tax Revenues

- i. In terms of annual gaming tax revenue, according to the Innovation Group's projections<sup>5</sup>, the Commonwealth will receive the most tax revenue with the Brockton casino and no Taunton casino; it will receive the next most with both casinos; and it will receive the least with just the Taunton casino. Of course, the Commonwealth will receive no gaming tax revenue from Region C without the Brockton casino or Taunton casino, which is a very credible outcome if the Region C license is not awarded by the Commission due to the serious challenges and uncertainty facing the Tribe.
- ii. The above projections take into account cannibalization of other gaming establishments in the Commonwealth and the fact that the tax rate for a tribal casino in Taunton will be zero if a commercial Category 1 casino also existed in Region C. However, the tribal casino's tax rate will go from 17% to zero because there will be a commercial casino in Region C paying taxes at a rate of 25%.
- iii. The proposed Brockton casino also will pay an \$85 million license fee very shortly after award of the Region C license. In contrast, the Tribe will not pay any license fee.
- iv. Based on MGE's experience and extensive analysis, including with the assistance of the Innovation Group, MGE is confident that its proposed casino resort will be successful and financially sound

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<sup>4</sup> On remand, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted summary judgement against KG Urban Enterprises on the reasoning that the Commission's initiation of the Region C process was sufficient to eliminate the potential violation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Massachusetts Constitution. Since the Plaintiff (KG Urban) abandoned its appeal, the Circuit Court did not review that decision for consistency with its previous opinion.

<sup>5</sup> Please refer to MGE's presentation to the Commission on August 15, 2015.

whether or not there is a competing tribal casino in Taunton. MGE is investing significant capital as evidence of its commitment to and confidence in this project.

- v. The Commonwealth may receive less revenue from a tribal casino in Taunton than anticipated. First, the Commonwealth may not be able to collect tax revenues from ancillary non-gaming activities operated by non-tribal businesses associated with the tribal casino. Second, the compact between the Commonwealth and the Tribe was not formally approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Instead, the Secretary merely let the compact go into effect through a "deemed" approval process, which makes provisions such as revenue sharing more vulnerable to legal challenge by the Tribe. Therefore, even if no commercial casino is built in Region C, the Tribe's obligations to share 17% of gaming revenue with the Commonwealth may be challenged in the future. Third, even if a commercial casino license is not issued in Region C, if the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Acquinnah) ultimately conducts Class III gaming in Martha's Vineyard, which MGE believes would have a negligible impact on its operations, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe may claim it no longer has the exclusivity used to justify the 17% revenue sharing rate in the compact.

b. Jobs and Economic Development

- i. Even if a Taunton casino ultimately exists, the Commonwealth will have many more jobs with the proposed Brockton casino than without it. Although the Brockton and Taunton casinos will cannibalize each other to some extent, there certainly will be many more jobs created by both casinos in aggregate than by either of them alone (even if either is the only casino in Region C).
- ii. The proposed Brockton casino resort also will lead to spin-off economic development and indirect job creation.

c. Repatriation

- i. The proposed Brockton casino will help to recapture Massachusetts dollars being spent out of state, and it will help bring in out-of-state dollars.

**4. Important for the City of Brockton and the Region**

- a. The City of Brockton, which faces serious financial challenges, will greatly benefit from the payments under the Host Community Agreement, of at least \$10 million per year, plus additional taxes and fees approaching an estimated \$2 million per year. Further, the City will benefit from the additional jobs and economic development. MGE intends to work with the City of Brockton to master plan an Entertainment District, anchored by the casino resort, in order to create a regional entertainment and tourist hub.
- b. The City of Brockton's social and economic circumstances have significant ripple effects on the surrounding communities and region. MGE's proposed casino resort will not just benefit the City of Brockton but the entire region.

Region C should not be left behind. Region C should not have to remain in limbo. As the Commission has acknowledged, delays in opening the Region C gaming establishment carry opportunity costs, in the form of foregone revenue, jobs and economic expansion. The Commonwealth, the City of Brockton and the entire region will be better off with a casino resort in Brockton. Therefore, we request that the Commission declare that it will issue the Region C license if its criteria is met and it determines such issuance to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth. Although we understand that the Commission will take into account the economic and other circumstances, including potential competition from a tribal casino in Taunton, as they exist at the time of the licensing decision, we request that the Commission assert now that it will not deny the issuance of the Region C license for the sole reason that land has been or may be taken into trust by the Department of Interior on behalf of the Tribe.

Respectfully submitted,



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Thank you - if Warren Pepicelli's comment (PDF attachment) was scrubbed from our email I ask that you call me immediately at 443-562-5603.

-Jon Scolnik

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**From:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
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Thank you for reaching out to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The Commission receives a very high volume of emails and we'd like to respond individually to as many as possible. But since the volume of correspondence sometimes makes that impossible, I would like to take this opportunity to personally express our appreciation for your input and inquiries. If you have expressed an opinion on the licensing process, each Commissioner will read it. If you have signed up to speak at a public forum, you will be registered as the emails are received. And if you have asked a question or requested a speaker, we will be back in touch with you.

The single most important priority for the Commission is that the public and the participants know that the licensing process is being conducted with the utmost integrity, transparency and care, and that Massachusetts is establishing a strong foundation for a robust, financially stable and rigorously ethical gaming industry. Your participation and feedback are central to that effort.

MassGaming offers a variety of ways for you to stay informed and connected to this process. We encourage you to stay updated on the latest expanded gaming and licensing information, by visiting us at [MassGaming.com](http://MassGaming.com) or connecting with us via Twitter (@MassGamingComm), [Facebook](#), and even [Youtube](#). And if you would like to receive regular correspondence from us, please use the 'Sign Up' feature on the homepage of our website and we will place you on a distribution list to receive regular email alerts. Our various methods for public outreach will continue to provide timely and important gaming information to residents, business owners, and individuals seeking a comprehensive resource to learn more about the status of the licensing process and our overall efforts to successfully implement The Gaming Act.

Thank you again for your interest in this important issue.

**Stephen P. Crosby**  
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Herewith a memorandum in response to the MGC's request for comments on the "land in trust" issues affecting the Region C licensing process.

Paul M. Stein  
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TO: Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
RE Region C – Mass Gaming & Entertainment Pre-Application Licensing Determination  
FROM: Paul M. Stein, Westport MA  
DATE: September 13, 2015

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Mass Gaming & Entertainment (MG&E), the applicant for a Region C Category 1 license, seeks an affirmation that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will award MG&E a license “regardless of whether or not the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land in trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe [the Tribe] prior to the issuance of a [Category 1] casino license.”

The request seems to invite the Commission to opine upon one or both of two distinctly different matters:

- A. **A Legal Question:** Does the Expanded Gaming Act preclude, as matter of Massachusetts law, MGC’s award of a Region C Category 1 license if the Tribe meets the conditions (i.e. land-in-trust) for operating a Region C tribal casino under its Compact with the Commonwealth?
- B. **A Factual Determination:** Assuming the answer to the legal issue is NO, then, in MGC’s review of MG&E’s RFA-2, will MGC disregard or consider, in any way, the expectancy of such a tribal casino as a factor in deciding whether or not to award a Category 1 license to MG&E?

If limited to clarification of the legal issue, the request seems appropriate; as a request for a factual determination prior to submission and review of MG&E’s RFA-2, it seems premature and ill-advised.

The Legal Question. Based on MGC’s deliberation on tribal issues in December 2012, the sense of MGC appears to be – although never formally expressed – that, as a legal matter, the Expanded Gaming Act and (now) the amended Tribal Compact grant a preference for a tribal casino but no absolute exclusivity to the Tribe and, hypothetically, do not preclude both a tribal casino and a Category 1 casino within Region C. If anything, events since MGC last considered the question tend to confirm this legal hypothesis.

- Arguably, absolute Tribal exclusivity was bargained away in the amended Tribal Compact. Section 9.2.1.4. expressly reduces the Tribe’s assessment from 17% to 0% of GGR “[i]f a Category 1 Licensed gaming establishment has commenced operations in Region C. . .”
- The then pending judicial challenge to the Tribe’s exclusivity claim is gone, both by dilution of the “reasonableness” factor through additional years of delay and by KG Urban’s withdrawal.
- The amended Compact (Sections 2.10 & 2.11) seems to suggest that the Commonwealth (or at least the Governor) is committed to “best efforts” to support the land in trust (L-I-T) application, but nowhere does (or could) the Compact disavow MGC’s discretion under the Expanded Gaming Act to license up to three Category 1 casino licenses, one of which may be in Region C.

That said, however, exclusivity remains an unsettled legal issue on which reasonable minds may differ. The Tribe and its proponents (notably, the City of Taunton) presumably press the theory that the legislature meant no more than one casino to operate in any Region. That position relies on the language in Section 91(e) of the Expanded Gaming Act which authorizes MGC to solicit applications for a “commercial” gaming license in Region C if, and when, the MGC determines that the tribe “will not have land taken in trust . . .” This language, however, is arguably not inconsistent with the statutory authority elsewhere granted to MGC to issue up to three Category 1 licenses, including one in Region C. The statute is also silent as to the consequences of issuing a Category 1 license after making a Section 91(e) determination that turned out, ultimately, to be mistaken (i.e., the BIA did later grant the Tribe “land in trust” and the Tribe successfully beat back all presumed “Patchak” federal court judicial challenges). Thus, a Section 91(e) determination (or refraining from making such a determination) would not, and could not, suffice to bring closure to the state law issue that MG&E seems to be targeting.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> One also might ask how MGC qualifies to opine on (admittedly unsettled) federal law and what weight it would get in another forum, which further invites MGC to shy away from using Section 91(e) as the vehicle to resolve the issue.

MGC is responsible to administer the Expanded Gaming Act. As such, it is empowered to exercise discretion and adopt an agency position on whether more than one “destination” casino may legally operate in Region C and bring closure to this issue, one way or the other, sooner rather than later.

- The pure legal question of Massachusetts law does not depend upon the pending L-I-T decision to be determined under federal law (including the expected separate, protracted federal court “Patchak” challenges) or upon any other specific contingencies or facts.
- Such a declaration, one way or the other, would clarify the record for the benefit of MG&E, the Tribe, any other interested parties as well as sharpen MGC’s own decision-making process.
- At the least, it would create an “actual case or controversy” and “start the clock” for an aggrieved party, if any, to test the ruling in court (or, perhaps, even invite legislative intervention).

If such a ruling is all that MG&E is seeking, that request should be given very serious consideration.

Request for a Factual Determination. As a vehicle to foreclose in any way the consideration of any facts bearing on the ultimate merits of the MG&E proposed casino in Brockton and/or the proposed tribal casino in Taunton, or the feasibility of the two proposals to coexist with each other or with any other gaming establishments which are licensed or may be licensed in the future by the Commonwealth or elsewhere, while perhaps of value from MG&E’s vantage point, the request is premature and may even be questioned as an excess of MGC’s authority.

- The ultimate location of tribal casino(s) in Region C remain uncertain.

The Tribe’s L-I-T application (Section 2.11, Appendices A & B) presently covers TWO sites, totaling about 300 acres of land, approximately half owned by the Tribe in Mashpee and half at the Taunton Site on which the Tribe had taken options.

Note that, according to a recent check of land records, the Taunton site options appear to have expired. See Agreements (3/27/2014), Taunton North Deeds, Book 21602, pp. 289-307.

Pursuant to Section 5.2.2. of the Tribal Compact, even if Taunton is rejected for L-I-T or deemed “not commercially feasible” for a casino, the Tribal Compact grants the Tribe the option to designate other alternative land (i.e., Mashpee or even another location) for its casino, and “such modification shall not be considered an amendment or a modification to the Compact . . . .”

While it may seem a relatively remote possibility, a proposed gaming facility by the Aquinnah Tribe on Martha’s Vineyard also remains an unknown.

- The Expanded Gaming Act and MGC’s Regulations mandate a Public Hearing at which proximity and public input on community impact must be received, considered and weighed.

G.L.c.23K, Section 19(d) and 205 C.M.R. 119.03(3) mandate that MGC’s review of a gaming license application “shall take into consideration the physical distance in selecting the locations of the gaming establishments as they relate to each other and how they maximize benefits to the commonwealth” and “shall also consider the support or opposition to each gaming applicant from the public in the host and surrounding communities”.

G.L.c.23K, Section 17 requires that MGC hold a public hearing on every gaming license application and must receive, among other things, “input from members of the public from an impacted community”.

The Tribal Compact aside, MGC retains broad discretion as to whether or not to issue a Category 1 license, but only after completing the statutorily prescribed process for input from surrounding communities and ILEVs that that must be based on “review of the entire application and any independent evaluations”. See G.L.c.25K, §17 & §19(a).

- The impact of multiple Region C casinos involves factual unknowns that need further study.

If the Tribe's L-I-T application is approved, a Category 1 license to MG&E triggers the presumptive right of the Tribe to operate "tax free" either in Taunton or anywhere else where it receives land in trust. However, if "Patchak" federal challenges are filed, as expected, it could take another U.S. Supreme Court decision to definitively resolve the Tribe's L-I-T status. MGC would appear to have no control over the timing or substance of that outcome.

MGC analysis of the Massachusetts gaming market performed in connection with the Category 2 license and the Region A and Region B Category 1 license assumed a single Region C "taxpaying" tribal casino in Taunton and two "destination" casinos, one each in Region A & Region B.

The estimate of Massachusetts casino revenue (\$1.86 billion GGR at \$350/adult) and the expected distribution of that revenue (Taunton-22%) is based on data (and the state of the market) that are more than two years old.

MG&E's Brockton proposal presents the potential for TWO Category 1 casinos within the 30-60 minute market area of both Plainridge Park and Wynn/Everett, clearly something neither MGC nor those licensees contemplated when it issued, and they accepted, the award of their licenses.

The extent of the shift of gambling dollars in a multiple-casino Region C scenario away from Taunton, Plainridge and Everett is not intuitively clear from existing data. For example, a Brockton casino and a "tax free" tribal casino are likely to draw more "convenience" gamblers south of Boston away from Everett and Plainridge than would an exclusive "taxpaying" Taunton casino operating alone in Region C.

In sum, it is simply too soon to decide whether Region C (and the Commonwealth as a whole) ought to embrace or reject the idea of multiple Region C casinos. This question remains one of the most critical factors in the Region C equation with many moving parts and potential impact beyond Region C. MGC must not box itself into a corner. It must preserve maximum flexibility to make licensing decisions upon careful consideration of the law, full disclosure and review of all pertinent and up-to-the-minute data, with analysis and input about that information gathered throughout the licensing process from the perspective of all licensees, all potential Region C impacted communities and individuals, independent experts and other interested parties throughout the Commonwealth, of which Brockton (currently at risk of a credit rating reduction) and MG&E's interest, to be sure, are important, but not the only ones that need to be considered fully, fairly and carefully.



Paul M. Stein  
Westport (Bristol County) MA

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** Mr. Sir <gecko860@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing per your request for feedback from the public in regards to the Region C licensing process. It appears that based on your own guidelines of "The Commission's current plan and policy, a policy it has applied in all licensing decisions thus far, is that it will make a determination on whether to issue a license only after its review of the full gaming application and then only if its review shows that issuance of a license would be **beneficial to the Commonwealth** given the totality of the then existing and foreseeable economic circumstances. For the Region C review, this totality would include the potential for competition by a Tribal casino."

Based on this key policy it would seem that comparing a potential competitor "Tribal Casino" that provides NO tax revenue to the state or local economy would **Not BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMONWEALTH**. Furthermore making a decision on a Hypothetical that this or that may happen, appears to be unfair to the applicant at present time. The current applicant has taken part in the process designated by the commission and has provided you with all the requirements requested. The fact that other communities were not able to complete the process should not play a role in going forward. This appears to be a straightforward decision and should not be taking this long? What could possibly be going on besides the search for an **excuse to deny** the application?

Lastly, I hope that some real world analysis is taking place in regards to this and not the alternative.

Thank you,  
Logan



**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** b1o1b1s1@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** casino

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To whom it may concern, Brockton Mayor Carpenter & Brockton Housing Authority. illegally solicited votes for the casino from tenants at BHA. They also did not let anti casino residents the chance to speak. they went to several BHA Developments to discuss the casino. they spent tax payers money to spruce up the places and serve refreshments and cake. I would like someone to look into this. please feel free to contact me with any questions. THANK YOU.

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** Seaf Bras <seafbras@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

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To the Commissioners of the Mass Gaming Commission:

MGL Chapter 24K already authorizes and anticipates three (3) gaming sites in Region C: the slot parlor in Raynham (granted under State license), a Class III Gaming (pending under State license), and a Class III Gaming to an Indian Tribe (pending under Federal license). The Law of Massachusetts has already determined and authorizes three gaming facilities in Region C. The Mass. Gaming Commission (MGC) is authorized to follow and carry out the law, not make new law nor new regulations contrary to the law.

The MGC already suspended request for applications for the State Class III Gaming License for Region C, in order to give the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe preferential opportunity under its Federal license application (impeded by the US Supreme Court). At the moment that the MGC proceeded to request applications (January, 2015) for the State gaming license for Region C, the MGC decided to obey and follow the law of Ch. 24K and proceed with the granted slot parlor license, applications for the State Class III Gaming license, while the Mashpee Tribe proceeds with its Federal Class III Gaming License. Thus, the matter has already been decided and proceeded upon. The MGC cannot arbitrarily and capriciously change any of the directives of the law nor that which the MGC has already proceeded upon.

The Applicants of the Region C State Gaming License have the right to proceed with and be given consideration for the grant of the State License, apart from the Mashpee Federal License application. The MGC is also reminded of Ch. 24K law and its well established position to have competition for the State Gaming License, for each, and Region C. Competition did not mean competition between the State license applicant and the Federal license applicant. The Region C State license application requires "robust competition" of at least two applicants for the MGC to grant the license.

The MGC should review and decide the State Gaming license for Region C, regardless of the Mashpee Federal Gaming license. The result of there being a State and Federal license in Region C is already anticipated, planned and agreed in the Mashpee Compact with the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Seaf Bras

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** Winnifred McKesey <winnieamelia@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 7:02 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Such money and jobs would be put back into an overlooked region. WE NEED THIS!!!

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** ev fra <evfrajr@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:58 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I would single handedly keep that casino in Brockton in business

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** sadakie <iceshynin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:55 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region

Give us our casino in Region C



**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** MrEvfrajr . <evfrajr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:47 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Brockton & the state needs this. There will be no shortage of patrons at this site

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** wp@commbuys.co  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:27 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** wp@commbuys.co  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Sirs;

In regards to the MGC request for public comment fl "The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is seeking comments on the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC that the Commission make an immediate determination (prior to the Region C application date) that the Commission will issue a casino license in Region C if it determines that a Region C gaming applicant meets all of the criteria for issuance of such a license and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth regardless of whether or not the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license. Under the Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC's request, the Commission would not deny Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC's application for a Region C license merely because such land had been taken into trust for the Tribe prior to the issuance of such license, if the below policy and criteria has been satisfied.

The Commission's current plan and policy, a policy it has applied in all licensing decisions thus far, is that it will make a determination on whether to issue a license only after its review of the full gaming application and then only if its review shows that issuance of a license would be beneficial to the Commonwealth given the totality of the then existing and foreseeable economic circumstances. For the Region C review, this totality would include the potential for competition by a Tribal casino."

For the record, there seems to be a panicky CEO at MGE who is running up against a stockholders meeting. And while I have heard many bad faith arguments before at the MGC meetings, it appears that the source has not dried up. Having heard the lawyer for the Brockton casino last week make one of the worst requests I have ever heard by any professional in 30 years of dealing with sales proposal I must say with some candor I do not yet know what that lawyer was trying to say, doubt he knew it himself and was amazed by the fact he was actually getting paid for it all.

Regardless to all that, I wish to comment on what was posted on the MGC website, which at least was written by an adult still in control of their faculties. To wit "and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth" insert the word "if" between "and" and "it" To read "and if it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth" then the statement would be acceptable to me by making it clear it must also be in the best interest of the Commonwealth. In this way, the second paragraph "Under the Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC's request, the Commission would not deny Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC's application for a Region C license merely because such land had been taken into trust for the Tribe prior to the issuance of such license, if the below policy and criteria has been satisfied" the conditional of best interest of the Commonwealth would still be in effect.

If this does not satisfy MGE then I suggest they call up the Russian Embassy and conduct their business in a less reputable state.

Wayne Perry

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Wayne Perry  
GCC Commbuys consulting  
781-817-3711

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** DaddyJEH47@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 3:31 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** mhill@mwtribe.com; daddyjeh47@aol.com  
**Subject:** Support of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's efforts for a casino in Taunton

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**To whom it may concern:**

I, James E. Hill, am a resident and taxpayer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I fully support the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's efforts to hold land in trust and to build a casino in Taunton, Massachusetts.

**I oppose the request by the Brockton casino developers to seek a commercial license.**

**I do not feel we need four casinos in Massachusetts.**

*It would over saturate the region, and hurt the Commonwealth.*

**A 4th casino would mean the state would lose approximately \$2.1 billion over twenty years and create financial problems for all the other casinos in Massachusetts, and this would greatly impact the state.**

The citizens of the Commonwealth have been in support of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's efforts. I urge you to support the tribe as well, especially since it is so close to getting a ruling on its land application.

Respectfully,  
James E. Hill  
11 Juniper Drive  
Mashpee, MA 02649

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** ghcape@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 2:51 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Melissa Hill; ghcape@aol.com  
**Subject:** Supporting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**To whom it may concern:**

I am a resident and taxpayer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I fully support the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's efforts to hold land in trust and to build a casino in Taunton, Massachusetts.

**I oppose the request by the Brockton casino developers to seek a commercial license.**

**We do not need four casinos in Massachusetts.**

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The citizens of the Commonwealth have been in support of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's efforts. I urge you to support the tribe as well, especially since it is so close to getting a ruling on its land application.

Respectfully,  
Gail A. Hill  
11 Juniper Drive  
Mashpee, MA 02649

Sent from my iPhone

**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** Wayne DeLano <wdelano@weiss-sheetmetal.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 4:21 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Emailing: DOC090815-001  
**Attachments:** DOC090815-001.pdf

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

Dear Commissioners:

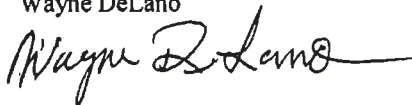
My name is Wayne DeLano and I am a co-owner and operator of Weiss Sheet Metal Inc. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

As a small business owner in the area, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

A resort casino will create huge demand for the local goods and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Our growth will continue to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Wayne DeLano



**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** Kim Crisfulla <KCrifulla@emievans.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:26 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Gaming License  
**Attachments:** Mass Gaming Commission.pdf

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Please see attached letter.

Thank you.



*Evans Machine, Inc.*

*Kim Crisfulla*  
*Office Manager*  
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September 8, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Dan Evans and I am the owner and operator of Evans Machine Company, Inc. I ask that you support the Brockton resort casino proposal that will revitalize our great city.

We have been in business for over 47 years, 27 of them in the city of Brockton operating as a machine shop/manufacturing facility. The benefits of having a casino in our backyard is truly remarkable. It will be an economic anchor for Brockton, bringing new life to existing small businesses, like mine, and fostering the creation of other economic development in the City.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into the casino project that will provide a huge boost to local businesses. This includes the construction process as well as a sustained business through a growing consumer base that will be coming to Brockton.

The resort casino has been supported by voters and has the overwhelming support of local businesses, which are a key piece of the puzzle as we work to improve our schools, lower our property taxes, and increase public safety.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Evans", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan Evans  
Owner, Evans Machine Co., Inc.



## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** Troy Siebels <Troy@thehanovertheatre.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 10:12 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Troy Siebels  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Chairman Crosby and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reaffirm and stick with your original stated intent, to take into account all current factors when determining whether to license a casino in Region C.

I understand that it would give better clarity to Mass Gaming and Entertainment as to their likelihood of receiving a license, if you were to acquiesce to their request by affirming now that the MGC will issue a Region C license so long as the application meets the required merits. I find it hard to understand, however, how that offers a greater benefit to the Commonwealth. I believe very strongly that only by having as much information as possible can we make the best decisions possible; and by agreeing to their request now, the MGC will essentially be agreeing to ignore an extremely relevant piece of information.

If the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe does receive land in trust, the Commission may well still decide to award a license in Region C; but it will be doing so with a full consideration of the facts.

Please stand by the principles you have consistently exhibited thus far, and do not agree to this "predetermination" request.

Respectfully Yours,

**Troy Siebels**

President, Mass Performing Arts Center Coalition

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**From:** Botelho Tiffanilee <tbotelho@cobma.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 9:47 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** region C  
**Attachments:** 201509081004.pdf

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) on July 9, 2015 announced key dates important to the licensing of a Resort-Casino in Region C (Southeastern Massachusetts);

WHEREAS, the announcement by the MGC contemplated a license award would take place in March 2016;

WHEREAS, the MGC announcement indicated that if there were no contested surrounded community or impacted live entertainment venue agreements, a license could be issued as early as January 2016;

WHEREAS, the proposed timeline was based upon the MGC having received RFA-1 Applications from two applicants: KG Urban and Mass Gaming and Entertainment;

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the proposed timeline, KG Urban withdrew its bid for a license in New Bedford in a letter to the MGC;

WHEREAS, Mass Gaming & Entertainment, the developers proposing a casino within the City of Brockton, have pledged to continue the application process for a license and have emphasized that their project would provide the Commonwealth with over \$100 million dollars in tax revenue once a Resort-Casino is built in Brockton as well as \$10-12 million dollars to the City annually;

WHEREAS, certain MGC members have expressed skepticism over a casino in Southeastern Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, the MGC has previously been urged by former City Solicitors of the City of New Bedford "to make a clear and ambiguous statement that a Region C applicant who shows it has the wherewithal to build a casino in accordance with the criteria of the Act will be granted a license" noting that "No other Region has faced such a bias suggesting that the Region cannot support a Casino.";

WHEREAS, the emergency preamble to House Bill No. 3807 provides that the purpose of the Gaming Act is to create economic investment and job creation in the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Act lists 19 criteria on which the Commission must make written findings when evaluating a license. The extensive criteria set for the by the Legislature anticipate that a license will be granted to an applicant who qualifies;

WHEREAS, each region should be afforded equal treatment with respect to the criteria set forth in the statute for the selection of an applicant as each region is entitled to strive for the economic benefit envisioned by the statute;

WHEREAS, the extensive criteria set forth by the Legislature anticipates that a license will be granted to an Applicant who qualifies;

WHEREAS, the MGC's own explanation about the MGC is that its mission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011; and

WHEREAS, although the MGC has power to issue or not issue a license, the power granted in Section 19 (a) of the Massachusetts Gaming Act is intended to ensure that a license is not issued to an unqualified applicant, and not to deny a region a license all together; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Brockton City Council urges the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to adhere to its announced timeline, or even to expedite the time, for the granting of a license in Region C, based upon the withdrawal of KG Urban's application for a license in New Bedford and the existence of only one remaining application from Mass Gaming & Entertainment for license in the City of Brockton; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Brockton City Council urges to Massachusetts Gaming Commission to adhere to the purpose of the Massachusetts Gaming Act to create economic investment and job creation in the Commonwealth and to fulfill the intent of Section 1 of the Act which emphasizes the creation of opportunities for the unemployed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be requested to forward a certified copy of this Resolve to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.



In City Council July 27, 2015

Councillor Cruise motioned to accept a late file and move under suspension of the rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councillors Barnes and Sullivan absent. Councillor Cruise motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

  
City Clerk

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## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 10:10 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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### Name

Paul Stein

### Email

[pmsteinatty@charter.net](mailto:pmsteinatty@charter.net)

### Phone

(508) 667-0401

### Subject

Region C - Request for Comment

### Questions or Comments

Could you kindly supply (e-mail) a copy of the specific request from Mass Gaming & Entertainment for a pre-application determination for which comments are due on September 11, 2015? It could be helpful to decide what comment, if any, I would offer.

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** Stephen Foster <sbnfoster@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 9:48 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

This response is in regards to the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC that the Commission make an immediate determination (prior to the Region C application date) that the Commission will issue a casino license in Region C if it determines that a Region C gaming applicant meets all of the criteria for issuance of such a license and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth regardless of whether or not the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

The issuance of a license before a decision by the United States Secretary of the Interior, in regards to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe land into trust application, would not be beneficial to the Commonwealth. If the Commission approves the Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC application and awards them a license, it could lead to an oversupply of gaming establishments not only in Region C but in the Commonwealth. It could also lead to a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth since the Tribe would not have to send any money to the state, if they and another entity build a casino in Region C. The Commission can approve and license up to three casinos, the law does not state the Commission has to approve all three casinos.

I believe a more appropriate response would be to make an immediate determination that the Commission will not issue a casino license to a Region C gaming applicant, if the Tribe's land into trust application is approved. The determination should also state the Commission will wait until the United States Secretary of the Interior decision to either approve or deny the Tribe's land into trust application, before taking a vote on another Region C gaming application.

Regards,

*Stephen R. Foster*

755 Whittenton Street

Taunton, MA 02780

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** jcaponyx@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 06, 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C comment

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

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

September 7, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

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

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

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

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

# Illinois' Biggest Casino Hit With \$2 Million Fine

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

By **Phil Rogers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gaming Board complaint never mentions the questions about Simon's past associations, and in fact makes no suggestion that United should not have been hired. But over four pages, the Board's investigators outline five gaming promotions which they say were either improperly done, or allowed to be staged without state approval.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As importantly, there should only be on one casino in Southeastern Massachusetts and the Tribe should have the first priority in the casino. This is the only fair way to approach this. If the Tribe gets the approval to take the land in trust, they have all the background work, including agreements with the state and the city of Taunton, completed long ago. With a casino in Taunton, which is only about 15 miles from Brockton, there would be oversaturation in Region C if the Brockton developer received a license. You should give the tribe a fair chance. A decision on the Tribe’s application is expected soon. The Tribe’s compact gives the state \$2.1 billion over 20 years. However, two casinos mean the Tribe pays nothing and it also means that Brockton will get substantially less than the \$10 million promised by the developers during the campaign.

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

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

Thank you,

*Paul A. Kireillis*



**MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)**

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**From:** andy ward <e\_flat4me@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 06, 2015 1:22 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region "C" gaming

Sirs,  
I urge you to do as the "votes" affirmed. Allow a casino to be built.

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** Burt Peretsky <peretsky@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 05, 2015 8:19 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

***Full Disclosure: I do not have any financial in or other connection to any casino gaming organization.***

To the Gaming Commission:

As someone who has held senior positions in the gaming industry (in Las Vegas, where I was Director of Marketing for the late, legendary Sands Casino Resort on the Strip and before that, Director of Corporate Public Relations for Del Webb Hotels) and as someone who follows the industry extremely closely, especially in my home state of Massachusetts, **I urge you to strongly consider and (assuming all is in order) to award the Region C casino resort license to Mass Gaming & Entertainment and its proposed Brockton development.**

We've already seen significant delays in casino resort development in the Commonwealth's other two regions, and any permanent job creation and tax revenues from casino resorts in Regions A and B won't be realized until at least mid-2018. Meanwhile, with Plainridge being the exception, Connecticut and Rhode Island continue to take our rightful revenues and jobs. Brockton is virtually shovel-ready and could open quickly if a license is granted to it.

Yes, Region C – with its potential tribal casino – poses competitive issues unlike the others. But, Mass Gaming & Entertainment has, it is certain, taken the competitive factor into account and has decided to invest many hundreds of millions of dollars in its application, and when all is said and done, it is undoubtedly prepared to compete effectively. The Gaming Commission should not be second-guessing people who are willing to invest so considerably. And, competition between a state-licensed casino resort and a tribal casino can only make the end-product much better for the consumer.

Brockton (unlike its one-time license rival, New Bedford) is closer to the large population centers of Boston and the South Shore than is Taunton, where the Mashpee Wampanoag want to build their casino. While Brockton may not have a Region C monopoly, it would certainly be a success in a potential duopoly. It is also a city that desperately needs the economic lift and revenues that a casino resort would bring it.

In short, I would urge the Commission not to let perfection stand in the way of "very good." A casino resort in Brockton would be, in my opinion and in the opinion of many of my neighbors in Region C, very, very good for ALL concerned.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** Lynn Smith <madeline-smith@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 9:16 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C - correction in previous email

Please note error made in my previous email, that I have corrected in red.....

I am a resident and a voter in Brockton, Massachusetts. I am strongly against the Mass Gaming Commission making any decision on a Region C license until all the facts are in about the Wampanoag tribal land decision and the possibility of that facility adding to the already saturated gaming market.

Your own policy states that you want to know all the facts before making a decision - and I am sure you are well aware of the \$2 million fine just paid by Rush Street as a result of Rivers Casino's *"failure to follow internal procedures in hiring a security and maintenance vendor, and for lax control over gaming promotions."* And to think that the VP of HR who made the decision to hire the cleaning company while working for Mr. Bluhm, is now the VP of HR for the cleaning company in question, is chilling.

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It cost Rush Street/Mass Gaming almost \$2 million to buy the 148 votes it needed to claim a 'yes' vote in Brockton; that slim margin, coupled with the monetary consequences of moving forward with the Taunton situation looming as a revenue negative, and on top of that the Rivers Casino situation tainting the suitability of Rush Street/Mass Gaming, should be enough evidence for our Mass Gaming Commission to say - let's wait. Let's see what happens in Springfield, and in Everett, and also Taunton. Let's not burden Brockton with a failure.

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**From:** shyamurphy <shyamurphy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 4:51 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Good afternoon, I am a lifelong citizen of Brockton Massachusetts, I believe there should be a license for region C, and that if it were here in Brockton, that our city would benefit greatly, that it would be a positive event for the region C area as for the commonwealth. Please consider issuing a license, economically it would help our citizens with employment, and our city with desperately needed revenue, and would encourage other businesses to perhaps open new businesses here as well.

Respectfully, Mildred M Murphy.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab® 3 Lite



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**From:** Lynn Smith <madeline-smith@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

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**From:** Frederick Patrick <fapatrik02780@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 3:57 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

A tribal casino in Taunton will be tough to compete with.

The casino will be free to offer smoking sections for gaming.

They will be able to offer free cocktails.

The tribal casino will be able to offer games that isn't allowed by the state in other casinos.

These three areas will give the tribal casino a big advantage over other state casinos

Thank you

Frederick Patrick

## MacLachlan, Amy (MGC)

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**From:** snofighter@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 3:36 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** give it to them

They paid the money to put them in the running for the casino as long as they are willing to build it its there gamble I have been to our slot parlor its nice to see the tax dollars and jobs coming to ma than R I OR CON thanks give it to them

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Grace Matrisciano <Saquish0425@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:31 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commissioners,

The attempt by Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC to circumvent state law and Massachusetts Gaming Commission policy in order to get unfair and expedited approval of a casino in Brockton should NOT be allowed.

I oppose the gambling casino proposed for the Brockton Fairgrounds, across from Brockton High School, and strongly urge the Gaming Commission NOT to change its current policy to issue a license for Southeastern Massachusetts only after full review of the existing application and with consideration of the potential for competition by a Tribal casino.

Regards,  
Grace Matrisciano  
35 Byron Ave  
Brockton, MA 02301

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
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(508) 559-9574

### Subject

Brockton Casino

### Questions or Comments

Please do not approve the license for Brockton. The Yes vote only won by 148 votes. The Democratic process was corrupted by out of state money. one person was able to write a single check and outspend the opposition by a 600 to 1 ratio. The ordinary citizen never stood a chance of having our voice heard. They even get to come before you to persuade you with threats of lawsuit. I am a veteran and believe strongly in the voice of the people. Democracy was absent for this vital election. Pleas say No to the casino. Christopher Lovetere

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 19, 2015 9:27 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
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### Subject

Brockton casino license

### Questions or Comments

Hi,

I am a Brockton resident, and though my voice may not mean much, I wanted to write to you about the decision you face on whether or not to allow a casino to be built in my city.

I'm sure you're quite familiar with the facts. That in spite of a massive campaign, in which the gambling company spent upwards of a million dollars on their campaign versus just a couple thousand in citizens' donations, they were barely able to squeak past the finish line by a hundred votes, an absolutely pitiful margin given the asymmetry in power and organization between the two sides and a margin that says far more about how uninterested Brockton is than about how interested it is. That with the Mashpee now sure to build a casino in Taunton, and on much more accessible land with no community protesters outside, any casino built in Brockton will not pull off the profit margins its backers promised, and is destined to take half as long to turn into an urban eyesore and further blight in a city already impoverished and stricken with more than its fair share of addiction.

Not that it was going to be any kind of savior for Brockton even before the vote demonstrated that we don't want it and the Mashpee double-ensured that we won't profit from it. It was always wildly inappropriate to plan to build a casino so close to the High School. Searching for the words "gambling" or "casinos" on Google is banned in the school, yet they'll be battling casino traffic to get to school in the morning? And all they have to do to get into the casino is cross the road? And of all things, for that casino to be owned and operated by a company that has already paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines at its other casinos for repeated underage gambling offenses. I can hardly fathom a worse place to build it than immediately adjacent to the vulnerable group of people who are most likely to go gamble illegally and get away with it. What further burdens could we possibly dream up to heap upon children of color in Massachusetts? Would the Massachusetts Gambling Commission ever, in anyone's wildest dreams, even think of building a casino right next door to a school for wealthy white students? The answer obviously being "no," do you really think that your tenure will be seen as anything but having not just allowed injustice, but having actively encouraged and perpetuated it?

For another, even had the Mashpee not been able to build yet another casino, it wasn't going to be of any net economic benefit to Brockton residents. A few million paid to the city upfront may be attractive from where the council is sitting, but let's be honest, this is not going to be attracting tourism to Brockton. This is a relatively small casino built in an urban area, in a region that is already heavily populated with casinos. The market is saturated, and in an era when gambling is increasingly shifting online too. Dollars will not be flowing into Brockton from this project. The primary gambling clientele would BE Brockton, would be our vulnerable population, money flowing from the pockets of desperate Brockton residents into the coffers of developers whose mansions are a thousand miles away. Crime and poverty are already among our city's greatest challenges, yet we're inviting the one investment known to increase crime and destitution when introduced into urban areas.

I am not one of those who think that gambling is inherently immoral. I'm not opposed to the concept of casinos. That's not why I'm urging you to award no license. I'm writing because, in this particular case, I can see that putting a casino here, on that specific piece of land and amongst our specific population, would be unjust. It would be exploitation. It would arouse further resentment, anger, and unrest in a time when racial and economic inequality is a powder keg just waiting to go off. All that this casino will accomplish is to become an eyesore hole-in-the-wall by 3 years after it's opened, if that, having gifted us with accessible addiction, social services strain, and urban blight sharing the block with our high school.

I strongly, strongly oppose this proposal, as has every neighbor I've spoken to. Surely, even if building a casino nextdoor to a school never gave you pause, building a competitor in Taunton could. I urge you not to award the license, which is well within your power. And we will remember whether the Massachusetts Gaming Commission sided with wealthy out of state developers, or with the people who actually live here.

Yours sincerely,  
Rebecca Stang

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Rita M. O'Brien <ritamaureenobrien@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

As a life long resident of the city of Brockton, I want to enlighten and ask you to consider denying any license for casino gambling in this city. I live on the first block of residential homes on Magnolia Avenue traveling away from the proposed site at the Brockton Fairgrounds, Forest Avenue, off of Belmont Street, as you travel towards Route 24. The safety and security of anyone on *any* street in the city has been jepordized by the low life elements who have seized Brockton and not tarnished, but destroyed any pride or faith its residents may have once possessed. It would be unrealistic to believe anyone or anything, never mind a casino, (which has far more negative than positive connotations) could regain any credibility for Brockton as a place one would choose to reside in.

Perhaps a resident's opinion is subjective, but we are not *living the dream* in the city, we are in a very bad nightmare we cannot escape. My home value in Brockton has steadily declined as the crime rate has risen, and if the gaming commission could produce statistics that home values *increase* when a casino is in close proximity, I might be inclined to perhaps look at other values a casino may bring. We both know this will not happen.

Navigating traffic on Belmont Street, Route 123, is nothing short of a dangerous risk for pedestrians and drivers of vehicles. There are four lanes going easterly towards the Fairgrounds area, and any engineer, including fire safety officials, would testify the four narrow lanes are not the standard width for traditional or emergency travel situations. Exiting a side street and crossing two lanes is not for the faint of heart. I suggest you visit the area between the Exit 17 A off ramp from Route 24 and travel the very short distance to the proposed casino site, and you will witness the absurdity of increasing traffic in any amount.

Brockton is depressed economically. Despite the mayor's claim of success for the downtown area by adding a community college satellite, and allowing a power plant to pollute the very air we breathe, folks who may benefit by attending classes are generally on the lower end of the economic scale, and once they do receive an education, they will not be settling in Brockton to live or breathe the poor air quality that already exists. Studies have shown Brockton does have high asthma rates for the city's children population, and if the plant goes online, the rates will rise by the pollution the power plant will generate. Graduates will take their degrees and prospect for earning higher wages and never return to the city. They will not be looking for the high earning jobs the casino developer is promising. One does not need a college education to see through the developer and the Carney family's thinly veiled proposal of opportunities galore. The casino will benefit the developer and the Carneys, yes, but not the city residents.

Do not waste any of your time and taxpayers money on consultants. I suggest you conduct a few very simplistic tests. Ask a random number of eastern Massachusetts residents their perception of Brockton. Randomly search the area's newspaper, the Enterprise for Brockton headlines. Survey the sign in rosters for occupants of the Holiday Inn and the Best Western hotel in Brockton. These two facilities house long term displaced people who are not in homeless shelters. You will not have to wait long for the proposed hotel on the casino grounds to suffer poor sales, and the owners will see a viable answer to their dilemma: Massachusetts can add yet another shelter disguising itself as a recreational facility. Cross reference the police logs with the two addresses of the Holiday Inn and the Best Western.



A casino may have been a great idea for New Bedford as a destination on the waterfront. People are not going to flock to Brockton for a high end night on the town or recreational weekend. People are flocking to Brockton in droves, yes. Criminals. Drug dealers and users.

This is not a good business decision and will reflect poorly on the gaming commission. Feel free to contact me if further comment is needed.

Rita M. O'Brien  
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## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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**Subject**

Casino in Brockton

**Questions or Comments**

Hello,

I am a resident of Brockton. I own a home, my husband a business we are raising our 4 children here and have lived here for 18 years. We do not want the casino here!!!! We voted against it. I do not believe that having a casino in our city will benefit us, it will only hurt our struggling city. I don't think people will want to come here with all the negative things said about us. I think in a couple of years or less it will close having caused more problems for us than we already have. Please for the sake of our families and our city do not let them build a casino here!!!!

Thank you for your Time  
Michelle Sloan

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Schaller, Michael J. <mschaller@taftlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 3:20 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Jason D. Buffington; Schaller, Michael J.  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** Document.pdf

On behalf of the City of Taunton, Massachusetts attached please find a comment letter regarding Region C and Mass Gaming & Entertainment.

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September 18, 2015

**Via Email: [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)**

Mr. Stephen Crosby, Chairman  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
84 State Street, Suite 720  
Boston, MA 02109

***RE: Massachusetts Gaming Commission Policy Decisions***

Dear Chairman Crosby:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“MGC”) has published its Request for Public Comment pertaining to Region C resort-casino award. Specifically, the MGC is seeking comments on the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (“**Mass Gaming**”) that the MGC make an immediate determination (prior to the Region C application date) that the MGC will issue a casino license in Region C if it determines that a Region C gaming applicant meets all of the criteria for issuance of such a license and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth regardless of whether or not the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (the “**Tribe**”) prior to the issuance of a casino license. We appreciate the MGC’s desire to open this process to the public and to allow our participation and input.

Our firm is gaming counsel to the City of Taunton, Massachusetts (the “**City**”). The City entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (the “**IGA**”) with the Tribe in May, 2012. The IGA was approved overwhelmingly by 63% of the City’s voters in a referendum held in June, 2012. Pursuant to the IGA, the City has agreed to act as the host city for the Tribe’s “First Light” casino resort project. Since entering into the IGA the City has expressed its strong support for the Tribe’s land-into-trust application.

If our comments below sound familiar, it is because we submitted similar comments to the MGC on November 27, 2012 in response to the MGC’s request for public comments on policy decisions under its November 7 2012 Framework for Addressing Policy Questions (the “**Framework**”). Under item 32 of the Framework, the MGC asked whether it should set a time limit or other rules addressing the Tribal compact/land-in-trust issue in Region C. The City’s position as set forth in its response was “no”.

In the almost three years that have elapsed since the Framework was published, the MGC has proceeded cautiously, but deliberately, with respect to the issuance of a Category 1 license in Region C and has followed the dictates of Section 91(e) of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011 (the “**Act**”) while acting in the best interest of the Commonwealth by encouraging applications for a Category 1 license in Region C. As a result of the MGC’s balanced approach to Region C, the

Tribe has been allowed to continue to pursue its goal of developing a resort casino in the City and the Commonwealth has received what appears to be a viable initial application for a Category 1 license in Region C.

At the September 3, 2015 MGC public meeting, Mr. John Donnelly, legal counsel to Mass Gaming, addressed the MGC on behalf of his client. We have attempted to summarize Attorney Donnelly's statements to the MGC and provide our responses as follows:

1. The ability of the Tribe to have the U.S. Secretary of the Interior accept the Tribe's land into trust is very uncertain and will result in litigation.

Response:

Although the process of having the Tribe's land taken into trust has been slow, there is no basis for Mr. Donnelly to conclude that the ability of the Tribe to be successful in its endeavor is uncertain. To our knowledge, there has been no indication from either the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the U. S. Department of the Interior that the Tribe's application is deficient or that the consideration process is not proceeding according to its customary pace. To the contrary, the facts show that the Tribe has successfully met each and every milestone in the approval process from entering into a compact with the Commonwealth to final approval of its environmental impact statement. The letters the City recently received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), although confusing, do indicate that the BIA continues to actively be working on the Tribe's request for a reservation proclamation in connection with its land-in-trust application.

Whether or not litigation will ensue as a consequence of the Tribe's land being taken into trust is speculation by Mr. Donnelly. Even if litigation does occur, whether or not such litigation will prevent the Tribe from proceeding with its project cannot be predicted.

2. The intent of the Massachusetts legislature was to give the Tribe a fair shot at having its land taken into trust.

Response:

Section 91(e) of the Act does more than give the Tribe a "fair shot" at having its land-in-trust application approved. Section 91(e) requires that the MGC determine that the Tribe will not have land taken into trust before it considers bids for a Category 1 license in Region C. Basic due process would require the MGC to first gather and then review all pertinent facts on this issue before reaching such a determination.

3. Mass Gaming has spent a lot of time, money, resources and energy pursuing a casino resort project in Region C.

Response:

Mass Gaming elected to pursue an application for a Category 1 license in Region C with full knowledge that the MGC was balancing the interest of the Tribe and the best interest of the Commonwealth and had given no assurances at any time that it would issue a Category 1 license to a Region C applicant. Mass Gaming proceeded in the face of such risk.

4. It is only fair to Mass Gaming that it receive the MGC's assurance that if MGC determines that Mass Gaming is a suitable and qualified candidate for a Category 1 license, the MGC will issue it a license.

Response:

Mass Gaming claims it is seeking fairness for itself but ignores the fact that the MGC did not provide assurances to applicants in any region that it would issue a license. Granting Mass Gaming's request would result in preferential treatment for Mass Gaming.

5. Region C can support two casino resorts.

Response:

Whether Region C can support two resort casinos would require the MGC to speculate on exactly what Mass Gaming would construct if the Tribe has its land taken into trust and whether the Tribe would alter its development plans if Mass Gaming were issued a license. Further, it would appear that the Legislature, in enacting the Act after commissioning a market study, intended for there to be no more than three full-scale casinos in the Commonwealth, and no more than one in each of the three regions.

In short, we believe that the MGC has been fair to all parties and should continue to allow the process to play out.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our comment and input. To the extent, the MGC is inclined to proceed in a manner that is inconsistent with our response provided above, we respectfully request an opportunity to further discuss this policy question with the MGC before the MGC reaches a conclusion on the topic. Should you have any questions on any matter or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

TAFT STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP



Michael J. Schaller

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Cc: Hon. Thomas C. Hoye, Jr., Mayor, City of Taunton  
Cedric Cromwell, Chair, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
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Please find attached additional letters from the residents of Brockton.

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Dear Chairman Crosby and Commissioners:

Thank you for continuously opening up public comment on the process of awarding the Region C license. Please honor the timeline you have suggested for public hearings. Do not guarantee MA Gaming and Entertainment you will award a Region C license.

The public is desperate to have the opportunity to speak to you face-to-face in the hearings you have promised.

We in Brockton had no such opportunity to do so with our leaders before the host community agreement was created. Then we who were opposed to it only had 70 days to battle a \$1.6 million public relations campaign.

We are convinced if the special election were to be held today, the 148-vote margin by which we failed to defeat the proposal would be erased substantially, the agreement would not be approved and we would not be having this conversation. No casino located in a school zone where the Brockton casino is proposed will ever gain public support.

In next Tuesday's preliminary election, three challengers for mayor are adamantly opposed to the casino and particularly the flawed process by which the host community agreement was produced.

Residents in Brockton and the surrounding communities are counting on the MGC to follow due process and give us the chance to state why we oppose a casino for our community, particularly in a school zone.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jill Wiley, Common-Unitys minister  
Messiah Baptist Church, 80 Legion Parkway, Brockton



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**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
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Thank You for accepting comments on this important matter.

As someone who has supported and followed expanded gaming in the Commonwealth since the debate began it is clear that we've been careful but successful.

That seems like a good advice moving forward. There's a great deal we don't yet know about a potential tribal casino in this area. It seems hasty and unnecessary to proceed with further license issuance at least until that situation clarifies.

My interest in this is also related closely to the sport of horse racing. We have only one surviving track in the Commonwealth. It's imperative we protect what remains of this industry at Plainridge Park. Actions in Region C might well compromise the integrity of the harness racing industry and I hope you will not proceed until any such concerns are understood and found not to be material.

Bill Abdelnour  
President  
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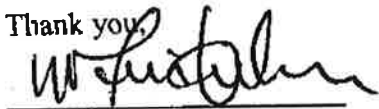
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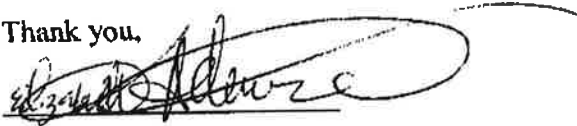
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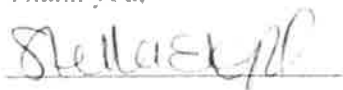
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The Commission's current plan and policy, a policy it has applied in all licensing decisions thus far, is that it will make a determination on whether to issue a license only after its review of the full gaming application and then only if its review shows that issuance of a license would be beneficial to the Commonwealth given the totality of the then existing and foreseeable economic circumstances. For the Region C review, this totality would include the potential for competition by a Tribal casino.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Secondly, I would like to consider the question as to what course of action is in the best interests of the Commonwealth, and, also, what is in the best interest of all of the parties to this process. The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to "create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011." To that end, the Commission has scheduled numerous public hearings designed to solicit as much information from as many sources as possible and has employed some fairly sophisticated analyses to objectively evaluate each gaming application and gauge the financial and economic benefits that can be derived from the approval of a given license application; and have used that information in their evaluation to determine which proposal is in the best interest of the Commonwealth and its citizens.

With regard to Region C, this evaluation paradigm has been thrown into uncharted territory. The analysis cannot solely rest on financial and economic metrics. It must also include an objective evaluation of



possible effects on the Region C gaming market by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' approval of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's application to take land into trust. In addition, the Region C gaming market will certainly be affected by a favorable outcome for the Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head in a case, brought by the Attorney General, to enjoin the tribe from gaming on their reservation lands on Martha's Vineyard. Moreover, that court decision may also affect whether the Aquinnah tribe will be able to game on after-acquired lands as well (i.e., on the mainland).

A reasonable person may conclude that two Indian casinos gaming in Region C, under IGRA, in the same general area as a Category 2 gaming facility, may have a detrimental effect on a commercially operated Category 1 casino. A reasonable person may also conclude that four (4) gaming venues in Massachusetts less than a 45-minute drive from one, or possibly two, gaming venues in Rhode Island, may lead to oversaturation in the regional gaming market.

Commissioner Stebbins said it best, during the early portion on the evaluation for the Region A, that (and I am paraphrasing here) the statute authorizes the Commission to grant up to one (1) Category I gaming license in each of the three (3) regions. But there is nothing in the statute that requires the Commission to award a license in any of the three regions. That was a very astute observation and I think it is that statement that brings us to this point. Should the Commission award a gaming license in Region C, when there is a very real possibility; indeed, almost a certainty, that at least one, if not both, of the federally recognized tribes in Massachusetts will be allowed to game under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act?

My recommendation to the Commission is to defer any action on the award of the Region C gaming license until (a) the current litigation between the Commonwealth and the Aquinnah Tribe of Gay Head, including any associated appeals, have reached their final disposition; and (b) until the Department of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs has acted upon the Mashpee Wampanoag's petition for land in trust.

Respectfully,

*Paul L. DeBole*

Paul L. DeBole  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Lasell College

## **Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** donnap96@ymail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I oppose construction of the proposed casino in Brockton. The location is a congested residential neighborhood with close proximity to several schools. I also believe the casino developers have made very unrealistic promises regarding the amount of additional revenue to benefit Brockton.

Donna Power  
62 Huntington Avenue  
Brockton, MA. 02301

Sent from my iPad

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** LeNay <soupamom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I hope when the time comes to vote you'll vote NO!

Sent from iPhone

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** William Gillis <bgillis@driveprime.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** "Region C"

Thank you for the chance to voice my displeasure. I do not understand the need for a casino in this location. Perhaps the dollars spent on promoting a yes vote could have been better utilized to turn Main Street back to a two way street. There have been no artist rendition of the infrastructure plans, only the plans for the casino and hotel. Will all businesses on Belmont Street be adding a drive through? There has been no discussion of the taking of property to enable route 123 to be widened. Will it be widened? Will there be a "flyover" when exiting Linwood street either at Belmont Street or West Chestnut street? You can not turn on either road during rush hour times without the fear of being demolished by vehicles that are travelling over 15mph above the posted speed limits. What are the local attractions for those visiting the casino? Maybe the unfinished embarrassing Rocky Marciano memorial! Maybe the chance to be caught in the drive by crossfire of stray bullets on Forest Avenue! Long story short it is just not feasible!!

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Stephen O'Brian <sobrian4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 10:28 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I believe that Brockton is not a suitable choice for a casino license because the city based upon its history, is not capable of managing the challenges involved.

Brockton has a poor record when it comes to managing big projects.

The city is being sued for \$68 million by the developers of a proposed power plant.

Our minor league baseball team, the Brockton Rox ( former mayor John Yunits' brainchild) can not make its payments for the stadium which has become a white elephant for the city.

Millions of dollars are paid each year to the Aquaria Desalination plant for water that is not used.

The city has sent out many inaccurate water bills, grossly overcharging consumers.

The city is rampant with drugs and crime.

Brockton cannot collect a fair share of sewer use payments from Stonehill College.

A casino and hotel would certainly be managed equally poorly.

Furthermore, too many casinos will hurt estimated revenues. We are nearing saturation of the gaming market. With the probability of a tribal casino in Taunton, a casino in Brockton would be excessive.

Furthermore, in the May 12 casino election, 49.5% of the electorate voted no to a casino despite the fact that the proponents spent \$1.6million on the election compared to \$ 1,607 by the opposition.

Brockton should not be selected for a casino license.

Stephen G. O'Brian

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Darlene Weeks <gemini6125@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:02 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** "Region C"

Dear MGC,

Please, please do not grant Rush Street Gaming the license to open a casino in Brockton.

This proposal won by a very slight margin, which should be taken in consideration.

A casino has no place in a residential neighborhood with a high school and middle school so close!!

Brockton has more than enough problems and does not need another one.

Thank you,

Darlene Weeks

31 Yolanda Dr

Brockton, MA

Sent from my iPhone

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** roly tiberii <rtibgoat@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 8:33 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

NO Casino

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Jill Wiley <revjillwiley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:58 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Commissioners:

<https://vimeo.com/139612182>

The video linked here for you expresses in no uncertain terms the profound objection the coalition Stand UP for Brockton has to the request by Massachusetts Gaming and Entertainment that the Commission guarantee a license be awarded in Region C. Please do not abandon the due process the law allows by granting that request.

This 10-minute presentation puts into context the dangers a casino would bring to our vulnerable community. It articulates how decisions about a host community agreement for a casino as well as a proposed power plant have not engaged the public in open and active dialogue.

Thank you for the opportunity the MGC "public comments" process provides for such input.

with best regards,

Rev. Jill Wiley



## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** sfinn1776@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:05 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

As a resident of Brockton I am opposed to a casino in this city. The 100 or so vote "win" in a previous vote is - let's be honest - id really a loss for those seeking a casino. This is true when you compare these results to voting results in New Bedford and other paces that voted for casinos.

One other point - I have heard with my own ears people who live in towns that border Brockton say that while they do gamble they would not drive to Brockton to do so. They say they feel unsafe. So if the Casino will have barriers attracting neighbors how will it attract the regional audience needed to survive - especially if the Taunton/Indian/Federal casino is built, There is no hurry. There has not been a casino here for 300 years. Let Taunton play out. Then re-visit. What is the hurry?

Thank you.

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** tomhatchfield@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 5:48 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C Casino - Opposed

This email is to confirm my opposition for a casino to be built in Brockton.. I'm very concerned about it being built so close to schools and contributing to the corruption of our youth, especially Brockton High School. Additionally, I fear the casino will only contribute to the problems of this city.

Please rule to disallow a casino in Brockton.

Thank you,

Thomas R. Hatchfield  
81 Tupelo St.  
Brockton, MA 02301  
508-583-1982

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

**Name**

Peggy DiFazio

**Email**

[jelybeans@comcast.net](mailto:jelybeans@comcast.net)

**Phone**

(508) 378-3266

**Subject**

Brockton Casino

**Questions or Comments**

Please do not put the casino in Brockton....the area is too small and congested and too close to the high school

A better site would be the dog track in Taunton/Raynham.. There is plenty of land, access to highways and I am sure you can work out the money situation between the two towns. Brockton is not the place for this.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Cathy <cag17@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:46 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** "Region C"

I am opposed to city casino complex at Brockton Fairgrounds.

Sent from my iPhone

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Quentin Hughes <quentin.e.hughes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:23 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

We want to go on record once again against a casino in Brockton. The official vote was close to 50/50 as one could clearly see. The traffic, noise, congestion and negative elements that it would likely bring are too severe to offset any POTENTIAL benefits that might arise.

Sincerely,

Marilyn & Quentin Hughes

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** stoddard19@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:17 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** region c

My name is William Stoddard and I have lived in Brockton for more than 7a5 years. I am very much opposed to a casino going in the the fair grounds. The proximity to two schools alone should be enough to keep it from being built but the traffic problems would be even more trouble.

People living on Forest Avenue and West Street would not be able to get in or out of their driveways. There would be nothing that could be done to alleviate that problem as neither street can be widened. Belmont Street would also be inadequate to handle the increased traffic.

The City also has more crime than the police department can handle and there is no doubt that the casino would bring in a criminal element.

The 10 million dollar figure that is being waved in front of the people is "Pie in the Sky." That money will never be seen.

I am asking you to please not approve the casino license in Brockton.

Thank you,  
William Stoddard  
182 Perkins Ave  
Brockton, MA 02302

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** KWilliams <kwill46125@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 10:58 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** 2010 BPD and COB\_Traffic\_Minutes\_November\_10\_2010.pdf; Annual Report 2011 FINAL.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Gaming Commission,

My name is Ken Williams and I am a retired and highly decorated former City of Brockton Homicide Detective.

I was employed by the City of Brockton until 2010. I am presently employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Questioned Document Examiner at the Plymouth County crime lab. In the spirit of full disclosure and the State of Massachusetts Ethics Law, I recite, in no way am I writing this public comment letter voicing my opposition to the Region C - City of Brockton casino licensure because of any personal gain, political motivation nor have I been influenced by any lobbyist groups. I do so freely, as a concerned citizen, enjoying my First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech on matters of public concern.

I will begin by highlighting from my personal experiences as a former Law Enforcement Officer and Insider employed by the City of Brockton (1995-2010) and I will address at least three important Public Safety and Municipality Discrimination pattern & practice concerns as reasons why Region C - should be Denied by the Gaming Commission. I understand these remarks will be treated as 'Public Comment' record and may be disseminated accordingly.

(1) Region C - City of Brockton Casino location creates a pedestrian traffic concern for residential area youths and adults.

The Brockton Police Traffic Commission and the City of Brockton acknowledge privately these concerns but likely due to political pressure and a retaliatory City of Brockton hostile employment environment the Gaming Commission isn't informed.

--Rash of Accidents has Brockton acting on Pedestrian Safety  
<http://m.patriotledger.com/article/20141013/NEWS/310159996>

--See attached 2010 City of Brockton Traffic Commission testimony by Captain McCabe regarding traffic and pedestrian accidents involving young adults.

--Student struck by car in front of Brockton High School  
<http://m.wcvb.com/news/Student-struck-by-car-in-front-of-Brockton-school/18164062>

There are numerous unpublished and published Brockton Police reports of public safety pedestrian foot traffic concerns due to motor vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents; one recently remains unsolved as hit & run motor

vehicle homicide. Thousands of Brockton neighbor school age children walk to area schools within a 1/2 mile radius of where the proposed Region C casino site is to be built. This is a public safety concern. Not only will the hours of operation of the proposed casino impact pedestrian school age children but not disclosed is the developer has proposed building the Casino in a location that is next to a Brockton Special Education High School. This school is dedicated to teaching troubled youths and some of the most vulnerable school aged kids in the City of Brockton who are recovering drug addicts.

It is well documented that gambling in school age children can cause addiction related disorders (See attached PA FY2011 Annual Report regarding school age children and gambling disorders).

(2) Brockton Police are a force stretched thin and will not be able to proactively police the community effectively to meet a Casino crime related demand.

The Brockton Police force is incapable of managing the traffic related problems, the addiction related behavioral, homelessness, increase risk of residential house break response calls for service and other crimes that will increase by % due to the impact of a Brockton Region C casino. The police force remains understaffed and although it seems to publicly support the current political proposal of a Brockton Region C by endorsing Mayor Carpenter by the police union; that's an empty political endorsement. In 2007, a few within the police union, endorsed a political candidate without actually securing any majority vote. In fact it was later determined by the Ethics Commission after a Complaint was filed the chief of police violated the law and was issued an "Education Letter."

See Ethics Complaint Findings here:

<http://www.mass.gov/ethics/opinions-and-rulings/enforcement-matters/enf-section-23/section-23-a-f/william-conlon-pel.html>

(3) The Brockton Region C casino rewards a business owner who was alleged to have committed fraud and corruption with a former Brockton Police Officer.

Brockton business owner Carney was exonerated at trial and the Brockton Police Sergeant Lon Elliott pled guilty.

<http://m.wickedlocal.com/article/20100523/NEWS/305239754>

This Federal complaint and marriage fraud indictment actually began in 2007 after the wrongful arrest by Sgt. Lon Elliott. Elliott, allegedly at the direction of Carney, strong armed the victim Jose Semedo over a debt owed to the Carney's.

<http://m.metrowestdailynews.com/article/20090916/News/309169932>

In closing, the Brockton Region C Casino is a bad proposal for public safety, the education of Brockton's children, and it rewards person's and businesses that have been discriminatory in the past and do not admit fault publicly.

Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions.

Best,

Ken Williams  
1-774-451-1290

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy® Note 4.





**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting**  
**November 10, 2010**

The Traffic Commission held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Captain Leon McCabe, Chairman, and Commission members Fire Chief Richard Francis, Kenneth Galligan, Councilor Paul Studenski, Ken Goldblatt, Commissioner Michael Thoreson and Councilor Todd Petti. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain McCabe. Also appearing at the Traffic Commission meeting were Brockton Police Lt. Donald Mills, Councilor Thomas Monahan, School Committee members Patricia Joyce, William Carpenter and Timothy Sullivan, and Michael Thomas, Director of Transportation for the Brockton School Department.

**FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS**

Request from Superintendent of Schools Matthew Malone on behalf of the Security/Safety/Transportation Subcommittee of the Brockton School Committee that the timing of the flashing lights in all school zones be extended from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Also, discussion of the public safety issue regarding the elementary and middle schools which do not currently have any flashing school zone lights in place.

Captain McCabe indicated that the issue tonight was the timing of the flashing lights at all school zones. There was a request from the School Committee Safety Subcommittee that the lights be extended from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Captain McCabe stated that the Commission would also like to discuss the safety issue regarding elementary and middle schools which do not currently have flashing school zone lights in place. The special meeting was prompted by the accident that took place in front of the Hancock School on Pearl Street. The accident date was September 27, 2010; a young boy twelve years old was hit by a car and was badly injured. Captain McCabe read from the narrative of the accident report which stated that Witness #1, who was driving behind the vehicle that hit the boy, stated that Vehicle #1 was traveling approximately 20mph. So the speed of the car when it hit the boy was 20mph. Witness #1 was behind the car that hit the boy noticed the children in the street and was surprised when the driver did not stop. He did not see if the driver was looking at the road or elsewhere at the time of the accident. The driver of Vehicle #1 states that it was raining and hard to see; he noticed the vehicle in front of him drive around something in the road but he did not notice

what it was until he saw the children and he was unable to stop. Vehicle #1 hit the rear child causing a large open wound with possible broken bones.

Captain McCabe stated that according to the report speed was not a factor that caused this accident; it was operator error, if the witness states that the driver was going 20mph when he hit the child. Knowing that, the Traffic Commission took action by reviewing the area and changing the speed limit on Pearl Street in the area of the school zone, which also includes a park, by reducing it from 40 mph to 30 mph. The Commission also reached out to Lt. Mills and the School Department and had the word "School" repainted in the road at the location near the Hancock School, for better visibility. Traffic enforcement was increased up on Pearl Street.

Captain McCabe stated that in previous years school lights were put on thirty minutes before school and thirty minutes after school. That was changed to 40 to 45 minutes depending on the school before school starts and thirty minutes after school starts. Captain McCabe presented a packet with a chart showing the on/off times for the flashing lights at the school locations. These actions were approved at the meeting of October 28, 2010.

Captain McCabe stated that he received a communication from the School Committee, which was received on October 29, 2010. This letter stated that at the Security/Safety/Transportation Subcommittee meeting of October 27, 2010, it was voted to send a letter requesting that the Traffic Commission extend the time of the flashing lights in all school zones from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and further that this issue be discussed at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. As the letter was not received prior to the October 28, 2010 and further that the issue was not on the agenda, it therefore could not be discussed as it would be in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Captain McCabe stated that he was confused as to the times requested and asked for clarification. School Committee member Patricia Joyce explained that they felt that those times would cover the times during which the middle school students were walking to school and crossing those streets headed to school and that this would alert motorists that there were children walking to school. Captain McCabe questioned why the lights would stay on until 9:30 when all of the children would be in school by 9:00 a.m. Mr. Thomas from the School Department indicated that 9:00 a.m. was the latest start time and Mrs. Joyce agreed that the lights would not be necessary after that time. Captain McCabe also questioned why the afternoon start times would be 2:00 p.m. and Mrs. Joyce stated that the middle schools get out at 2:00 p.m. Captain McCabe stated that they get out at 2:30 p.m. and Mr. Thomas concurred with that timing. Mrs. Joyce stated that she did not draft the letter. Mike Thomas indicated that the Superintendent's secretary drafted the letter and at that time they were focusing on the middle schools and that would account for the timing. School Committee member William Carpenter stated that previously there were 4 junior high school but with the reconfiguration now there are eight middle schools, and the walk zone is now two miles for those students. He stated that there are a lot more walkers than

there used to be, and the intent was to protect the students. The primary purpose in their request is to increase student safety and if the flashing signs would at least slow some of the traffic down on main roads then it would help. Mr. Carpenter stated that Captain McCabe's point was well taken and that possibly 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. might be more appropriate for morning times. Captain McCabe noted that the School Committee requested the afternoon lights be on until 3:30 p.m. and that currently the Traffic Commission has the lights on until 3:40 p.m.

Mr. Carpenter noted that all ten elementary schools now have extended day programs and the school doors open at 7:00 a.m. and some students are arriving that early; so that even though classes may not start until later the schools are open and students are there. Captain McCabe expressed that he wished the School Committee had invited the Traffic Commission to one of its meetings and he would have been happy to attend to discuss their concerns.

The concern of the Traffic Commission members and members of the police department is that if the lights are put on too early and left on too long, eventually the motoring public ignores the lights. Captain McCabe researched the issue and contacted the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for clarification. In the response from Richard Wilson, a DOT traffic engineer, he cited The Massachusetts Amendments to the Manual on Traffic Control Devices and Standard Municipal Code, Official Standards for School Zones, Section 7G, "Permissible Times of Operation", which states in part that:  
*The flashing school zone lights should only be in operation when children are going to or leaving school, or during the noon lunch hour. Also, permissible, as indicated in Section 7G-3 is a supplemental sign indicating "when children are present" as opposed to the posting of fixed hours.*

Mr. Wilson further stated in his e-mail that: *"The intent is that when the school zone lights are illuminated, and children can be seen walking to school, it should be an obvious conclusion on the part of the motorist that the 20 mph speed limit is in effect. The reason for these particular restrictions/regulations is that if the lights were simply left on all day, their effectiveness would be compromised as they would typically be ignored for the most part by motorists."*

Captain McCabe questioned whether putting the lights on too early and leaving them on too long would we eventually be jeopardizing the children because the lights will be ignored. He indicated that another study had recommended that lights be put on one-half hour to one hour prior to school start times so that the motoring public know the seriousness of the restriction. Captain McCabe said that another potential problem could be if the lights are on too early and a motorist comes into the 20 mph zone and slows down suddenly and is involved in a rear-end collision, would the City then be exposed to liability for having the school zone lights on at a time when school was not in session.

School Committee member Patricia Joyce inquired as to the lights could be started in the morning thirty minutes prior to middle school start times and leaving them on for thirty minutes past the elementary start times; and in the afternoon starting them at fifteen minutes prior to dismissal or at dismissal time for middle schools and then thirty minutes past elementary school dismissal time in the afternoon. Commissioner Thoreson stated that currently the lights are on for forty minutes past the elementary school dismissal times. Captain McCabe stated that the Department of Transportation recommendations are that we keep within a one hour zone of the particular school that those lights are covering. We have adjusted the times for the individual schools, and have merged lights where possible, for example at the Raymond School and North Junior High, and Huntington School with South Junior High. Mrs. Joyce asked when the lights were adjusted and Captain McCabe indicated that it was over a month ago. When Captain McCabe was working with the School Department last year, he worked with the custodians to see what they recommended for the timing of the lights and that is when it started. Mrs. Joyce said that this was the first time she has seen a listing of the times that the school lights are on, and suggested that the School Committee Safety Subcommittee could possibly reconvene to study the times and see if it satisfies the requirements for the middle school students. Mrs. Joyce also stated that some of the school zone lights are in neighborhoods where there may be no middle school students crossing major road so the lights may not be needed. School Committee member Bill Carpenter stated that he would like the lights on one hour prior to the start time of 8:20 a.m. and said that it would be worth it to save an injury to a child. Captain McCabe agreed that the student safety is most important but reiterated that if the lights are on so long that they mean nothing then we might be jeopardizing more children. The City has written over \$600,000.00 worth of tickets this year; not because people are good drivers but because they are not. Captain McCabe stated that the studies indicate that limiting the light times is what protects the children the most, but Mr. Carpenter said that we already know it didn't work because a child was hit. Mr. Carpenter said that they are only trying to slow the cars down to 20 mph, and Captain McCabe stated that the operator involved in the accident where the student was hit was only going 20 mph; speed was not a factor. Captain McCabe said that the Traffic Commission is willing to work the times out to please everyone, but he would like to stay within the guidelines set by the Department of Transportation for the protection of the City. Mrs. Joyce indicated that she understands that the lights have to be meaningful and that they would lose their impact if left on too long. She does not believe that decreasing the speed on Pearl Street is going to help the issue, but she does think that people will stop for the flashing lights, but they do have to be within a certain time frame to have meaning. Mrs. Joyce said that she stands by her recommendation that the School Committee Subcommittee revisit the actual start times and end times and look to see which signals would be most beneficial to start and end, now that they have new information which is helpful. Mrs. Joyce would like to be able to make additional recommendations to the Traffic Commission, or meet again if that is the consensus.

Commissioner Thoreson asked if there is any data as to how many school children walk through the school zones and Mrs. Joyce indicated that is one of the issues that they are looking into. Commissioner Thoreson stated that the boy that was hit was going to West Junior High and Mrs. Joyce indicated that it is the main thoroughfares that cause a problem. Commissioner Thoreson stated that if motorists go by and the lights are flashing but there are no students walking, after a few days they are going to increase their speed and defeat the purpose.

Councilor Thomas Monahan asked if the timing of the lights presently is at the maximum recommended by the state and Captain McCabe stated that the guidelines are one hour and Councilor Monahan stated that he would like to see if we could go to the maximum time. Captain McCabe asked the members whether the afternoon was of as much concern as the morning and Mrs. Joyce indicated that the morning is more of a problem. Mrs. Joyce also indicated that during the winter months it is dark in the morning. She also suggested that working with target areas would be more beneficial than a blanket approach.

Councilor Paul Studenski made a motion that the School Committee revisit the issue, refine and define their requests, and return to the Traffic Commission. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that expediency is needed and that the school zone lights are designed to provide protection for the children at the school locations and they were not intended to provide city-wide protection. He stated that the timing is 40 to 45 minutes before school starts and 30 minutes at the end of the day and that if we worked in reverse and the lights come on just prior to the dismissal and stay on for half an hour, that the children usually leave the area within that half hour. In the morning, there could be staggered times when they arrive and if what we are hearing from the State is that anything beyond an hour is unreasonable, then they would probably tell us that if we go beyond an hour then whatever happens in Brockton we'd be on our own because we went outside the recommended guidelines. If we looked at a window of one hour for the lights in the morning and in the afternoon a window of a half hour for the light so that if there are schools that start earlier than others that one hour window might be slightly earlier and another zone might be slightly later, so that the lights would not be the same all across the city but we would be within our purview. He stated that when you read the regulations it is very specific as to where the lights have to be placed and how far from the school they are supposed to be we don't have a lot of leeway. If a child crosses the street at 6:30 in the morning and the light does not come on until 7:30 a.m. he does not know else we could do to solve that problem other than educating the children about their responsibilities, but he does not think that changing all of the flashing lights is a cure-all for the problem. If we stay within the parameters and use the one hour window for each school, we might make some progress. Traffic Commission member Ken Goldblatt stated that both the parents and the children need to be educated.

On the motion, Councilor Todd Petti showed the members a newspaper article from Newton stating that two students were struck by cars within two minutes of each other. This is not an issue only here in Brockton, but elsewhere as well. Education is the key, and he suggested that perhaps it should be part of the school curriculum. The members agreed that education of the parents, the students and the drivers is all needed.

Ken Galligan stated that the motion on the floor is that the issue be sent back to the School Committee Subcommittee and we agree that we are looking at a one hour window in the morning and a half hour window in the afternoon. Mr. Carpenter said that he does not think that we have to make it more complicated than it is, and that Captain McCabe has stated a strong case as to why it should be one hour before and thirty minutes after and that the reservations are based on guidelines from the State and he would ask that the lights be extended a little bit but stay within those guidelines and that would add an additional 15 to thirty minutes earlier which is the critical time of the day and it would give us a little more than what we have right now without going beyond the clear guidelines. Mrs. Joyce gave an example of the Baker School. The Quincy Street lights go on at 8:20 and East Middle School lights go on at 7:30 a.m. There are a lot of kids going to the East that cross over Quincy Street and if the earliest we could start the Quincy Street lights was 8:00 a.m. then it would not help the East students. Mr. Carpenter stated that at least it is better than what we have and there is a strong argument that there is a point of diminishing returns with these things and we cannot just leave the lights flashing all the time or no one will pay any attention to them. Mr. Carpenter stated that the biggest exposure is the middle school students but that the guidelines are pretty clear and we have some room to expand a little bit but stay within the guidelines and we can always come back in six months if it isn't working. Mrs. Joyce asked how much would change if we went with the state parameters and Captain McCabe indicated that we would gain 15 to 20 minutes in the morning and in the afternoon they would stay basically the same. Mrs. Joyce stated that she respects the opinion on the diminishing returns if the lights are left on too long, but she would hate to see someone injured because the lights are not on, but we do the best we can and then try to educate the students to be respectful of traffic and if it is agreeable to the other School Committee members present she would accept the Traffic Commission recommendations.

Mike Thomas from the School Department indicated that some of the flashing lights are old and he questioned whether there is anything that his office should do. Captain McCabe indicated that some of the clocks in the flashing lights are digital and you can pinpoint the time and others are the old dial system so they might be a problem. The Traffic Commission is replacing parts with old lights whenever possible.

Councilor Studenski stated that he was willing to withdraw his motion, but that the School Committee members were welcome to come back to the Traffic Commission in the future. The motion was then withdrawn.

Ken Galligan made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, as follows:

**VOTED: That the time of the school crossing lights for a one hour window in the morning and a one-half hour window in the afternoon based upon the start and end time of the school day for that particular school.**

Captain McCabe indicated that there are three schools which do not have the blinking yellow lights and for the safety of the children those schools should be equipped with the lights. If the School Department would buy and install the lights, the Traffic Commission will take over maintenance and upkeep. Captain McCabe identified the Ashfield School, the Goddard School and the Keith School and the old high school. The old high school does not need them because its 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up so the federal law passed in 2009 allows us to put them there but they are not required. Mike Thomas indicated that the Keith School houses high school students as the Champion Alternative School but there are probably 12 students out of the 200 enrolled there who are 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He also looked into the costs of the lights and it would be approximately \$16,000.00 per set with installation for the solar lights; with a cost of \$48,000.00 he would be happy to present the request at budget time to the School Committee but at this time there is no money budgeted for this fiscal year to be able to purchase the lights. Captain McCabe stated that there must be a lot of students walking to the Ashfield School on Coe Road and that lights should definitely be installed for that school. The Goddard School would only need one light; Mike Thomas indicated that the Goddard School is a specialized special education school and the majority of the students are transported there. Captain McCabe stated that if the majority of the students are transported there, then the School Department should concentrate on the Ashfield School. He further suggested that the non-solar lights might save \$4,000.00 or so and Mr. Thomas stated that if only one school needed lights then perhaps the money could be found to cover one school. Ken Galligan suggested that as an alternative to address the issue quickly there is an option to put school zone signs up with an additional sign that states that you have to travel 20 mph between certain hours. As he reads the regulations, he does not believe that you could put the lights on the main road in, Alphonse Road, as the school does not front on that road. Mr. Galligan questioned as to when the new timing of the lights could be established and Captain McCabe indicated that it could be accomplished within a month.

Councilor Monahan indicated that Ward One Councilor Tim Cruise could not attend the meeting and Captain McCabe read his letter of support into the record, as he is strongly in favor of the proposal to extend the school zone speed limit signs.

Captain McCabe suggested that regarding the issue dealing with the schools which do not have the flashing lights that the matter be table until Mike Thomas can get back to the Committee.

Upon motion made by Councilor Studenski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was  
**VOTED: to table the matter at this time.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made by Captain McCabe, seconded by Chief Francis and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was  
**VOTED: To adjourn.**



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**Attachments:** Region C letter\_20150916120841.pdf

To whom it may concern:

Attached is a Region C comment letter by Warren Pepicelli, Manager of the New England Joint Board, UNITE HERE International Union.

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via email to [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)  
*Subject Line: 'Region C'*

Dear Mr. Crosby,

We oppose the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC ("MG&E") that the Commission short-circuit its established process for evaluating the Region C proposal. MG&E's request would deprive you of the opportunity to independently determine the potential cost to the Commonwealth if a tribal casino were to be built in Taunton. As you know, a Taunton casino will only pay taxes if no casino exists in Brockton,<sup>1</sup> and given its location, Taunton would siphon a significant number of customers away from any Brockton casino, tax-free.

MG&E's own math and risk management measures show that a decision now to grant their request may well prove costly to the Commonwealth later:

- In its August presentation, MG&E made assumptions about competition that heavily skewed in its favor. But as we show below, their assumptions about which of the two casinos would siphon off the most dollars from other Massachusetts casinos should be reversed. Using the more plausible assumptions, the math shows that the 'two-casino scenario' in Region C would produce the worst outcome for Massachusetts; and
- MG&E has structured its financing to anticipate significant risk even if the tribal casino is licensed and built by creating special classes of debt-like shares that would pay interest up to 20% annually to the casino's owners (as of May, 2015).

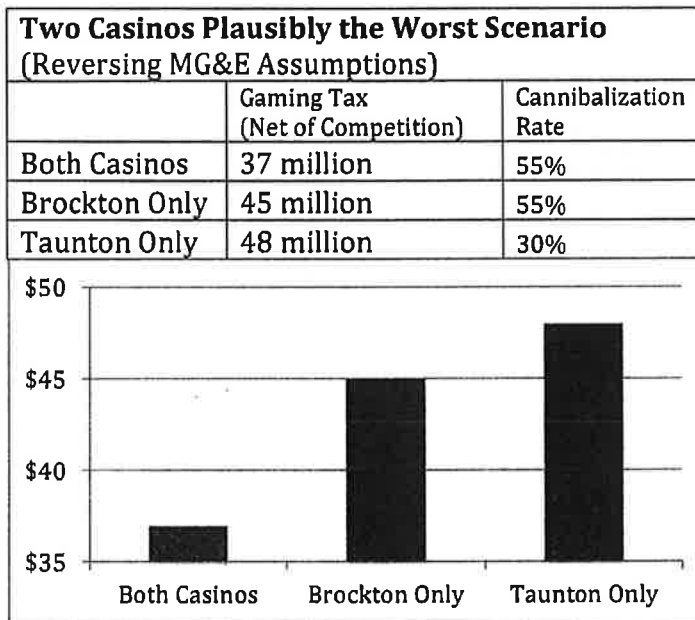
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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 8/6/15, 183:18-24.  
*Tribal-State Compact Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Mar. 19, 2013: Section 9.2.1.4.

## A Two-Casino Region C is Plausibly the Worst Scenario

MG&E's August presentation attempts to prove that its Brockton proposal would generate the most revenue for Massachusetts - either alone or if a tribal casino was also to be built.<sup>2</sup>

But when MG&E's assumptions are adjusted to reflect a more plausible estimate of consumer behavior, the developer's math generates a very different set of outcomes: it shows that the worst-case scenario may actually be one in which both the Brockton and Taunton casinos are built. And rather than supporting MG&E's claim that Brockton is a better pick, the model shows that a single casino in Taunton - instead of one in Brockton - would likely be the most advantageous to the Commonwealth. (See *Appendix* for model).



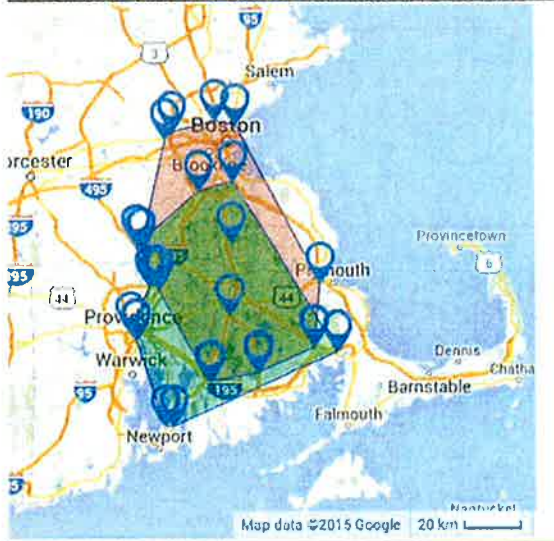
MG&E's cannibalization estimates are the reverse of what should be expected considering Taunton is significantly further from Boston than Brockton. MG&E would have you believe that a Brockton casino will pull only 30% of its gross gaming revenue from customers who would otherwise patronize other Massachusetts casinos ("cannibalization"), while claiming that a whopping 55% of the revenue at a Taunton casino further south would be cannibalized from other Massachusetts casinos not including Brockton.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commissioners' Packet (Updated Aug. 7, 2015), Aug. 6, 2015, p.171.

Brockton is 17 miles closer to Boston,<sup>3</sup> meaning it would likely attract **more** Boston-area residents than would a Taunton casino, and would therefore result in **more** cannibalization, i.e. Brockton would siphon more customers and revenue away from the Region A casino and the Plainridge slots parlor.

A Taunton casino, on the other hand, would be better positioned to draw players from Region C's cities and tourist areas outside the Boston metro area, and would also be closer to Rhode Island and thus better able to lure customers away from that state's casinos.<sup>4</sup>

### Brockton Casino Cannibalizes Boston, Lures Fewer Customers from Rhode Island



Red (upper polygon): Brockton

Green (lower polygon): Taunton

(Shaded areas show points from which each casino is accessible within a 30 minute drive at 60 mph - Source: GoogleMap data)

Worse, if both casinos are built, the Taunton casino would primarily cannibalize Brockton by cutting it off from Rhode Island and the rest of Region C, yet the Commonwealth would receive no tax revenue in return. As you know, the Taunton casino only pays state gaming tax if no other Region C resort casino is built.

If MG&E's assumptions are reversed to more plausibly reflect the likely effects of in-state cannibalization, their math would show the Commonwealth gets the least gaming tax if casinos are built in both Taunton and Brockton, and the most gaming tax if a single casino were to be established in Taunton with no casino in Brockton. (See *Table*, above.)

<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commissioners' Packet (Updated Aug. 7, 2015), Aug. 6, 2015, p.168.

<sup>4</sup> Drivetimes calculated using GoogleMaps (Sept. 14, 2015).

Why did MG&E Chairman Neil Bluhm say that his casino closer to Boston would produce the least cannibalization while a Taunton casino further away from other Massachusetts resort casinos would produce the most?<sup>5</sup> Although his cannibalization assumptions were not explicitly stated, they are easily uncovered by comparing the casinos' tax rates to projected gaming revenues (see Appendix).

This example illustrates precisely why the Commission's current process is in place: to independently determine likely revenue outcomes rather than simply accepting a developer's claims. Clearly the process of evaluating the competitive effects of any Region C casino is more complicated than MG&E would have you believe.

Why would the Commission decide now to close the door on investigating for itself how a Tribal compact casino in Region C could potentially affect revenue outcomes for the Commonwealth?

### **MG&E Financing Shows High Anticipated Risk**

MG&E has structured special classes of debt-like equity for its owners that, for them, prices in the risk of potential competition from Taunton. But the plan provides no commensurate compensation to the Commonwealth for its added risk of cannibalized revenue.

What MG&E is asking you to do is to ignore the risk that would be borne by the Commonwealth alone.

Further, MG&E's debt-heavy financing (at May 2015) is itself an important risk factor as the Commission has previously identified. MG&E's financing would suffer from two of the same fundamental flaws that plagued the rejected bid in Region A (Revere): high leverage and an over-reliance on high-interest "preferred" ownership shares that function like debt.<sup>6</sup> The Brockton casino would use proportionally more debt including "preferred" shares than what had been proposed for the Revere casino and at higher interest rates.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 8/6/15, pp.165-191.  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 5/6/15, 11:20-12:2.

<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Updated Investigative Report (Applicant: Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC), 5/1/15, pp. 34-36.

<sup>7</sup> Finance Presentation re Category 1 Region A Casino proposals, 9/8/14, p. 17;  
Mohegan Sun Massachusetts Response to Conditions, 9/12/14, p. 2.

MG&E's developers would have the option to receive as much as 20% annual interest on their "preferred" shares.<sup>8</sup> Neil Bluhm built in that same preferred return rate for himself as part of a financial package to fund cost overruns at his Philadelphia casino.<sup>9</sup>

Bluhm later testified at trial why the rate was justified: "I would say to you -- and I've been in business 42 years -- that that was probably the riskiest thing I've ever done."<sup>10</sup> Corporate credit agencies have agreed that the Philadelphia casino is risky by assigning it speculative credit grades (Standard and Poor's: "B-"; Moody's: "B2").<sup>11</sup>

Why, now, should you abandon the evaluation process you've used with every other casino licensee and allow the Commonwealth to bear a disproportionate share of the risk of potential market saturation and cannibalization?

What more unwelcome surprises might MG&E bring if you do decide to grant their request to short-circuit the established process?

Sincerely,



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<sup>8</sup> Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Updated Investigative Report (Applicant: Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC), 5/1/15, pp. 34-36.

<sup>9</sup> RPRS Gaming v HP Gaming and High Penn Gaming, 6359-VCP, DE Court of Ch., (Trial Transcript 407:22-408:12, Aug. 17, 2012)

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> Standard and Poor's Ratings Services. "Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Prop. Mezz. L.P. Rating Outlook Revised To Stable From Positive On Lower EBITDA Expectation." June 26, 2014.

Moody's Investor Services. "Credit Opinion: Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Prop. Mezz, L.P." July 24, 2015.

Appendix:

MG&E Applied a More Favorable Cannibalization Rate to its Casino than to Taunton

<i>\$ Millions</i>	Brockton Only	Brockton & Taunton	Taunton Only
MG&E Claim: Gaming Tax (Net of in-state competition)	71	37	31
<i>Math:</i>			
Taxable Gross Gaming Revenue	404	330	404
x Tax Rate	x 25%	x 25%	x 17%
= Tax before cannibalization	= 101	= 82.5	= 68.7
- MG&E claim of tax after cannibalization	- 71	- 37	- 31
= MG&E's assumption of cannibalized tax	= 30	= 45.5	= 37.7
Cannibalized tax / Total tax =	30 / 101	45.5 / 82.5	37.7 / 68.7
MG&E claim: % Drawn from in-state competition	= 30%	= 55%	= 55%

Notes to Appendix:

*MG&E Claim: Gaming Tax:*

- Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 8/6/15, pp.186:4-187:10.

*Taxable Gross Gaming Revenue:*

- Brockton only: Rush Street Gaming, "Mass Gaming & Entertainment: August 6, 2015" (Presentation), Slide 17 (in Massachusetts Gaming Commissioners' Packet (Updated Aug. 7, 2015), Aug. 6, 2015).
- Brockton + Taunton: Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 8/6/15, pp.183:10-17.
- Taunton only: HLT Advisory, "Market Assessment: Massachusetts Gaming Commission," February 2014, p.59; Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 4/2/15, pp.38:4-17.

*Tax Rates:*

- Massachusetts Gaming Commission Transcript, 8/6/15, pp.189:15.
- *Tribal-State Compact Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, Mar. 19, 2013: Section 9.2.1.2.

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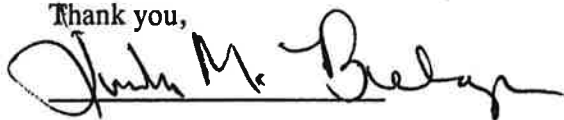
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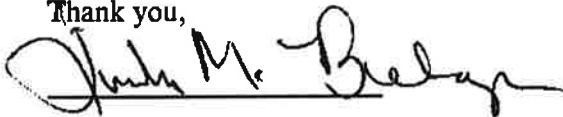
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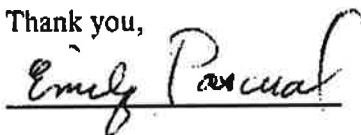
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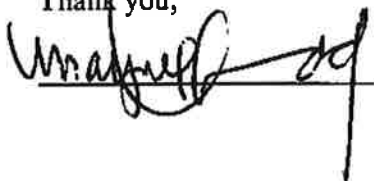
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**From:** Thibault, Nicole (HOU) <nicole.thibault@mahouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good afternoon,

Please see below for comments from Rep. O'Connell regarding region C.

Thank you.

Nicole Thibault

Legislative Aide

Office of Representative Shaunna O'Connell

Third Bristol District

State House, Room 237

Boston, MA 02133-1054

(617) 722-2305

[Nicole.Thibault@mahouse.gov](mailto:Nicole.Thibault@mahouse.gov)

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Dear Mass Gaming Commission Members,

I write in response to the request for public comment regarding the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC that the Commission abandon its current policy and protocol of considering the full application and economic circumstances when issuing a gaming license and instead make an immediate determination on the issuance of a license in Region C if certain criteria are met by the applicant.

It is important that the criteria used by the Commission to issue gaming licenses in Massachusetts remain consistent in order to protect the integrity of the process, ensure equal treatment statewide, and protect the taxpayers.

I do not believe it would be in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth for the Commission not to consider vital criteria that may have a detrimental economic impact, such as land being taken into trust by the Federal government, when issuing a casino license in Region C. It is incumbent upon the Commission to consider the “totality of the then existing and foreseeable economic circumstance” in its decision to issue a gaming license.

When issuing a license in Region C, I respectfully urge the Commission to adhere to the existing protocol used in issuing all other gaming licenses across the state.

Sincerely,

Shaunna O'Connell

State Representative

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*State Representative  
Third Bristol District  
617-722-2305  
Shaunna.O'Connell@mahouse.gov*

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**From:** John Green <greenbasket@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 10:28 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** John Green  
**Subject:** Region C

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As longterm residents of the City of Brockton we hereby register our strong opposition to the sighting of a casino in Brockton. We are deeply concerned about the risks of irreparable harm such a casino would do to our city. We have strong doubts about the promised benefits of a Brocktion casino and feel that any such benefits are not worth the negative impact to our city.

John H Green  
Gail A Green

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**From:** Sieben Buster and Elsie <bustersieben@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2015 9:47 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

9/14/2015

Dear Gaming Commission:

Having given the possibility of a casino being built in Brockton, MA a fair amount of thought, and having discussed this with various friends in Brockton, I find myself genuinely opposed to your building a casino in my small city, Brockton. As I have discussed this with friends and acquaintances, some who were in favor of the casino, but had not studied it, once we talked a bit, they too became negative about the casino.

Here are some facts, so you know it isn't just that I don't like the idea:

1. Though a casino may give an immediate boost in the city's income from its beginning, looking into the future gives perspective regarding the real financial gain to the city. Some years into the future the proceeds from the casino diminish but the city has built into its budget the income from the casino, but now our taxes must be increased to cover that shortfall. In Brockton, we are not a town of wealthy people. We are very heavily weighted with fixed income recipients who use food stamps, live in government subsidized housing, and in general, don't have a legitimate spare dime to invest into your profits. Gambling, that hope of striking it rich, clouds judgment of the poor (and the not so poor) and is addictive. Your business really crosses the line of being moral, because it does not benefit the moral caliber of our residents. If you lived here and shared my values, you would see this similarly, I believe.

2. The location of your proposed casino really "stinks"! Across from our high school! That is really demonstrating that the supporters of the casino are only thinking of themselves. Our future does not benefit by having to deal with additions. Our whole country is harmed terribly by addictions. Gambling takes the funds from Brockton and sends them out of our state, out of our city, and even if all the profits stayed in Brockton, the long term fruit from a casino would offset the receipts. We have enough challenges in Brockton without your placing this temptation right outside our high school lane way.

In my personal judgment, you all should be ashamed of yourselves! So should Mayor Carpenter.

3. Regarding what is legal: doesn't the law only allow for three casinos in Massachusetts? If you were to pursue a casino in Brockton, isn't that illegal? If you pursue it, it causes me to think you disrespect the law and therefore, what other laws might you disrespect and break? Applying the Golden Rule to yourselves, would you want some enterprise ( blind, callous, uncaring about you, arrogant [like one of our GOP candidates] and only wanting to line its own pockets \$\$) would you want that enterprise moving in next door to you and your family and friends when the known fruit long term is exactly the opposite of what it advertised?? Would you really want that for yourselves? I think we need to step up our alerts on law breakers!

And perhaps the third one isn't approved just yet, so from a legal stand point I may be speaking too quickly. I am not sure, but I will address this below in another paragraph.

4. Traffic: if you were a business on the route to the proposed casino site, unless you sold gasoline, you'd likely hate the casino. Because the casino will have "food courts" the local businesses established that sell breakfasts, lunches and

suppers, will be hurt financially. If you were one of those businesses, would you want the casino traffic jamming up your access? Remember that Golden Rule!

5. I just have learned the following: "Give the tribe a fair process. A decision on the tribe's application is expected soon. The tribe's contract will give the state \$2.1 billion over 20 years. Two more casinos mean they would pay nothing." So, even though from my judgment the tribe ought not to have a casino either, those receipts to the Commonwealth are not insignificant! Why jeopardize the Commonwealth... unless you are greedy! [Greediness isn't a positive character trait. Do you want others treating you that way if they could? or even if they do??]

6. Last, given the increasing negative impression I get from my limited chatting, and given how people think negatively once they are given some facts [and some of us are working hard to get these facts into our community], from a pure business evaluation, if I was in your shoes, I'd be mighty hesitant about investing millions into a city that already has a significant population that doesn't want a casino.

As I remember, the vote to accept or reject the casino possibility was a very close vote in Brockton. I believe I heard that a few million dollars were spent on advertising for a "Yes" vote, and only \$3,500 was invested in a "No" vote, and the "Yes" won by only 148 votes!

If I was a mature, intelligent, savvy business person wanting to get a good return on my investment dollar, I would not think Brockton would be a place for my dollars. I'd want to invest where the discretionary dollars were available, like Weston, Newton, to name a few. Build on Route 1 in Norwood!

If I was a value based mature, intelligent and savvy business person, I'd want to invest in the character of the people in the community. I'd want to invest in ways to help people value people, training kids how to work honestly and integrity, teaching morality that reinforces "I am my brother's keeper". Partner with us in making this kind of investment into our community! We will welcome your doing that... without any casino.

Sincerely,

Garland Sieben

Buster

bustersieben@comcast.net



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**From:** Academics Brockton <academics@tcbrockton.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** REGION C

Please DO NOT APPROVE any Casino—no Casino in Brockton!

A gambling Casino in Brockton right across the street from the High School, and Middle School will Increase Crime, Increase Addiction, take advantage of our Seniors, Corrupt our kids, and those who Are down on their luck.

Casinos DO NOT BRING ANYTHING GOOD. They do not create good, high paying jobs. They do not significantly add to our Tax Base—especially if you factor in the increased Police costs, increased Court costs and strain on our already overburdened Judicial system. Gambling casinos will lead many people into the destructive whirlpool of Gambling Addiction.

The financial and personal costs to our city government and families is a cost we do not need and Cannot afford.

NO CASINO IN BROCKTON—it will further destroy our community!



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS MOVING UPWARD AND FORWARD. 2 TIM. 1:7**

*Edward Boalais*

**ACADEMIC COORDINATOR  
TEEN CHALLENGE NEW ENGLAND  
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PHONE: 1-508-586-1494  
EMAIL: academics@tcbrockton.org**

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**From:** Howitt, Steven (HOU) <steven.howitt@mahouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 19, 2015 2:55 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Region C comments

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**From:** "Howitt, Steven - Rep (HOU)" <[Steven.Howitt@mahouse.gov](mailto:Steven.Howitt@mahouse.gov)>  
**Date:** 09/19/2015 7:51 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Howitt, Steven - Rep (HOU)" <[Steven.Howitt@mahouse.gov](mailto:Steven.Howitt@mahouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** Region C comments

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment as the Commission considers Region C action. As a legislator representing the 4th Bristol district with significant equine activity, my primary concerns are the integrity and prosperity of the horse racing industry in the Commonwealth. It is clear to me, that there remain many unknown variables in Region C that might negatively impact the support that this industry is finally receiving as a result of the successful opening of Plainridge Park. Until it can be clearly demonstrated that license expansion in Region C will bear no negative impacts to this industry, that as of today is supported by only one remaining active racecourse in the Commonwealth, I urge the Commission to delay any further Region C action."

State Representative Steven S. Howitt  
4'th Bristol District

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**From:** Bill <billdeco@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Hi,

I have lived in Brockton for 25 years and am in favor for the casino.

Billy D

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**From:** Peter Neville <pneville@concordfoods.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** Letter to Mass Gaming Commission - Concord Foods.pdf

Attached is a letter of support in regards to the Brockton Resort Casino.

Thank you.

Peter Neville

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September 18, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Peter Neville and I am the owner and operator of Concord Foods LLC in Brockton, MA. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

Concord Foods is a food manufacturer employing over 210 people. We have been located in Brockton since 1994 and I have been involved in economic development organizations both locally and regionally. We are members of the local Chamber of Commerce and have insight and knowledge of the local community and opportunities for business development, job creation and economic growth.

As the largest manufacturer in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. The local community badly needs the jobs and for new types of businesses like the Casino to develop in the City. The Casino will create growth for our tax base as well as for jobs for our citizens. It will support other local business with the huge increase in tourism and economic development.

Finally, a resort casino will create huge demand for the local good and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Brockton has made some nice improvements but the Casino will make a big difference as we try to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,



Peter Neville  
President

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## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Gary Leonard <GLEonard@brockton21.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 3:20 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino for Brockton

Dear Chairman and Commissioners;

I am a lifelong Brocktonian, and grew up not but 100 ft from the proposed Casino site. This area has been in need of infrastructure improvements for years

Last time I knew of any improvements was in 1971, yes 41 years. With the developer willing to absorb these millions of dollars in infrastructure costs , and a

\$650,000.000.00 investment in my City I am compelled to write, to beg if need be that the license be granted to sector C , Brockton the only qualified applicant.

This would be a game changer not just for citizens of Brockton, but for the businesses as well. I am part of the economic team here, and this would be the biggest

Boost that this City has ever seen. I know you will consider all aspects of pros and cons and hope the right discussion will be made.

Thank you;  
Gary E. Leonard  
82 Brian Drive  
Brockton Ma, 02301  
508-802-2315

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** sgnadeau@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 2:24 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino Region C  
**Attachments:** Hanks Scan.docx

Please see the attached file regarding Region C casino in Brockton. On behalf of ourselves and the Rocky Marciano family we would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Best,  
Charlie, Louie, Hank, George's Cafe, and the Marciano family.

TO: mgccomments@state.ma.us  
Mass. Gaming Commission  
RE: RegionC

September 17, 2015

Dear Commissioners ,

We are writing to you to urge your support for licensing the proposed resort casino in Brockton and Region C. Never before has there been an opportunity to put Brocktonians to work, expand our tax base, protect our schools from annual budget cuts, and beef-up our public safety core and public works department. There will not be another opportunity like this for the next 50 years.

Why are we so strongly adamant? First, fifteen-hundred new jobs with \$50,000-plus compensation packages computes out to an overall employment value package to Brockton citizens of \$75 million. That's before we calculate management and supervisors salaries, as well as all the additional investments generated by local purchasing and new jobs that those purchases will generate. Local businesses such as ours will grow as Brockton's image changes and we become a destination center again. Fifteen-hundred families will have access to company-sponsored health care, a 401K Plan, and a \$5,000 tuition reimbursement plan within that compensation package, enhancing the quality of lives for these families and allowing them opportunities to buy a home, or fix-up their present homes.

Next, what will \$10.5 million in new tax revenue mean to us? The Enterprise recently reported that Brockton is at dangerous levels in police staffing - 100 officers less than New Bedford, a city of comparable size. The Brockton Patrolmen's Union endorsed the Casino because it is the only way to address this issue quickly. Police Chief Crowley is in complete agreement, and we all know that if our image is negatively entwined with crime our real estate values will continue to decline. As to the misconception that a resort casino will bring more crime, there is no evidence that the resort casinos owned and operated by Rush Street Gaming (our casino operator) have experienced crime increases in any of their present locales. In fact, they have seen crime *drop* in those neighborhoods, which makes sense when you add a security force 24/7, eight hundred surveillance cameras, and State Police to the mix. With this new investment we can enhance public safety across the board, work on our roads, and reduce crime by bringing our police force into the 21st century. All of this will stimulate the value of our real estate. Not to be understated , to the Commonwealth it means \$85 million upfront and \$100 million per year going forward !

Third - traffic improvements. The combined proposal with the State investment on Belmont Street and the \$8.5 million that the resort casino will be investing, converts to new synchronized traffic signalization from Route 24 to Main Street along Forrest Ave., new, wider sidewalks with pedestrian signals, a traffic roundabout, and better lighting and signage.



On schools, every May, for the last several years, we've been experiencing the tension created in budget debates by the announcement of pink slips and program reductions. We cannot expect our middle class to remain here unless we change that reality, a reality we cannot change without new investment. And as to its location next to BHS, the road designs speak to the concerns raised by parents. An elevated berm along Forest Ave will be tree-scaped, and backed-up by a retention pond. A 5-story parking garage will shield the view from Forest Ave. The casino is segregated from the body of the hotel/entertainment complex, and anyone under thirty will have to present an ID that will be scanned by security for authenticity, preventing underage admission. What the complex will mean to our kids is an opportunity to intern or work part-time in one of the five restaurants, the hotel, the health club, and/or the entertainment center. And likewise our City will become a place to drive to , not through . We are already our region's hub serving the people of the Brockton region with our academic and health care centers , and now we will become again a regional entertainment destination thus enhancing the quality of life throughout our region while stimulating job growth and economic investment.

Finally, we - like the Petti's store next-door - have been serving Brockton for over a century and we know the importance of this investment. We recognize that no other investment in the Brockton Fairgrounds will generate so much for so many and make our city great again- ensuring public safety, employment, and improved infrastructure. The shoe industry departed a half century ago. This new entertainment industry pays better and generates a lot more fun than the old factories. Please , lets move our city forward! Thank you!

**Sincerely,**

Charlie , Louie and Hank

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hank Petti", written in black ink.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Liz Tresham <liztre@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 2:08 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

To the members of the Mass Gaming Commission:

I am a lifelong resident of Brockton. My husband and I own our home and raised two sons in this city. I am completely in favor of awarding the casino license to Brockton's applicant. The opponents are not basing their opinions on facts or laws. I do not fear the lawful operation of a business that serves adults. Please give our city the opportunity to have a successful casino.

Sincerely,  
Liz Tresham

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** dfenton@ibew223.org  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Mass Gaming Commission:

As President of the Brockton and Vicinity Building Trades I ask that you support the Resort project put forward by MG&E. We have been working with MG&E towards a project labor agreement that will ensure that these are not just construction jobs but construction jobs that will allow the workers to have a career in their trade.

Brockton needs jobs and we now have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring them to our city. The resort casino proposal will bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city as well as 1,400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many of families need to afford to stay in the city we call home.

In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and start the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified as this would put members of the local building trades back to work on a project in their community.

Thank you for your consideration,

David W. Fenton  
Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary  
P. 508-880-2690 Ext 203  
F. 508-880-2694  
Web: [ibew223.org](http://ibew223.org)

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Amy O'Keefe <aokeefe@smw17boston.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 12:11 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** ltr to MA Gaming 09162015.pdf

Forwarded to John Z. and copied Amy, Torissi and Mary T.



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September 16, 2015

Mass Gaming Commission  
101 Federal St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear mass Gaming Commission,

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In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate an increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and start the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C License if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a Casino License.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Robert Butler**  
Business Manager

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Bruce Maclay <b.maclay@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 11:03 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** region c

This is a great opportunity for the city of Brockton! The city needs a large influx of cash to restore it's greatness. The city is in trouble and they need money. This is the one chance to get the city back to the city it was in the 50's and 60's. How else can they raise the cash they need? What business would want to relocate to the current Brockton? AND if they did, they would have to get a tremendous tax benefit to do so, which would give the city NO money for 10, 15, 20 years. Take the upfront money and immediately hire additional police; have so many people in uniform that every time a creep turns a corner he/she will be face to face with law enforcement. Bring the force up to the level it should be at now and then increase that. Have such a police presence that nobody will dare break the law...drive away the undesirables. With the annual payments fix the schools, fix the infrastructure and hire additional fire personnel. Make the city great again. Make it so the residents will be proud to say they are from Brockton. Make this happen. The developer has met all the demands and has met them on time. Does the state not want Brockton to have a casino? Does the state want the city to stay the way it is? Award the license and do it soon, let's get this city saver built.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** mike.moriarty56@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 10:15 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

### APPROVE THE CASINO IN BROCKTON

I grew up in a town that neighbors the city of Brockton. My wife and her family grew up in Brockton. We owned a house in Brockton from 1980- 1991 when we decided to move out of the city to continue to raise our children in a different environment. Many of my friends and relatives still live in Brockton.

Over the past few days family and friends came together to support each other as we buried my 89 year old father-in-law and lifetime Brockton resident. People who traveled from outside the area asked and commented about how the city has changed for the worse. It in no way resembles the proud working class community it once was.

Many neighbors and townspeople no longer drive to or through Brockton, for fear of shootings, potential robberies or the danger of driving in the city. Many times I've observed people disobey traffic lights- not only trying to beat a yellow light, but continuing to drive through intersections well after the light turned red. On multiple occasions I've observed people turn left (yes, left) on red lights at the corner of Warren Ave turning on to Belmont street. No wonder there has been a rash of pedestrians hit by cars.

Decreased financial resources, relatively high unemployment, repeated reports of random and targeted shootings and declining public safety in Brockton have made it a community to avoid. More and more Brockton residents are considering moving out of the city before things get worse. This will only put negative pressure on tax resources and contribute to higher crime rates.

I've researched both sides of the casino argument as thoroughly as I could. Building a casino may not be the panacea some claim, but I believe it is the only solid opportunity the city has to raise the revenue needed to potentially fix some traffic problems, help to employ an adequately staffed police department and help fund the school system. I pray that this becomes the beginning of a turn-around that will attract more business, bring people back to the city and raise revenue to restore safety, provide a better education system and provide opportunities where residents' dreams can once again be fulfilled. Let's give Brockton a fighting chance.

### APPROVE THE CASINO IN BROCKTON

Michael Moriarty  
73 Leonard Farm Road  
Abington, MA

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Robert Murphy <bmurphy219@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 9:55 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region c

To the Gaming Commission,

I am a resident of Brockton and I am in favor for a casino.

I have lived here for 35 years and have seen numerous opportunities for Brockton to improve get shuttered for one reason or another.

Brockton needs a shot in the arm and the proposal by Rush street gaming is just what the doctor ordered. Brockton needs an economic boost. The casino promises that. The opposition is a non tax paying entity. The interfaith community adds nothing to the community financially. There are more store front churches paying cheap rent than one can count.

A resort casino would put Brockton on the map again and put much needed money into this city.

The people voted and it was passed.

All applications have been submitted and on time.

Please don't let Brockton be passed up again for a chance to really shine!

Thank you

Robert Murphy  
9 Mercedes Rd.  
Brockton, name. 02301  
508-631-6894

Sent from my iPad



## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Sharon Abis Sohmer <sharonsohmer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 9:50 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

It is important that a Casino in Brockton at the Fairgrounds be built due to the economic relief it will add to Brockton. It is the wish of the people and it has been too long in coming.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** John Merian <jjmerian@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** approval of the Brockton Casino proposal in Region C.

Dear Commissioners:

I am asking for your approval of the Brockton Casino proposal in Region C. A resort casino is the first step to turn Brockton into the predominant entertainment destination in Massachusetts. The resort casino is just the first step, Brockton has big plans to create a downtown entertainment district that will help revitalize the region.

I have been a resident in Brockton my entire life and have raised 4 children in this community. I am also the president of the Downtown Brockton Association and President of The Brockton 21st Century Corporation. Brockton and the developer have played by the rules. A referendum vote was cast in May approving the casino project by the voters. This is a great opportunity to partner with a developer who will work with the city to improve a quality of life and help transform Brockton into a regional tourist destination

The importance of a resort casino in this city cannot be understated. Brockton has a chance to have a huge economic development opportunity that will bring enormous benefits to the area. It means new revenue for schools and police officers, as well as new customers to boast local businesses.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

This casino is a win, win for the city and I urge your support.  
Sincerely,

John J Merian

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** John McMullen <jmcmullen@ualocal51.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 8:36 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** eansari@rasky.com  
**Subject:** Region 3

Dear Mass Gaming Commission:

Brockton needs jobs and we now have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring them to our city. The resort casino proposal will bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city as well as 1,400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many of families need to afford to stay in the city we call home.

In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and start the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

Thank you for your consideration,

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Kcribber@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 7:27 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

To Whom it may concern:

Enough already, do your job, and make the decision. Brockton has suffer long enough with Boston politics. This could be the investment that will revitalize the city. This is the last corporation standing and they done every thing you ask for. Too bad its not what you wanted, but its not about you.

Again I say " Do your job and make the decision"!!!!!!

Kerry Cribben  
468 West Elm St  
Brockton Ma 02301-4156

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Roberta Karp <mercuryassociates@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:11 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I believe a casino in Brockton would help to solve many of the ills which plague the city. It could bring new life to the region.

I know for a fact that many of the "church people," who have been urged by their pastors to write to you, would be some of the first and best consumers at a casino. They already patronize other establishments.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** peggyc2001@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:56 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Board of Commissioners:

Your decision on the fate of the Region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that would bring in \$10 million each year in revenue for our city.

As a resident of Brockton, I know that this is much needed revenue that can go toward our schools and public safety. Specifically, I'm worried about crime with growing gang violence and an increasing number of shootings. We need more police officers on the streets to help combat gang violence and protect our families.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Thank you,

Peggy Curtis  
508-380-9917

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** moowndawg <moowndawg@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:39 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I was born and raised in Brockton. Lived here my whole life. And have no intention of leaving any time soon. God willing. I have watched the City slip further and further from it's once proud past. And from the Seventies till now, I have heard the steady drone of how we need to fix, repair or improve the City, of Champions? So this proposal, may not be from Google, Reebok or Ford. But it's all we got. If not this, what? If not now, when?

Sent from Samsung Mobile

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Vbmah <vbmah@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:58 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I am a resident of Brockton; I've lived here since 1979. I SUPPORT the casino proposal, and I hope that the MGC will as well. Brockton NEEDS this shot in the arm. This proposal will take an eyesore and make it beautiful, providing jobs and much needed funds for our city, to help us realize our potential.  
PLEASE vote FOR this casino project in Brockton.

Thank you.

Virginia Mahoney



**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** SUSANBQ20@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:53 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I would like to see the city of Brockton receive the remaining casino license, people of Mass voted for three casinos. It is only right that Brockton receive the final license.

Sincerely,  
Phillip C Boyle

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 4:22 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

charles ball

### Email

[chasball@comcast.net](mailto:chasball@comcast.net)

### Phone

(508) 586-5456

### Subject

Region C

### Questions or Comments

I am a lifelong Brockton resident (now 85) living just down the street from the Brockton Fairgrounds. I want to register my support for a casino license for Brockton as a step toward improving the city's financial situation and reputation.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Alex Macleod <patwright.x56@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:12 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed casino project in Brockton. As a resident of Brockton, I truly believe that a casino will only benefit our region and city with much needed revenue generation and economic development.

This significant investment by Mass Gaming and Entertainment will bring many benefits to our city as we struggle to lower property taxes, funding school sports programs and increase public safety. We can make Brockton a destination city that drives crowds to not only the casino but also local businesses.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

Sincerely,

Patrica Wright

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Alex Macleod <patwright.x56@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:11 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

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Sincerely,

Patrica Wright

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**From:** Vinny Coyle <vcoyle@iwlocal7.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** pgreene@ibew223.org  
**Subject:** Region C

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- The proposed resort casino will create an estimated 1,500 new, permanent jobs in Brockton, with a hiring preference for qualified Brockton residents. These jobs pay a projected average of \$50,000 a year, including benefits
- Estimated 1,400 union construction jobs with a hiring preference for qualified Brockton residents
- The host community agreement requires Mass Gaming & Entertainment LLC to pay at least \$10 million a year in new revenue to Brockton. This means benefits such as:
  - More public safety and reduced crime
  - Lower property taxes for Brockton residents
  - Funding for middle school sports programs
- The casino will use qualified and competitive local, small businesses as vendors whenever commercially reasonable
- The casino's rewards program will foster promotions at various local businesses in and around Brockton

Thank you for your consideration,

Vincent Coyle Jr  
195 Old Colony Ave  
Ironworkers Local 7  
South Boston MA 02127  
Office: 617-268-4777  
Cell: 617-719-5160  
Fax: 617-268-7878

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** munca617@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** region C

To Whom it May Concern:

I have lived in Brockton for all my life (46 years). I am in favor of the casino as I feel it will bring much needed revenue and jobs to this area. Not only will the casino itself be creating jobs but by making Brockton a "destination city" versus a "drive through" city, it will bring a vitality to this area that we haven't seen in many years.

Brockton is slowly dying and we need a life line.... this Casino is it.

Please give our city the Region C casino license.

Sincerely,  
Marlene Bohn,  
20 Budd Ave.  
Brockton, MA 02302

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Anthony Giglio <agiglio@easternmillwrights.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:03 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** 1829\_001.pdf

To whom it may be concerned

Please see the attachment for your consideration.

Thank you

**Anthony Giglio**

**Council Representative**

**D** (617) 254-1655 | **C** (617) 851-3081 | **E** [agiglio@easternmillwrights.com](mailto:agiglio@easternmillwrights.com)

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September 17, 2015

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Thank you for your consideration,



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## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** John McGovern <johnmcgoverncpa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 12:18 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** In support of a Casino in Brockton

September 17, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is John McGovern and I am the owner and operator of McGovern Business Valuation. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. As a business owner from nearby Bridgewater, MA, I can tell you that I have great confidence that new development in Brockton would be a positive for me.

Our part of the state has a desperate need for more economic activity, and this project could be significant in that regard. There will be over one thousand workers coming in and out of that resort casino complex daily, and they are going to be spread out mostly in Brockton and other nearby parts of Southeastern Massachusetts. We will get those people's business – I am confident in that.

Again, this could be very positive for small businesses like mine, so I hope that this deal goes through with your support.

Thank you,

John McGovern

**Thanks,**

**John McGovern, CPA, ABV, CVA**  
**McGovern Business Valuation**  
**508-944-7639**  
**[johnmcgoverncpa@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcgoverncpa@gmail.com)**

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Jack Capen <jcapen@rocketsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:14 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

This casino to be located in Brockton is vital to Brockton's survival. The 1,500 jobs will be a huge benefit to the city that has lost mostly all of its manufacturing jobs. Brockton also needs the tax revenue that this casino will generate. That revenue will provide more police and the necessary public safety equipment needed for our fire department. If Brockton doesn't get this casino there's a good chance that Brockton could fall into a financial disaster. The opposition to this casino in Brockton is coming from an interfaith group that don't pay taxes and have no idea what it takes to run a city and it's my opinion that they really don't care. I have no doubt that this casino can and will be very successful. It can do great things for the city of Brockton and the state of Massachusetts.

I believe if the commission decides to not award a Region C license to Brockton it would be a terrible injustice to not only Brockton but the whole state. This casino can turn around a city of 100,000 people into the thriving city it once was.

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**From:** Dennis Lassige <dlassige@nercc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:13 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** pgreene@ibew223.org  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Mass Gaming Commission:

Brockton needs jobs and we now have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring them to our city. The resort casino proposal will bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city as well as 1,400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many families need in order to afford to stay in the city we call home.

In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and reinvigorate the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dennis J. Lassige  
Business Manger  
Carpenters Local 624  
Tel: 781-353-5144

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**From:** cruiseluvr04@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:13 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I would like to add my opinion to the casino issue in Brockton.

I grew up in Holbrook but went to school in Brockton from grade 4 through grade 12. I still remember people who don't know this city how, as a 5th grader, I would walk 9 blocks down Main Street every day, including the dark days of winter, to catch a bus home to Holbrook. I was in a parochial school and my parents both worked and the only way to get to school was public transportation.

As a resident of the City of Brockton for the last 30 years, I have seen this city dive deeper and deeper into the abyss of a slum city. It makes me so very sad to see this happen because this city used to be a busy, thriving city and it should be even more of a busy, thriving city today. I live on the East side of Brockton and today there is only one restaurant on the East side to go to. It is pretty sad that businesses do not want to come to this city. I think that a casino will greatly change those attitudes for the better. First of all, there will be more jobs for those currently unable to find work. Second, with more jobs comes more money to spend and I think more companies will want to expand into Brockton. If people want to work, the work will be there. If people want to gamble, they will come. I do not believe there will be any issues with the kids from the high school. It's a known fact that you cannot gamble or drink in a casino until you are 21 so if the casino security does their job correctly, there should not be a problem there. I don't believe that there should be any issues with the hotel either. If anything, it will bring a classy place to the area. And again, if the hotel management does their job well, trouble will not be tolerated. Roads would be improved, money would come to the city to hopefully help clean up the bad areas and help drive out the trouble. Brockton should not be condemned because of the problems it has had over the years, instead the gaming commission should be motivated to help remake this great city into a new and better city than it ever was. The residents who work and pay taxes deserve nothing less than the best and I believe this would be best for this city.

Best of luck to the Mass Gaming and Entertainment on getting this done and done well!!!!

Thank you!!

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 8:35 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Kevin Jones

### Email

[Kjones35@comcast.net](mailto:Kjones35@comcast.net)

### Phone

(508) 922-3970

### Subject

Region C

### Questions or Comments

I believe the casino would be good for the city of Brockton we certainly could use the jobs and it would also give people a reason to come visit our city. The casino would cast a different light on our city and once again we would be a destination city like we were not so long ago as a shoe capital.

Thank you  
Kevin

## **Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** BUFFB@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 6:07 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region "C"

As a nearby resident of Brockton, and fairly close to the Brockton Fair Grounds , I would be in favor of the casino development to enhance this area. the Fairgrounds has been in disrepair for some years now and if a business can generate revenue in the form of taxes and jobs for the area I'm all for that.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Ken DeDominici <Ken@churchill-linen.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 6:55 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Chris Cooney  
**Subject:** Resort Casino in Brockton

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ken DeDominici, I am the Owner Operator of Churchill Linen Service. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the Resort Casino proposal for Brockton. Churchill Linen employs over 120 local people that would directly benefit from the Casino being located and built in Brockton.

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy Brockton directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring much needed revenue to the city and help to revitalize the region.

A resort casino will create great demand for local goods and services that Brockton businesses like mine have to offer. Brockton's growth will help to revitalize the city and region.

A vote was taken by the residents of Brockton and the idea of having a Resort Casino passed.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a resort casino in Brockton!

Kenneth DeDominici  
President  
Churchill Linen Service

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Scott Dacey <sdacey7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 4:18 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

To Whom it may concern:

I have lived in the City of Brockton for almost 25 years. I chose to live here, I work here and my Children went to school here. We have nothing. Our bond rating withers away with every year as we try to make up budget shortcomings using our stabilization funds which we can never replenish. We have outside fringes who fight every business who wants to build in the City, forcing the City to raise water and property rates just to stay afloat. In the past Brockton has made many bad decisions but we finally have a Mayor who actually has a plan to revitalize Brockton. We need this. This Casino will require outside services that will spring up in the City bringing even more revenue and jobs.

Brockton has been the dumping grounds for the States problems for to long. Our Hotels are filled with the homeless, our businesses who rely on outside money are wasting away. The City needs a steady cash infusion and it needs it last year.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely,  
Scott Dacey  
Brockton MA.



**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Kathi <kcuprinski@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** REGION C

I am sending this comment to advise that I am wholeheartedly FOR the Region C license to be granted to Brockton.

I am a resident of Brockton for 30 years and live in close proximity to the proposed Casino Site. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts needs the revenue as does the city of Brockton. I have no issues with the site location. Any traffic issues will be mitigated during the building stage.

I respectfully request you grant the Region C license to Brockton.

Kathi Cuprinski  
Brockton, MA

Sent from my iPad

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Sandy Conaty <sconaty@srpedd.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 1:14 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

The Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) has no objection to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission making an immediate determination on issuing of a license for Region C. Given the uncertainty surrounding the Bureau of Indian Affairs process and schedule, it does not seem prudent to delay the process any longer than necessary. The potential for a Native American casino was accommodated in the original legislation, which put Region C on a slower schedule than the rest of the state out of deference to potential Native American proposals. Because Region C is already operating on a delayed schedule, it seems inappropriate to lengthen the process any more than necessary, especially when considering the uncertainty surrounding the BIA process.

In supporting this immediate determination, SRPEDD is not commenting one way or another on the worthiness of the sole Region C applicant. That determination should be made by the Commission following its normal procedures. Furthermore, the potential Native American casino in Region C should not be a factor in the Commission's deliberation on the Region C license. That determination should lie with the investors in the two potential facilities and their determination of the investment risk.

Sandy Conaty

*Sandy Conaty  
Interim Executive Director  
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**From:** haroldparker7211956@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** I support Region C casino. Either Brockton or Indian casino in Taunton.

Sent from my Virgin Mobile phone.

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** MrEvfrajr <evfrajr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

We need and deserve that casino in the Southeast

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Chris Cooney <chris@metrosouthchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** William Morse; MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Melanie Mcgrath  
**Subject:** RE: Brockton Casino Proposal

Bill,

Thank you!

**Christopher Cooney, CCE, IOM**  
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**From:** William Morse [<mailto:wmorse@mymutualbank.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 11:06 AM  
**To:** [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)  
**Cc:** Melanie Mcgrath; Chris Cooney  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino Proposal

Attached please find my letter of support for the casino proposal for Brockton.

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**From:** Androski, Lisa <LAndroski@dangeloinc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:59 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Brian McLaughlin  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** Casino Letter 090915.pdf; Casino Letter Brian Jr..docx

**Brian McLaughlin Esq.**  
**745 Boylston Street.**  
**Boston, MA 02116**  
**(617) 236-5847**

September 10, 2015

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

I'm 50% owner of the shopping center located at 609 Belmont St. in Brockton. I'm writing to express my strong support of the proposed casino. Brockton was once known as a great city providing suitable jobs and homes for its residents. However, after the factories and therefore jobs left the city of Brockton it became a post-industrial town similar to Lowell and Lawrence and so many others in Massachusetts. Where there are no jobs and no economic opportunity and crime soon follows. I know this firsthand from my time at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is my hope that the Brockton casino project will have collateral effects for the people of Brockton such as hotels and restaurants and an entertainment. I myself am not a gambler and do not support gambling however I do see the benefits of its economic impact to the city of Brockton.

On behalf of the business community of Brockton and the surrounding area, I cannot convey enough how significant the approval of this project would be for the city and beyond. Please consider supporting the proposal.

This project will lead to millions of dollars in spending at local businesses, both from the direct spending of the resort casino's operations and from the hundreds of local residents working at the casino and spending their newfound income. This would be a huge deal for companies all over Brockton.

There are also the ways that this deal can lead to softer benefits for our economy. The \$10 million per year that Brockton is guaranteed to receive from the resort casino could ramp up public safety and renew city infrastructure. These kinds of improvements will undoubtedly have a positive impact.

As a business owner, I am very excited about the possibility of this being approved. Again, I hope you will consider voting in favor of Brockton for the gaming license. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Brian J. McLaughlin*

Brian J. McLaughlin Esq.



September 9, 2015

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioner,

It is with great hope that I write in support of the Brockton resort Casino. I am a commercial abutter and longtime local employer who has employed hundreds of Brocktonians over my career in both my sub shops, D'Angelo's and my other commercial ventures and I recognize first hand that the anticipated boost to the City in terms of new revenue, jobs for our underemployed immigrant community, and a lively destination designation will help deliver a new revitalized identity for our City.

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Sincerely,

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Brian J. McLaughlin



## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Jon Rodrick <fdfire75@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:45 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** 'Region C'

Hello

My name is Jonathan Rodrick. I am 40 years old, and a life long resident of the city of Brockton. I served four years in the United States Air Force. I believe the casino is a great idea for the city of Brockton. Brockton was once a great city with a thriving shoe industry. Today Brockton is mainly known for its crime. There is very little to no industry left in the city. The city of Brockton relies heavily on government aide. I feel a project like the casino can help spur economic growth. Which is badly needed in the city of Brockton. The city of Brockton use to have several places to go out and enjoy an evening of food and entertainment. Today there is just a bowling alley and a baseball park. Very few restaurants are left other than fast food. The city of Brockton doesn't even have a movie theater! There really isn't any big entertainment complexes on the entire south shore, let alone in Brockton. Please consider voting YES! for a casino project in Brockton. I have visited a rush gaming casino in Pittsburgh and had a fantastic time, it was well run and would recommend it to anyone that was going to be in the area.

Jonathan Rodrick  
18 wilder st  
Brockton, ma 02301  
Registered and active voter  
Air Force veteran

Sent from my iPad

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Joseph Lovetere <JLovetere@hubtechnical.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 12:10 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** South region casino in Brockton

Honorable Members of the Gaming Commission,

I had the distinct pleasure of serving on the Brockton Planning Board for 9 years under 2 honorable Mayors, Winthrop Farwell and Jack Yunits. I grew up in Brockton and graduated from Brockton High School. Most of my family members make their homes in Brockton. My family and I remain invested in Brockton and together pay sizable property taxes. Brockton is where my heart is, though I make my home in the adjacent town of Avon today. Brockton has been a community awaiting a renaissance that has never happened. There have been many promises of revitalization over the years with little to show for it. Considering Brockton's proximity to Boston it should be a shining, vibrant suburb. Instead it has become the city in which countless numbers of homeless individuals and families have been driven because of the easier access to social services and support. You cannot build a successful, thriving community on underserved and disadvantaged citizens. Brockton's hosting of social service agencies for the region is well known and its impact has been felt for years with no change in sight. The potential growth of the economy and a current leadership team that understands Brockton must attract new business and support its current businesses promises hope.

My family and I are in favor of the Casino located in Brockton as it presents an opportunity to develop a new complex that can support existing local businesses and employ the underemployed or unemployed. Brockton needs this sizable project to go forward as a catalyst to encourage other businesses to invest in the city. The recurring revenue stream created will provide Brockton investment capital to strengthen public safety, repair roads and infrastructure and ensure its school system is the best in the region. Doing so will create a community people aspire to live in.

If not this Casino then what? Another shopping center with low paying jobs? It is time to recognize Brockton's gateway status and potential for growing the region in a positive way from a business perspective. It is an opportunity for the region to have a first class Casino complex which will double as a conference center capable of hosting tradeshows and conferences well suited to Massachusetts industries. It is a chance for Brockton residents who are unemployed to have a strong path to employment and career growth that they may not have now and are not likely to have in the near future.

**Please give Brockton and its citizens hope for the future, approve the strong Casino proposal that has been presented.**

Respectfully yours,

Joe Lovetere | President  
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**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 11:06 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Melanie Mcgrath; 'chris@metrosouthchamber.com'  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino Proposal  
**Attachments:** Letter in support of Brockton Casino.pdf

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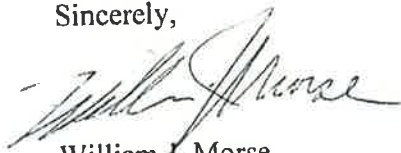
Please support the application for a resort casino in the City of Brockton. The Commonwealth has waited years for implementation of the legislators' authorization of casino gambling, a vote affirmed by the results of a statewide referendum. We have a strong, proposal for the building and operation of a casino in Brockton, the only viable one from southeastern Massachusetts.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment will invest \$650 million to build the casino on a large and underused parcel in the city and will complete needed infrastructure improvements to benefit other businesses and residents of the area and the city as a whole. The project will generate jobs during both the construction phase and in its operation, as well as vital revenue to fund crying public safety and education needs.

Mutual Bank has two branch offices in the city, including one on Rte. 123, between the proposed casino site and Rte. 24, the major transportation artery in the city. I believe that the casino and the revenue it generates will enable the city to improve the business climate and public safety and lower taxes on residents and businesses.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,



William J. Morse  
President

cc: Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
60 School Street  
Brockton, MA 02301

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** ArthurSlate@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:16 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino

Dear members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

I wish to express my support for an early decision regarding a full Casino license in Area C. A destination Casino would provide a solid revenue stream as well as entertainment options. Local communities would benefit.

Sincerely,

Arthur Slate  
65 Holland Avenue  
Stoughton, MA 02072

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Rick Mansur <Rick@AllTechSound.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 7:06 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** chris@metrosouthchamber.com  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino Vote  
**Attachments:** Brockton Casino Letter.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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*Dear Commissioners,*

*My name is Rick Mansur and I am the owner and operator of All Tech Sound. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.*

*ATS is a local business in the greater Brockton area and we expect to see significant benefits with the addition of a resort casino. This type of project will create many jobs as well as a high demand of goods that the developer has committed to buying locally. We hold a non-gaming vendor license here in Massachusetts as well as Rhode Island where we currently provide concert production and entertainment services to Twin River Casino.*

*This is the chance of the lifetime for Brockton businesses. A resort casino will revitalize our city and our region. We will see a complete renovation of the area that will create many economic development opportunities. Among the business community, the proposal has overwhelming support because of its ability to drive consumers to the city and create new business opportunities. I ask for your support of this resort casino license. Thank you for your consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rick Mansur*



Thanks, Rick

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**From:** George Spilios <gspilios@crowuniform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 6:34 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** In Support of the Brockton Resort and Casino  
**Attachments:** Brockton Casino Letter 090915.pdf

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Please see attached letter in support of the Brockton Resort and Casino.

Thank you.

George Spilios  
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Dear Commissioners:

My name is George Spilios and I am the Vice President of Crown Uniform & Linen Service. Crown is a full service commercial linen company. We have been family-owned and operated for over 100 years and recently built a brand new state-of-the-art facility right here in Brockton. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

The business community in Brockton is overwhelmingly in support of the benefits that will come with a resort casino on the Brockton Fairgrounds. This is a massive investment that will bring visitors from around the region, the state and the country to our city.

By approving the casino license for Brockton, you have the opportunity to help make a significant difference for our families. Local businesses that are the backbone of our city's economy and will get a significant boost that will help revitalize the city, strengthen our schools and increase public safety. And a casino is just the start, the Mayor's economic development plan includes an entertainment hub that will continue to draw visitors to the city and boost business.

I am just one of the many businesses who will benefit from this project. Specifically, the development of new restaurants and the resort will create many opportunities for Crown Uniform & Linen Service to partner with. I respectfully ask for your support of this resort casino license. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Spilios".

George Spilios

Vice President, Crown Uniform & Linen Service

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Ron Ferrigno <Ron.Ferrigno@signdesigninc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:33 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Sign Design in favor of Resort Casino in Brockton  
**Attachments:** Sign Design for Casino.pdf

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Ron Ferrigno and I am the owner and operator of Sign Design, Inc. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. We are a small family owned sign manufacturing, installation and service company that employs over 65 local residents that would benefit from a resort casino development in Brockton.

Attached is a letter in support. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,  
Ron Ferrigno



170 Liberty Street  
Brockton, MA  
02301  
ph: 508-580-0094  
fax: 508-580-0096  
[signdesigninc.com](http://signdesigninc.com)



September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Ferrigno', written over a horizontal line.

Ron Ferrigno  
Owner & GM  
Sign Design, Inc.  
170 Liberty Street  
Brockton, MA 02301

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Chris Cooney <chris@metrosouthchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 4:13 PM  
**To:** Jonathan Jamoulis; MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** RE: Brockton Resort Casino

Thank you!

**Christopher Cooney, CCE, IOM**  
President and CEO



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**From:** Jonathan Jamoulis [<mailto:jjamoulis@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)  
**Subject:** Brockton Resort Casino

Commissioners

Please see attached in favor of a resort casino in the city of Brockton.

Thank you

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Jonathan Jamoulis  
Cape Cod Cafe  
508-583-9420  
508-583-7923 fax  
401-714-4664 cell

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Jonathan Jamoulis <jjamoulis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Resort Casino  
**Attachments:** Letter in favor.pdf

Commissioners

Please see attached in favor of a resort casino in the city of Brockton.

Thank you

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# CAPE COD CAFE, INC.

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09/09/15

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101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
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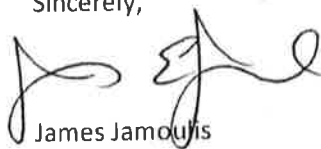
Dear Commissioners:

My name is James Jamoulis and I am the owner and operator of the Cape Cod Café. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. We have a pizza restaurant and a food manufacturing company in this fine city.

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

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Sincerely,



James Jamoulis

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Peter Vlaco <PVLACO@brophyandphillips.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:46 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Support Letter for the Brockton Casino  
**Attachments:** 20150909103945704.pdf

Hello,  
Please see my attached support letter for the Brockton Casino. -Thank you

Peter Vlaco  
Brophy and Phillips Co., Inc.  
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[www.brophyandphillips.com](http://www.brophyandphillips.com)  
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**BROPHY & PHILLIPS CO., INC.**  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
ESTABLISHED 1971

September 9, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Peter Vlaco and I am the owner and operator of Brophy and Phillips. We are a construction and development company based in Brockton for our entire 44 year history. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

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Sincerely,

Peter R. Vlaco  
President

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Vicki Brown <sweetbabyharrison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 5:57 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

Please consider this email a message of support from the Brockton community, asking you to vote in favor of the Southeast Region casino project for Brockton. We went to the polls and voted for this because of what it could mean for the city. We voted for jobs and economic development. We voted for a chance to have something nice in Brockton. Now we're the best option for the whole region, and we need the Gaming Commission to step up and vote yes for these things too.

Our city desperately needs jobs, and not only are these good jobs but they're here in Brockton too. An opportunity for local people to get a good local job doesn't come around every day.

I support the request by MG&E that the Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Again, I hope you'll vote yes to giving Brockton the license for the casino project. Thank you.

Vicki Brown

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Brian DeLano <bdelano@weiss-sheetmetal.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** In favor  
**Attachments:** DOC090815-003.pdf

Please see attached letter.  
Thank you,

### **Brian DeLano**

Weiss Sheet Metal Inc.  
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9/8/15

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Brian DeLano and I am a co-owner and operator of Weiss Sheet Metal Inc. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

As a small business owner in the area, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

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Sincerely,



Brian DeLano

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Lisa Mann <Mann@massremodel.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** RE: Brockton Casino  
**Attachments:** GenCon - Brockton Casino Support.pdf



September 8, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Robert Gendron and I am the owner and operator of GenCon in West Bridgewater, MA. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

Gendron Construction was started in 1976 and has built over 900 residential dwellings and completed over 800 commercial jobs since its conception. We moved to the area this past April to continue to expand and grow our Commercial Construction Management and General Contracting Business. Our staff is a talented group of professionals and we have quickly become settled into the area and appreciate the great energy within this Metro South Business Community.

As a small business owner, I believe heartily in local business. I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the entire region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a boost from the increase in tourism and economic development.

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I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Gendron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Gendron | President, CEO



323 Manley Street  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
O: 508.580.4626



September 8, 2015

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Boston, MA 02110

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I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Robert Gendron  
President





## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Jacquelyn Bonarrigo <jbonarrigo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C - Yes for Brockton Resident Support

Dear Commissioners,

I just wanted to say that I think the casino idea would be a much needed venue and necessary for Brocktons fiscal health. This community has fallen on hard times, and I think the casino would help in numerous of ways.

It would give jobs to many people who really need them. It would also give people from other places a reason to visit Brockton, and that would help support our local businesses. Also local business in the area, the food purveyors, the bakeries, the hardware stores etc would also benefit. Our taxes would not increase, yet we would get much needed revenue for our schools, police and firefighters. This is huge.

Personally, I am looking forward to having a fun place to go on a Saturday night for dinner and entertainment. Also having a hotel for out of town guests coming in for other events or weddings or banquets is vital.

With the withdrawal of New Bedford's bid and trouble with other casinos coming in the Boston area I believe you really have no choice but to apply this licence. The economy of Brockton is counting on this.

I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Just to let you know I was one of those people who fought against charter schools in Brockton. I attended the meeting where Brockton was getting railroaded into getting something we didn't want from our so called Board of Education consisting of individuals coming from affluent towns. They changed the rules to suit their needs. I voiced my opinion as it was done so underhandedly. I expect better from **your** commission. I am hoping you have some people on your board that knows first-hand what economic strapped cities like Brockton really need. We need the Casino and Economic Stability!

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Bonarrigo  
Citizen of Brockton since 1983, homeowner, Mother  
Elected member of the Democratic State Committee and Brockton City Committee  
Technical Director "A Deadly Silence" Cable Access TV (drug and alcohol Awareness) also radio show of same name in Taunton Ma  
President, Brockton Christopher Columbus Sons of Italy

Eucharistic Minister - St. Edith Stein Parish  
Board member of Committee to elect Michael Brady for State Senate  
Catholic Daughter of America member

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Donna Russano <destinie1963@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 1:34 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi yes I am against the casino being built in Brockton we have enough issues going on we don't need anymore.  
Sincerely and thank you. Sincerely Donna Russano

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** atslinenman@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C Casino

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

As a resident and homeowner of Brockton for the past 18 years, I have witnessed the continued loss of our industrial tax base resulting in a loss of valuable city services. This along with continued tax increases over the past 10 years has put a tremendous strain on the business community and local home owner. I strongly believe that Region C deserves the issuing of a casino license and that the City of Brockton has meet and exceeded every requirement your agency has requested as part of the permitting process.

I am concerned that the Commonwealth continues to lose out on important tax revenue from casino operations, revenue that would help restore state wide services of public safety, veterans services, mental health services and elderly services. The estimated economic development boon to the City of Brockton alone would generate:

- 1,400 union construction jobs for about 20 months
- 1,500 new jobs paying an average of \$50,000 a year including benefits.
- \$43,000,000 in new salaries for city residents based on 75% of jobs for Brockton residents.
- \$8,500,000 in road improvements
- \$2,500,000 in Hotel tax and water and sewer revenues.

These are important aspects to jump starting and reviving the Brockton economy. We the residents of Brockton want and deserve this economic development opportunity and should not be denied. I support the request by MG&E that the Mass Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Please try to put yourselves in our shoes when you make your decision and support this project.

Respectfully,

Larry and Peggy Curtis  
153 Dixon Road  
Brockton, MA 02302

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Djidji Monteiro <djidjimonteiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:46 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Board of Commissioners:

Your decision on the fate of the Region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that would bring in \$10 million each year in revenue for our city.

As a resident of Brockton, I know that this is much needed revenue that can go toward our schools and public safety. Specifically, I'm worried about crime with growing gang violence and an increasing number of shootings. We need more police officers on the streets to help combat gang violence and protect our families.

I support the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment that the Gaming Commission issue a Region C license if an applicant is qualified regardless of whether or not land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe prior to the issuance of a casino license.

Sincerely, Maria monteiro

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

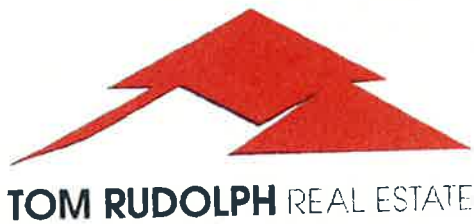
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**From:** Tom Rudolph <tomr@rudolphre.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Support for Brockton resort casino  
**Attachments:** LETTER TO GAMING COMM.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Please see attached letter in favor of the Brockton casino project.  
Thank you

Sent from Windows Mail



Thomas W. Rudolph  
Broker/Owner  
GRI, CRB, Realtor Emeritus

September 8, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Ma. 02110

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Thomas Rudolph and I am a Realtor and owner/Broker of Tom Rudolph Real Estate. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. As a business owner from nearby East Bridgewater, I can tell you that I have great confidence that the casino project in Brockton would be a positive for me and other small business owners.

As a Realtor working in the Brockton market representing both residential and commercial buyers and sellers for over forty years I feel this project will improve the real estate values and the quality of life for all the residents of Brockton and the surrounding towns.

Our part of the state has a desperate need for more economic activity, and this project could be significant in that regard. There will be over one thousand locals working in that resort casino complex daily, improving the opportunities for those needing jobs in our part of Massachusetts.

Again, this could be very positive for small businesses like mine, so please support this very worthwhile project.

Thank you.

Thomas W. Rudolph

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Murray Vetstein <murray.vetstein@Source4.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:54 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** In support of the proposed Brockton Casino (please see attached)  
**Attachments:** 201509081153.pdf

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September 8, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Murray Vetstein. I work for Source4, a growing printing, promotional products and fulfillment business in Brockton.. I ask that you support the Brockton resort casino proposal that will revitalize our great city.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into the casino project that will provide a huge boost to local businesses. This includes the construction process as well as sustained business through a growing consumer base that will be coming to Brockton.

The resort casino has been supported by voters and has the overwhelming support of local businesses, which are a key piece of the puzzle as we work to improve our schools, lower our property taxes, and increase public safety.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Murray D. Vetstein

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** John Kinnealey <johnk@kinnealey.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:43 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino support . kinnealey  
**Attachments:** Ma Gaming Commission . Kinnealey.pdf

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Attached

Please find my letter of support – as you consider Brockton as a community to locate a casino in.

John Kinnealey



September 7, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is John Kinnealey and I am President of T.F. Kinnealey & Co., located in Brockton MA. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton.

TF Kinnealey & Co., Inc. is a seventy five year old, second generation business who invested heavily in Brockton back in 2008 with a move to the City from Boston. As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy City directly benefits business and conversely, how a relevant and well run business can positively impact a City. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. Based on my understanding of the proposal I am confident that an operation like the one being considered for Brockton – would have would have a positive impact – across many economic demographics.

A resort casino will create a significant demand for the local goods and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Our growth will continue to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Kinnealey".

John M. Kinnealey, President  
T.F. Kinnealey & Co., Inc.

T.F. Kinnealey & Co., Inc.

1100 Pearl Street, Brockton, Massachusetts 02301 (508) 638-7700

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Jim Murphy <jmurphyfsp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 11:38 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Recommendation for Brockton Casino Proposal  
**Attachments:** Letter to Gaming\_9.8.15.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Commission,

Please see the attached letter, requesting your review and approval of the Brockton Casino proposal.

Thank you,

Jim Murphy

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Jim Murphy, LSP  
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781.726.2519  
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# TRACEY

September 8, 2015

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

Re: Brockton Casino Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to request you support the resort casino proposal for Brockton!

My name is Jim Murphy. My wife and I own and operate TRACEY Environmental Consulting. Although my business is located in Hingham, MA, I grew up in Brockton; I have many, many friends, who still live in Brockton; and, I complete 5 to 10 projects each year in Brockton. I understand the struggles of the city and I also understand the outside perception of the city.

For decades, Brockton's leadership worked to entice outside developers, improve the perception of the city, tee up specific projects to create development – some of these efforts have succeeded, but most have not really moved the needle. The casino proposal at the Brockton Fairgrounds will create construction jobs, then *permanent* jobs at the facility, hotels, restaurants, and other ancillary businesses.

It is no surprise that the Brockton business community is overwhelmingly in support of the resort casino on the Brockton Fairgrounds. This is an opportunity to develop the largest piece of property in Brockton. It will dovetail into the Mayor's economic development plan, which includes an entertainment hub that will bring visitors from around the region, the state and the country to our city.

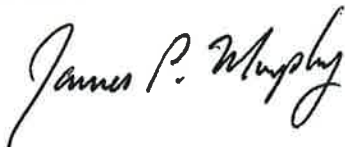
By approving the casino license for Brockton, you have the opportunity to help make a significant difference to local businesses, which translates to *positively impacting local families!*

**That, will move the needle!**

Again, I ask for your support for a stronger Brockton.

Sincerely,

TRACEY Environmental Consulting, LLC



James P. Murphy, LSP  
Principal

**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Peter Zampine <pzampine@brewsterambulance.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 9:27 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino Support  
**Attachments:** Brockton Casino Business Support.docx

Date September 8, 2015

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is [NAME] and I am the owner and operator of [BUSINESS NAME]. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. [BUSINESS DESCRIPTION].

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

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Sincerely,

Peter Zampine

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Ron Pack <rnpack@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 11:55 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino License

Dear Ma Gamming Commission

I am a resident of the city Brockton I am writing this to implore you all to not award Brockton the 3rd casino license in the southeast region of ma. we do not need this as it's location is in horrible spot. It is right across the st from our high school a 1/4 mile from a Jr high & 1/2 mile from elementary school. All these schools are located on the 3 main routes into the city at the Brockton fairgrounds. Mr. carney who owns the fairgrounds should have proposed it for his Raynham dog track which I believe the residents there were 83% in favor of his slot parlor plan. The voters approved it in Brockton by only 148 votes or less than 1/2 a percent. the casino folks spent over 3 million \$ in the special election as opposed to the anti casino forces. please for the residents sakes do not award Brockton this casino. All over the country casino's are failing & laying of workers & not giving back to those states the tax monies they promised when they started. We have enough crime in Brockton now without a casino we don't need more crime & corruption that a casino will bring to our city which will be located right in the middle of 3 schools

Thank you kindly  
Ronald J. Packard  
462 Summer St  
Brockton, Ma 02302  
508-451-9088



**Thurlow, Mary (MGC)**

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**From:** Kimberly Weldon <kimberlyweldon13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 06, 2015 7:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of the City of Brockton for 48 years. The city held a special election regarding a casino resort in Brockton. The majority of voters approved of the casino.

Please do not consider negative responses from those who voted against it. In a Democracy, majority rules.

I believe Brockton needs not only the income from a casino resort but also the additional entertainment venues that the resort will include. Our city is dying, we need something positive to bring it back from the brink.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Kim Weldon

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** thegodjiodee <thegodjiodee@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 06, 2015 12:56 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Hello, my name is Jason French and I have been a Brockton resident for over 25 years. For the past six years, I have served this community as a taxi driver with Yellow Cab, and I have served very proudly. I believe Brockton needs this casino to give the city the boost that it needs economically. People from all over south eastern Massachusetts and other parts of new England and even beyond will come to the city I love to boost our economy, fund our children's education for a brighter future and fix our roads. It will be very unfortunate if your commission denies Brockton the chance of a major turnaround, a turnaround I feel Brockton deserves after decades of obscurity.

Please do not be fooled by the results of the May 12th vote. Although the numbers were very close, roughly 10% of registered voters felt so strongly against a casino to vote NO in the referendum. Unfortunately voter turn out in Brockton has always been substantially low, but if not having a casino in Brockton was something the residents were truly passionate about, more than 10% would have shown up to vote NO.

Bottom line is, The residents of Brockton WANT and NEED this proposed destination resort casino. The state of Massachusetts would also benefit from a Brockton casino significantly, and the gaming board has to look out for what is best for the state.

Thank you for your time and I hope you make the right decision.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

## Thurlow, Mary (MGC)

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**From:** Craig Pina <craigpina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Support for MG&E Proposal in Brockton

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mass Gaming Commission:

I am writing to you today as a candidate for Councilor at Large in Brockton who has spent countless hours meeting residents door-to-door. And a neighbor who lives very close to the proposed resort casino site. I would like inform you that a large majority, unlike that was reflected in the referendum, supports the application from Mass Gaming & Entertainment for a resort casino in Brockton.

Brockton needs jobs, private investment, and a large company to contract with local businesses for goods and services. We now have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring all of that to our city. The resort casino proposal will bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city as well as 1,400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many of families need to afford to stay in the city we call home.

In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and start the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**Craig Pina**  
21 Bassett Rd.  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(781) 696-9511



September 18, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**RE: REGION C**

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

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept these petitions and letters in response to the Commission's request for public comment on the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC that the Commission change its current plan and policy for licensing decisions in Region C.

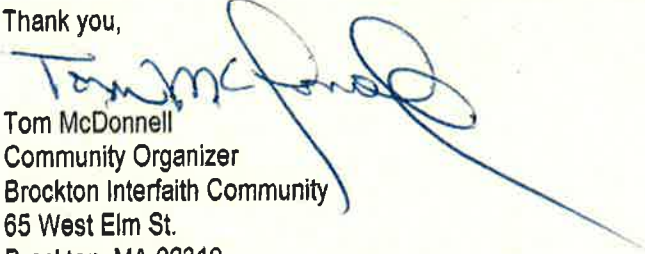
The Brockton Interfaith Community and the citizens who signed these petitions and letters strongly oppose the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC. We oppose any attempt by a casino applicant to change the rules in order to get unfair and expedited approval of a casino in Brockton. Further, to ignore the likelihood of a Tribal Casino in nearby Taunton and the many problems that would entail would be a dangerous mistake.

As you are aware, the 50-50 result of the May referendum demonstrated clearly that residents of Brockton do not agree that a gambling casino is in any way desirable for our city. Indeed, we are appalled by the very thought of locating a gambling casino directly across the street from Brockton High School. The community has a responsibility to do much better for our children.

The citizens who signed these letters and petitions oppose locating a casino in Brockton, and they specifically and adamantly oppose the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC that the MA Gaming Commission change its plan and policy. We respectfully ask that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission take our concerns into consideration.

Brockton Interfaith Community is a regional force for change with 14 institutional members representing more than 4,000 families. Our website is [www.brocktoninterfaithcommunity.org](http://www.brocktoninterfaithcommunity.org)

Thank you,



Tom McDonnell  
Community Organizer  
Brockton Interfaith Community  
65 West Elm St.  
Brockton, MA 02310

## Region C

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

State Gaming Commissioners,

Re: Public Comment on Request of Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC

I am opposed to any change in the Gaming Commission's policy regarding how it reviews and evaluates the pending application to put a casino in Brockton.

The Gaming Commission should not change from its stated position of considering issuing no license in Region 3. The commission would be surrendering its responsibility if it now agrees to dispense with a full review and simply gives the Region 2 license to the only applicant that has surfaced – all without considering the impact of a certain casino in Taunton to be built by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

The Brockton casino proposal would not be a destination resort but a locally-aimed 'convenience' gambling casino. It would not be successful even as that once the tribal casino opens.

I oppose a Brockton casino, especially one located close to schools. I vehemently oppose changing the gaming commission policies to jam this proposal down the throats of residents who do not want a casino in Brockton.

Thank you,

*Clara Collins*

*12 Dept Ave,*

*Randolph, MA 02368*

## REGION C

Massachusetts State Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

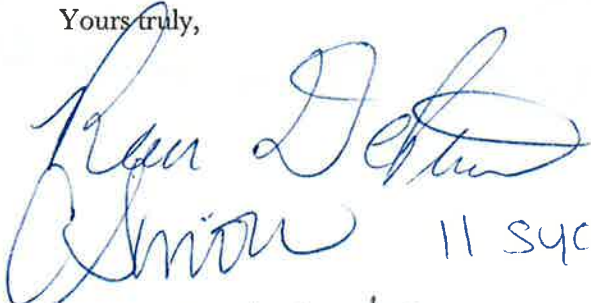
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These requests should be rejected immediately. The Brockton Casino Proposal clearly is not the type of resort described in the state Casino Law. Rush Street Gaming would introduce predatory gambling to a community already facing extreme challenges. The recent election showed the casino proposal is NOT widely supported by the citizens of Brockton.

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Yours truly,



Janice Schuster

Address

11 SYCAMORE AVE BROCKTON MA

## REGION C

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Boston, MA 02110

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Yours truly,

*Y. Emmanuel*  
30 VALE ST BROCKTON MASS 02302

Comments in Response to Request: REGION C

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

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The State Legislature and the referendum voters approved did not allow four new casinos in Massachusetts. It is too many.

I oppose the casino proposal for Brockton and I oppose the commission changing its rules just to let Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC avoid a full review. I see no justification whatsoever for the commission to approve this request. Please say NO.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Drakey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".



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*Robert S. A. P.*  
**558 S. Franklin St  
Holbrook MA 02343**

REGION C — Public Comments

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Boston, MA 02110

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Sincerely,

Rachel G. Tedesco  
105 Sachem Rock Ave.  
E. Bridgewater, MA 02333

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101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
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34 Heath St.  
Brockton, MA 02302

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

**ATTENTION: REGION C**

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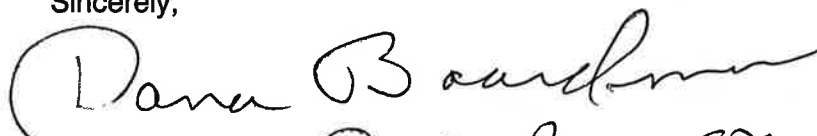
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Opposition to the Brockton plan is widespread in the community. The idea of ending up with local-focused casinos in both Brockton and Taunton is frightening and violates not only the Commission's policy but also the goal of state law.

Please deny this request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC.

Sincerely,

  
28 Oakdale St  
Brockton, MA 02301

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

**REGION C PUBLIC COMMENT**

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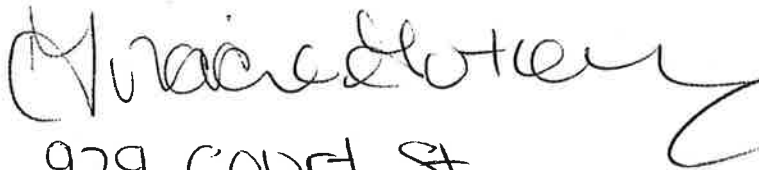
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Sincerely,

  
929 COURT ST  
BROCKTON, MA 02302  
774 330 8363  
TRACIE GUTIERREZ

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

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57 Custer St  
Brockton, MA 02301

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Sincerely,

Marie St Cyr  
174 Jon Dr  
Brockton MA 02302

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

Massachusetts Gaming Commission Members:

**Public Comment for REGION C**



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Sincerely Yours,



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101 Federal Street  
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Sincerely Yours,

*Annette Thomas*  
*26 Carlisle St*  
*Brockton, MA 02302*

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12th Floor  
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Sincerely, *Delores Hudgins*  
*358 Pleasant St*  
*Brockton Ma 02301*

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37 Arisawan St  
Brockton, MA 02302

Comments for Region C

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

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Yours truly,

Gonzalez

40 Arlington Street, Brockton MA 02301

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Boston, MA 02110

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Yours,



25 STEARNS AV  
BROCKTON MA 02302

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

Regarding: REGION C

Dear Commission Members,

I oppose the attempt by Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC to build a casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds. I ask that you to reject the attempt to put its application on a fast-track that would circumvent the intent of Massachusetts law and the Commission's own policy.

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Yours truly,

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Handwritten signature  
14 Clifford Ave  
Brockton MA 02301

Subject Line: REGION C

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

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*Maria Biberio*  
145 Lawrence St  
Brockton, MA 02302

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112 Ashfield Drive  
Brockton, MA 02302



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Yours truly,

  
Sandy D. Fuller  
9 Peyster Ct  
Brockton, MA 02301

**Subject: Region C**

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Boston

Dear Gaming Commission Members,

I oppose the proposal by Mass Gaming to build a casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds, right next to our high school and close to a middle school. The city is deeply divided over this, and the residents are fighting the proposed casino.


Specifically, I ask the commissioners to deny the attempt by Mass Gaming to bend the Commission's rules by basically agreeing to approve its application without an exhaustive review and ignoring the fact that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is expected to build another casino in Taunton.

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Do not change the Massachusetts Gaming Commission policy as requested by these casino developers. A full review is needed, including whether the Wampanoags will build their casino, as is expected.

Thank you,

Michael A. Zanello

  
35 Haskell St  
Brockton, MA  
02302

**Subject: Region C**

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
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Brockton, MA 02301

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101 Federal Street  
Floor 12  
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Sincerely,



John  
Anne Rogers

60 BRVILLOTT RD  
BROCKTON

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

**REGION C PUBLIC COMMENT**

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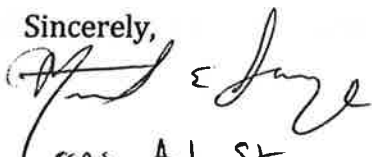
I OPPOSE the request by Mass Entertainment and Gaming LLC to circumvent the Gaming Commission policy for awarding a license in Region C. I ask that the Gaming Commission follow its existing policy to conduct a full review of the Brockton casino application. The Commission also should conduct this review with full consideration of the possibility of a Tribal casino in Taunton (also in Region C).

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Opposition to the Brockton plan is widespread in the community. The idea of ending up with local-focused casinos in both Brockton and Taunton is frightening and violates not only the Commission's policy but also the goal of state law.

Please do not approve this request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC.

Sincerely,

  
Greg A. L. St.  
Brockton, MA

Comments for Region C

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

Mass. Gaming Commissioners,

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73 Tupelo St  
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356 Foundry St  
N. Easton MA  
02356



September 10, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Boston, Mass.

Subject: REGION C

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For the Region C review, which includes the Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC application for Brockton, this totality should include the potential for competition by a Tribal casino proposed in Taunton.

I believe it is outrageous for Mass Gaming and Entertainment to ask that the commission ignore the reality of a Tribal Casino in Taunton.

For the sake of Brockton and the entire state, I ask the Commission to conduct a full, critical and comprehensive review of the Brockton application, of course including the disaster that would result if a Brockton casino is built and faces a Tribal competitor in Taunton.

Yours truly,

*Maggie Braguet*  
*Sergio Jacquet*

173 Spring Street - G  
Brockton MA

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BROCKTON, MA 01930

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MA	<i>MA</i>	112 Grand St	Brockton MA	508-568-5314	
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Evelyn Alston	<i>Evelyn Alston</i>	260 15A DR.		02302	
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Flora Horton	Flora	133 Bellevue		508-586-6597	
FLOTT HANSEN	FLOTT	600 PLEASANT ST	STOUGHTON MA		ELLIOT344@JUNIOR1200
DONNA MARTIN	DM	4 Green Rd	Brockton		
Helena Sen-Louis	Helena	225 Spring Lane	Woburn	978-238-7040	
ED RUSSELL	ER	115 Spring St	Brockton		
KATHLEEN HANSEN	KH	180 BARKER ROAD	Brockton		
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John Murphy	JM	4 Spring Lane	Woburn		
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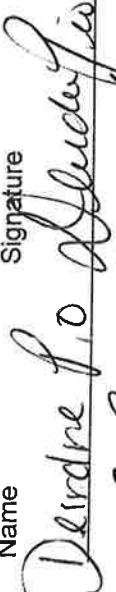
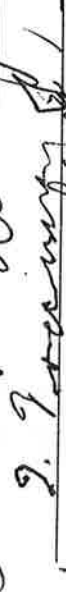

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Shannon Ryan      *Shannon Ryan*      104 Brewer Rd      Brockton MA 02301



Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

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

July 31, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

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

- With the recent abandoning of their application, KG Urban and New Bedford have left Brockton as the sole applicant and thus not providing the competition you desired. This development has brought to the forefront the option you have *to not award* a Region C casino license. Given all they went through to get to this point it must have been a significant re-evaluation of the economics that led them to their decision.
- Those economic factors are the same for all groups seeking a license. The recent developments in Rhode Island to build a casino in Tiverton on the MA border, the future Taunton casino and an oversaturated marketplace are all concerns.
- Though many think the early casino revenues and profits from Plainridge Park Casino are a good thing, I see every dollar of profit at the slots parlor as lost income and resources to the local economy.
- The reality that the proposed Brockton casino is next door to one of the largest nationally acclaimed high schools, within a short distance to a middle and elementary school, and would displace the alternative high school on the proposed property is simply offensive
- Viability and sustainability are two words that are going around when a Region C casino is discussed. "MA Attorney General Maura Healey pounced on the New Bedford withdrawal, saying that it calls into question whether the market can support a casino. "I think the Gaming Commission has to take a hard look at this," Healey said. "What we see in New Bedford is a reflection of some of the concerns that have been expressed already about market saturation and what's happening in that region..." - The Brockton Enterprise (Joseph Markham) 7/23/15

So I ask that you please take these concerns into consideration as you make your decision about a Region C casino. Quite frankly, I believe that it would be best not to award any casino to Region C, and that you should not drag out the decision.

Thank you,

*Louise Clifford*  
*1 Nazarene Ave.*  
*Brockton, Ma.*  
*02401*

Date: 9/13/15

To: Mass. Gaming Commission.

From: Concerned Resident of Brockton.

Re: Casino at the Fairgrounds.

2015 SEP 16 PM 3:10

MASSACHUSETTS GAMING  
COMMISSION

After reading your article in the Enterprise I know it was necessary to further plead with Church Leaders and residents who oppose the Casino in Brockton.

I work and live in Brockton. My career involves treating mental health patients, who are impacted by many addictions, including drugs, alcohol and gambling.

The concerns that a casino can be built near Brockton High, West Tr. High is of major concern for me and my family.

Please do not be pressured into issuing a lic. to Region C, especially Brockton. I have lived and worked here for over 25 yrs and I have seen the devastation gambling has had on our population, since casino, scratch tickets and other forms of gambling has taken hold on people.

Brockton needs to invest in other forms of social and educational facilities/activities for our residents. Proof social and economic failures, over long periods of time is evident. Atlantic City, Foxwoods CT areas, MS. given gambling addictions.

I plead for your consideration in this matter. The well being of our residents/future generations. Please DENY a license.

Thank you  
Resident of Brockton.

9-12-15

I would like to congratulate the Gaming Commission on how they screwed up the Casino situation in the state of Ma.

Three years ago you had the right people, the Indians, for Taunton. After all the bull-shit about land and everything else, that never happen. The talk then was about Fall

River, New Bedford, Somerset, and now Brockton. Let me help you people out,

Brockton would be a terrible choice, the location is awful, its near a school, a church, its congested and people just don't go to Brockton.

The people of Taunton wanted the Indians from day one. It would be a perfect fit, they would be very comfortable. The roads are there, good location to get the people from the Cape, New Bedford and Fall River, the three towns love to gamble.

Do you know who's laughing

about all this confusion, Twin River in R.

Twin River would love to put a casino on the Tiverton - Fall River line.

Right now they're making tons of money and they don't want to lose it. Watch them, they're really hungry. They are driving the workers at Newport H. crazy.

I wouldn't get anybody but the Indians for the 3<sup>rd</sup> casino, they would even put a 25 million dollars water park there.

Good Luck



Date : 9/10/15

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

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Fred Fontaine and I am the owner of Fontaine's Cleaners and Celebs Cuts Located at 75 Pleasant St. in Brockton. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. It will be very beneficial for all small Business in Brockton.

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

A resort casino will create huge demand for the local good and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Our growth will continue to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Fred Fontaine

❖ THE JEWEL SOUTH OF BOSTON

September 10, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110


Dear Commissioners:

My name is Alexander Rysman and I am the owner and operator of Romm Diamonds. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. My family has owned and operated Romm Diamonds for 115 years. We are a local jewelry retailer and are proud to be part of the Brockton community.

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❖ Sincerely,

  
Alexander Romm Rysman



September 10, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Commissioners:

Please support the application for a resort casino in the City of Brockton. The Commonwealth has waited years for implementation of the legislators' authorization of casino gambling, a vote affirmed by the results of a statewide referendum. We have a strong, proposal for the building and operation of a casino in Brockton, the only viable one from southeastern Massachusetts.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment will invest \$650 million to build the casino on a large and underused parcel in the city and will complete needed infrastructure improvements to benefit other businesses and residents of the area and the city as a whole. The project will generate jobs during both the construction phase and in its operation, as well as vital revenue to fund crying public safety and education needs.

Mutual Bank has two branch offices in the city, including one on Rte. 123, between the proposed casino site and Rte. 24, the major transportation artery in the city. I believe that the casino and the revenue it generates will enable the city to improve the business climate and public safety and lower taxes on residents and businesses.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,



William J. Morse  
President

cc: Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
60 School Street  
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September 9, 2015

## VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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

Re: Request for Public Comments: Region C Licensing Process

Dear Commissioners:

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (“PGR”) respectfully requests that the Commission extend the period for responses to the Request for Public Comments: Region C Casino Licensing Process until September 25, 2015, an extension of 10 business days. PGR requests this extension for the following reasons:

1. The Commission has solicited comments on the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (“MGE”) for an immediate determination that the Commission will issue a casino license in Region C regardless of whether the United States Secretary of the Interior puts land into trust in Taunton for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, provided that MGE meets all of the criteria for issuance of a license and it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth. The request would have the effect of precluding the Commission from denying MGE’s application on the grounds that the land is taken into trust, despite the potential competitive effect of such an action.
2. The Commission issued its request for public comments on September 4, 2015. Comments currently are due on September 11, 2015, four business days from the date notice issued.
3. The request implicates important statutory interpretation issues. *See, e.g.*, G.L. c. 23K, § 19 (applicant must provide “convincing evidence” that it will “provide value to the region in which the gaming establishment is proposed to be located” in order for license to be granted); *id.* § 19(d) (commission “shall take into consideration the physical distance in selecting the locations of the gaming establishments as they relate to each other”).



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4. Because the request involves novel public policy issues that could have a lasting impact on the gaming landscape in the Commonwealth, and given the lack of any immediate urgency to MGE's request, granting additional time to study the request and prepare a considered response is well-warranted.

5. If PGR's request is granted, the public would have a total of 14 business days in which to prepare comments on these significant issues.

For the foregoing reasons, PGR requests that the comment period be extended until September 25, 2015. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Diamond Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Emma Diamond Hall

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# **BROCKTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY**

*Where Faith Meets Action*

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

September 9, 2015

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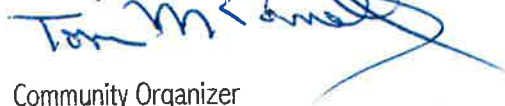
It has come to our attention that last week the Mass Gaming and Entertainment LLC, the developers of a proposed casino in Brockton, urged the commission to guarantee a license in Region C regardless of what happens to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's application. It is also our understanding that the commission asked for public comment on this request by this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We object to the developer's request on several grounds and urge you to extend the deadline for public comment.

First, as you know, the casino law envisioned only one casino in Southeastern Massachusetts. This is likely due to the fact that market research has shown that the region can only sustain one casino. Therefore, we believe the developer is trying to bypass the process in light of recent news reports that the federal government is expected to approve the tribe's application for a casino in Taunton very soon. Second, as was evident by the results of the local Brockton referendum, the city is deeply divided over this issue and many people feel strongly that a casino should not be located in our city, especially near our schools.

Therefore, we respectfully request a full review of the existing application with consideration of the potential for competition by a Tribal casino. Moreover, we ask you to extend your deadline to ensure ample opportunity for public comment on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom McDaniel

Community Organizer



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September 8, 2015

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

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Bob Costa and I am the owner and operator of B.C. Tent & Awning Co., Inc. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the resort casino proposal for Brockton. As a business owner from nearby Avon, I can tell you that I have great confidence that new development in Brockton would be a positive for me.

B. C. Tent & Awning Company Inc. is one of the premier tent and party rental companies in Massachusetts. We take great satisfaction in providing elegance with a personal touch. In order to maintain our commitment to quality and service, we are continually adding new items to enable us to better serve your party needs.

Our part of the state has a desperate need for more economic activity, and this project could be significant in that regard. There will be over one thousand workers coming in and out of that resort casino complex daily, and they are going to be spread out mostly in Brockton and other nearby parts of Southeastern Massachusetts. We will get those people's business – I am confident in that.

Again, this could be very positive for small businesses like mine, so I hope that this deal goes through with your support.

Thank you,



Bob Costa, President  
B.C. Tent & Awning Co., Inc.