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3	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: All right ladies
4	and gentlemen. If I could have your
5	attention, please. I am pleased to call
6	to order the 115th meeting of the
7	Massachusetts Gaming Commission here again
8	at the Convention Center. Today is
9	Wednesday, March 26th at four o'clock.
10	We only have one item on our agenda
11	today, which is to receive input from
12	members of various communities regarding
13	the Wynn Mass., LLC application for a
14	Category 1 gaming license in Everett.
15	Just a few ground rules for how
16	we're going to handle this. This is a
17	very important part of our process. We
18	talk a great deal about having a
19	participatory and transparent process.
20	This goes to the heart of both
21	participatory and transparent. There are
22	about 70 or so people signed up to speak,
23	maybe 75. We want to give everybody a
24	chance. We will set a time clock here of

five minutes. You don't have to take
five minutes. In fact, you get extra

points if you take less than five minutes,
but you may not take more than five
minutes, and I will cut you off if you run
over.

It's critically important for all the speakers to be courteous to the people who haven't yet had a chance. We will go through the signup sheet that was on the web in order of the people having signed up on the web, and then the signup sheet from out here in order of people arriving here and that will eventually get us through everybody. I think that's it.

Any other opening thoughts? Thank you all very much for coming. We start out by recognizing and hearing from our elected officials, public officials who are also limited to five minutes, as hard as I know that is. And we will start out with as a courtesy with Mayor DeMaria, the mayor of Everett since he's the mayor of the host community.

1	MAYOR DEMARIA: Thank you,
2	Mr. Chairman, and members of the
3	Commission. I'll be very brief. I know
4	I'll have a better opportunity at a host
5	community host meeting to talk more about
6	why I'm so passionate about the
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Let me just
8	interrupt you because I forgot to mention
9	that. There will be another meeting. The
10	law requires a meeting in the host
11	community during our evaluation process
12	before we conclude our evaluation. I
13	don't know we have that meeting scheduled,
14	but that will be coming up and that will
15	be an opportunity to have a last hearing
16	from folks and that was what Mayor DeMaria
17	was referring to.
18	MAYOR DEMARIA: Thank you, Mr.
19	Chairman. I just want to really thank you
20	for doing what you've done this last year
21	or so, all these meetings you've held. I
22	think you've done a wonderful job, and I
23	think people throughout the Commonwealth
24	can say that this has been an open and

transparent process, and I can say that,
being an elected official, watching all
your meetings and everything you've done.
So I want to thank you on behalf of all
the members of the legislature and the

residents of the Commonwealth.

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I just want to clear up a few things. You know, people have said some different things, and I want to let you know for the record that it's been a great experience that as the mayor of Everett to deal with the Wynn Group. They've been very professional, very respectful and great to, not only the City of Everett, but to all different groups in the Commonwealth. So I want to publically thank them. I know they took a little beating yesterday, and I really didn't like to see that. I think they've been very respectful to our residents and everyone in the Commonwealth. So I really want to really thank them, and, again, thank you, and look forward to seeing you in Everett. We're going to have a great

1	day together and talk about why this
2	application makes so much sense for the
3	City of Everett. Thank you very much and
4	God bless you.
5	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, Mayor.
6	Mayor Curtatone from the City of
7	Somerville.
8	MAYOR CURTATONE: Thank you. I
9	didn't think I was going to get an
10	applause today. Thank you to all the
11	people who came out today. Mr. Chairman,
12	members of the Commission, and my good
13	friend and colleague from the great City
14	of Everett. I'm here to talk about, Mr.
15	Chairman, first to state to you we are in
16	you know, the last time we were here, I
17	had a lot to say about surrounding
18	community designation and so forth, and we
19	made progress on Mohegan Sun's
20	application. We are constructive, as I
21	informed the Mayor of Everett, very
22	professional, very constructive
23	conversations with representative of Wynn
24	casinos. That's not what I want to talk

1	about since I have some leeway here. I
2	want to say that there is still time. I
3	want to talk about the process of public
4	engagement. And it's still appropriate
5	and necessary to have a meeting outside of
6	Boston to hear from the residents,
7	business owners, and neighborhoods that
8	will be facing the impacts of these
9	proposed gambling resorts if they were to
10	be built.

My job as the mayor of Somerville was to put all the information before my constituents, whether they're for, whether they're against, whatever my feelings are. I made my opposition loud and clear. That doesn't mean I represent every person's feelings in the City of Somerville region. I have to do my best to represent them and to do my best to advocate that they have an opportunity to be heard.

The Gaming Commission, I would submit, with all due respect, I know you have tough job to do and an important job to do, is meeting minimal requirements

1 when we should have maximum public input.

For instance, today's time and

location minimizes the opportunity for the

public to attend a meeting and have their

voice heard. I can say that for my

constituents. Four o'clock in Boston, no

one's bringing them in here, no one's

organizing trips out of Somerville.

In September 2013, there was a meeting held at the east Somerville community school with the Gaming Commission's ombudsman Mr. John Ziemba. At that time, Mr. Ziemba said a public hearing would be held in the host community, which is understandable, with an invitation to surrounding communities, which is respectful. But he is also said the Commission was planning hearings in surrounding communities in advance of the statutory hearings.

In fact, on the Gaming Commission's blog, that is stated loud and clear. It says second, Mass. Gaming will be convening a series of public input

1	meetings in communities adjacent,
2	quote/unquote, to the proposed host
3	communities for which each resort casino
4	proposes.

Now, I won't argue that Boston is not a surrounding community, which is it. 6 We're in South Boston. We're on a 7 peninsula. We're on the waterfront. Ιf 8 9 we really want to give legitimacy to 10 whatever happens, then that means we give the greatest amount of public input, not 11 the minimal amount. So why shouldn't it 12 be in Charlestown or Somerville or Medford 13 or Malden or Chelsea, and other surround 14 15 communities. We're here where people have the greatest opportunity to come home from 16 work now to maneuver through the most 17 congested -- one of the most congested 18 19 regions in the country to get to a meeting like this. And they can't even observe 20 the true conversations realtime while 2.1 they're at work. 22

Again, this meeting is in South Boston and not one of those communities.

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1	The minimal amount of public engagement
2	without regard for making it as easy as
3	possible for the public to participation.
4	I think and I'd submit that would
5	disenfranchised residents, business
6	owners, neighborhoods that will affected
7	by the proposal.
8	They probably will even hear things
9	that they might like about the proposals.
10	Because they're not getting all the
11	information, and they're certainly not
12	getting the information realtime.
13	And Mr. Chairman, I do want to
14	quote you, and I think your quote was
15	appropriate when supporters and opponents
16	of the MGM resorts casino testified before
17	the state Gaming Commission at the West
18	Springfield hearing, you stated that, and
19	I quote, "The Commission has another
20	meeting planned in Springfield on
21	April 1st." But the chairman, Mr. Crosby,
22	opened by saying that the body feels
23	strongly enough about the regional impact

that it wanted to have a separate meeting

to hear from the people outside of

Springfield. And I think that's right. I

commend you. And quote/unquote, we felt

it so important that we wanted to have a

second meeting and invite people to speak.

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I ask you that the same courtesy be given to everyone who's going to impacted by this proposal, whether they're for or against. As I submit, people even who are for will have questions about impacts and traffic and other issues. And no matter what project that comes into Somerville, whether the people are for or voted against it or any other community, there are always concerns, but those people aren't going to have that opportunity. And I submit and argue that if we want to true engagement so there is no doubt at the end of this process, that you provide those meetings as promised for the public in Somerville.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity to be heard today. I look forward to working with you, and I'll

1	answer any questions you may have for me
2	today.
3	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: All set. Thank
4	you very much.
5	MAYOR CURTATONE: Thank you very
6	much. Have a good afternoon.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Mayor
8	Christenson, the mayor of Malden.
9	MAYOR CHRISTENSON: Good afternoon,
10	Mr. Chairman, the members. Let me start
11	first by thanking the Gaming Commission
12	for the chance to speak. As a surrounding
13	community agreement to both proposed
14	developments in this region, I do
15	appreciate the opportunity to provide you
16	with my comments concerning the
17	application of Wynn Resorts. Simply put,
18	our experience with the team from Wynn has
19	been nothing but positive. As a mayor, I
20	respect and support the right of any of
21	our neighboring communities to decide what
22	is right for them. Whether it's Station
23	Landing in Medford, Assembly Row in
24	Somerville, Wynn Resorts in Everett, or

the proposed ballpark in Malden, I want us
to all succeed.

Now, I'm pleased to see two of our neighboring cities seize these opportunities to improve their respective communities. As you know, Malden is in close proximity to both, and our only request was to have a seat at the table and have our concerns addressed.

From the very beginning, the Wynn team reached out to us to develop a meaningful line of communication with the decision makers in our organization. My team started having regular and substantive dialogue with the Wynn team on topics such as traffic and public safety.

Now, as you can imagine, it was an educational process for us as a city, and anything that we asked for to help us become more informed, we received. I think it's important to point out that Wynn was steadfast in their assistance that the mitigation process stay true to the gaming legislation when discussing the

impacts of the proposed development.

Although it surely would have been easier for us, they had no interest in buying our support, but would take as much time as was required to understand our impacts and agreed to mitigation steps or payments to help address them.

While Kevin Duffy will speak after
me about the steps Wynn took to provide us
with the opportunities to go beyond
mitigation, ultimately, we entered into
the first surrounding community agreement
in Massachusetts' history, one that our
residents and local officials felt fairly
addressed our concerns and provided real
opportunity for us to participate in the
potential benefits.

One moment that I will always remember during this process came on a Thursday night before the Caesars pact had fallen apart. We had met with our city council on a Thursday night, and we had informed them that we had reached a tentative agreement with Wynn. And I had

a made the argument that, you know, we should probably act quickly because who knows what the future holds.

The next day, the Caesars agreement had fallen apart, and I immediately turned to our colleagues in city government and thought that we really had missed an opportunity. Our leverage was gone.

But you know, we called Wynn with trepidation asking that, you know, if we were still on the same path that we had been, and we were quite impressed that they said, without any hesitation, that we were.

And as we worked with them to achieve this milestone, there are various things that happened along the way that tell you who you are dealing with beyond the gaming component.

For example, after we had reached an agreement, we anticipated that things would take a back seat until the Gaming Commission made their decision, but needless to say, we were positively

thrilled with the Wynn team called us in December to ask if we had families who would benefit from participating in their toy drive partnership with the Boston Bruins. This wasn't part of our agreement, but that little gesture not only had a positive impact on many needy families in Malden, but assured us, once again, that we were dealing with people who were sincere in their desire to be a part of your community. 

Finally, it said a lot to us when Steve Wynn himself made it a point to schedule time with us to thank us and to make sure that we understood we had this commitment to making sure our concerns were addressed. And that we're looking back, if it had turned out that anything was missing in our agreement --

MAYOR CHRISTENSON: -- they would address it. So in terms of the project itself, I just want to say that Wynn is going to add substantially to this area.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, Mayor.

1 Thank you for the time.

2 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
3 much. Peter Napolitano from the Everett
4 city council.

MR. NAPOLITANO: Good afternoon. I thank you for having this hearing and giving our residents an opportunity to speak on this important development. I, myself, have represented the residential portion of South Everett for almost 20 years, and I have to applaud both Mayor DeMaria again and the Wynn Group for their efforts to create a viable product down there. It's going transform our city.

You know, for years, we've had a portion of land down there that's been undevelopmental because of contamination. It's been very difficult to get the right fit, but a project of this magnitude will transform the city. And this is as a five-star hotel and operation, it's going to attract people from in the city, and it will transform our area adding additional opportunities for residents with

1	employment, businesses to come in and
2	expand, possibly other hotels,
3	restaurants. I support this. I think
4	it's a great idea.
5	If this does not go through, you
6	know, we're a little hit by how we're

know, we're a little hit by how we're going to be able to develop that land in the future and be able to make it viable. But we have an opportunity here to transform what used to be a predominantly industrial base in the city, which has died off over the years. Everett is a blue collar community, middle to low income. This restores back, both in our tax base and our opportunities for our residents to find employment, decedent employment. You know, it brings us to a

And we're very encouraged by some of the reports that I've read that shows that in the past when the economy has taken a hit, the Wynn Group has not laid employees off. I find that very positive. I, myself, have been a recipient of a few

whole other level.

layoffs in my working career. 1

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So the thing is that I do hope that 2 you give us some serious consideration in 3 comparing both from my perspective both as 4 a layman and as a councilor, I do find 5 that both projects are -- will have their 6 merit, but this project is going to bring 7 business into the community from outside of the region, and I think that is one of 10 the key elements here. Thank you very much. 11

> CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. City Councilor Sal LaMattina. And City Councilor Murphy will be next.

COUNCILOR LAMATTINA: Good afternoon, Commission, Commissioners. And thank you for the opportunity to testify again today. I know yesterday was a long day for you. For the record, my name is Salvatore LaMattina, and I am the Boston city councilor who represents district one which includes Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

Yesterday when I was before you, I

L	told you that both proposed casinos in
2	Eastern Massachusetts are literally in my
3	backyard, Suffolk Downs, where I live, I
4	can see Suffolk Downs. But the proposed
5	casino in Everett is in the backyard of
5	many residents of Charlestown.

I told you yesterday that I have been dealing with this issue for six years, and I have many sleepless nights. I think I am the only elected official who has to deal with two proposed casinos.

My purpose here today is simple. I demand that my constituents and Charlestown be allowed to vote on the proposed Wynn casino development in Everett. Mayor Walsh had requested that the City of Boston be recognize as a host community, and I support him on that. The people of Charlestown deserve it, and they should be given a voice, especially if the Boston land is used for the establishment. In fact, it could be argued that Charlestown that will endure greater

impact that most of Everett.

Let me also add that I have

received no cooperation from the Wynn team

pertaining to their mitigation plans. I

had my first meeting yesterday on a one on

one. No information at all as to how they

will combat traffic, noise, air pollution,

and safety.

The proposed site is just feet away from Charlestown. Charlestown should be able to decide whether they want to deal with 70 percent of the traffic that will flow through Sullivan Square or the contaminants that will pose a serious hazard, especially to the children, the many children that use the Ryan playground right next door to the site, while the harbor is cleaned up during construction. After all, it is -- the location is former chemical plant. We've been given no insight as to how they plan to clean it up.

Unlike Suffolk Downs, who has shown a willingness to be transparent with the

City of Boston, throughout this entire
process, Wynn has been downright
dismissive, disorganized, and
uncooperative.

I would also like to briefly address the idea of marketing. Boston is the hub of not only the state but the entire New England region. Within the past week or so, there has been a lot of talk of Wynn establishing a marketing deals with TD Garden and other Boston venues.

visiting the city, a Boston casino would be an attractive draw. That reason alone should be enough to warrant us as a host community status. Boston is dealing with two proposed gaming facilities on both sides of the harbor, and is uniquely located within feet of both. We are not comparable to any of the other cities or towns that have been deemed surrounding communities. We will bear the brunt of the impacts from both casinos, so we

1	deserve a chance to allow our voices to be
2	heard. The residents have been more
3	patient with the Wynn representatives, but
4	enough is enough. A Charlestown
5	referendum is both the right solution and
6	the only solution. Let the people of
7	Charlestown vote. Thank you.
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you,
9	Councilor.
10	Councilor Murphy.
11	COUNCILOR MURPHY: Thank you, Mr.
12	Chairman, members of the Commission. My
13	name is Stephen Murphy. I am a city
14	councilor-at-large in Boston, elected and
15	re-elected for ten terms, and for three
16	terms as president of the city council
17	ending in January of this year. And
18	because of my longevity on the city
19	council, I have some historical vent on
20	this.
21	And it's funny that we're here in
22	this building because in 1997, the City of
23	Boston and the Commonwealth of
24	Massachusetts took private land by

2 Convention Center Authority. It cost

3 almost \$800 million of taxpayer money, 200

million coming from the taxpayers of the

5 City of Boston.

And we're talking about a license that's situated in Greater Boston. And we're here in the City of Boston standing in the MCCA, which was created with public, money steps from the Freedom Trail in Boston, the birthplace of the American Revolution. And people come here for the charm and history and ambiance of the City of Boston, all of which a casino in Everett is going to augment.

And for years growing up in the City of Boston, Everett, to me, when I thought of Everett, I thought of Monsanto and the chemical dump that was over off of Route 99. And what this is going to do is paralyze Charlestown. It's going to paralyze Charlestown for traffic. And as my colleague Councilor LaMattina said, the people in the neighborhood of Charlestown

1	of Boston should have the right to express
2	their opinion on something that is going
3	to so change their quality of life that
4	they may not want to live in Charlestown
5	anymore.
6	So I'm joining the chorus of Mayor
7	Walsh and Councilor LaMattina in asking
8	you to allow the people of Charlestown the
9	right to vote on this. Thank you.
10	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. State
11	representative Matewsky. And then Kevin
12	Duffy.
13	REPRESENTATIVE MATEWSKY: Thank
14	you, members of the Gaming Commission, for

you, members of the Gaming Commission, for 15 allowing me this opportunity. As you know, we had a vote last summer. 16 Ninety percent of the people from Everett 17 decided they wanted a new beginning for 18 Everett. The area where this is 19 located -- As a state representative for 20 the last ten months, I just want to let 21 you know that we have about 50 acres of 22 23 brown fields that will be eliminated with this proposal, and it is a big concern at 24

1	the state house. We have an opportunity,
2	you have an opportunity to clean up
3	50 acres of contaminated land that
4	Mr. Wynn is going to pay for.
5	He's a first-class operator.
6	You've seen the proposal. Nothing against
7	Revere, but it's a five-star hotel.
8	That's a three-star hotel, from what I
9	understand. And no disrespect to the City
10	of Revere, but we want this in Everett.
11	We have an opportunity to create
12	construction jobs and down the road 3,000
13	jobs for people that live in the area.
14	And I have to disagree with one of
15	the previous speakers that said this is
16	going to hurt tourism. It's going to make
17	Charlestown even better. You're going to
18	be able to walk to a casino. And I
19	believe that we're going to have
20	waterfront access. Believe me, Everett
21	deserves this casino. It is the right
22	place for it. The people of Everett want
23	it.
24	We're not a suburb of Boston, okay.

1	We're our own city. Give us the
2	opportunity. Thank you very much.
3	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Kevin
4	Duffy. And then Tom Cunha and Tom Hogan.
5	MR. DUFFY: Thank you, Mr.
6	Chairman, members of the Commission. I
7	appreciate the opportunity to have some
8	input on this process. My name is Kevin
9	Duffy, and I'm the strategy and business
10	development officer for the City of
11	Malden. And at the mayor's discretion,
12	I've been involved since day one
13	representing Malden with both casino
14	applicants. In fact, not only were we the
15	first community to sign the surrounding
16	community agreement, we're the only
17	community, I believe, to have successfully
18	negotiated agreements with both
19	developments.
20	And we came to that in an honest
21	manner in order to protect the city's
22	interest, regardless of which proposal
23	gets picked. We did not choose to favor
24	one and to be obstinate with another in

order to try to stack the deck. We rather, what we did was to do what was best for Malden and to negotiate from that position.

That being said, I think it gives us a unique position to comment on the process for both. I understand the point of today's meeting, so I will keep my remarks to dealing with the Wynn team, but keep in mind that we have found the difference between the two to be very interesting.

not here because we're obligated of something in our surrounding community agreement. We were not obligated to come here and cheerlead to the Commission or to the public. We are here because we choose to support this project, our agreement, and all of these people.

I'd like to echo what the Mayor said about the Wynn team being decent and honest people. They were wonderful to deal with throughout. I had no issues, we

have no issues with them. After countless
meetings, I truly feel like they are
people who mean what they say, who will
actually go beyond the commitments they've
made to Massachusetts and to Malden in
particular.

As a business development officer for the City of Malden, a big part of my focus was on making sure our business community was recognized in the agreements. Their team actually went above and beyond what we asked when they targeted a \$10 million annual spend with businesses located in Malden. I understand that casino operations are huge consumers of the goods, but they took the time to analyze Malden's business community and come up with an aggressive figure to benefit us.

They also proposed unique
approaches to help our business community
prepare for the economic opportunities
that will be presented by a resort
destination in such close proximity to

1 Malden.

After educating your ourselves on
the potential economic impacts this
project could have, we truly believe they
will help us pull in dollars from other
states like Connecticut and New Hampshire,
and Wynn's team made sure Malden will take
part in that growth.

This type of commitment tells the business community this is a developer interested in sharing the wealth with local businesses and really sends a strong message of partnership with the business community.

Beyond the local spend, Wynn officials were interested in working with us to find ways to capitalize on the unique transportation infrastructure that exists in Malden. Leveraging this infrastructure in a mutually beneficial way became a key component to our agreement and took us well beyond the mandated mitigation required by the Commission.

1 We'll have to see what the actual
2 spinoff dollars will be from being a
3 transportation hub, but their willingness
4 to discuss, expand, and agree to this
5 concept shows us that we're creating a
6 partnership in the success of this
7 project.

Lastly, the Wynn team had already done their homework and were well versed in the proposed ballpark for Malden. They were sincere in wanting to find out ways to create synergies between their development and ours, further proof that they don't believe this is a zero sum game, but honestly believe in a win-win scenario.

As the Mayor mentioned, it may have certainly been easier to simply placate us with a chunk of money with little regard to real impacts and little attempt to find meaningful ways for our community to benefit further, but in the end, when you look at our agreement compared to any struck since, it stands out its adherence

1	to the intent of the Gaming Act and truly
2	provides mutual benefit beyond the
3	required mitigation.
4	I'll close by once again sharing my
5	belief that the Wynn proposal is not only
6	a great opportunity for Everett but for
7	all of us here in this region. Thank you.
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
9	Mr. Cunha.
10	MR. CUNHA: Good afternoon,
11	Commissioners. My name is Tom Cunha. I'm
12	the chairman of Charlestown Neighborhood
13	Council. The Charlestown Neighborhood
14	Council is opposed to the Wynn Everett
15	casino project as currently proposed.
16	In 1987, designated by the mayor of
17	Boston, our organization has worked with
18	the citizens and government agencies, both
19	state and federal and municipal, to
20	represent the concerns and issues of our
21	community in development, environmental,
22	and traffic issues.
23	We have a major concern in three
24	areas The biggest one is traffic Ry

conservative issues, 14,500 car tips a day will go through if the casino becomes available. Sure, we can walk to the casino, but it will be on people's car roofs.

We along the Charlestown community and amnesty groups have had a long time trying to straighten out the region of Sullivan Square traffic problems. As far back as 1990, we started with the third Harvard tunnel, the CANA project, trying to release traffic from the Sullivan Square area.

Other the last four years, we've had a planning group with the City of Boston and state agencies to try to make Sullivan Square a more workable traffic venue as well as try to open some LEEDS and some development properties under that are now currently car circles and parking lots and try to alleviate traffic throughout the region which is very difficult because as you well know, we're I-93, 128 and Route 99 all run into it.

So our traffic concerns are that there are absolutely no room on four of the five nights in Sullivan Square from three o'clock on. We currently have public safety concerns because our police department -- I mean our fire department, our ambulance is in Sullivan Square, and literally on more than one occasion, members of our community have had to go down and separate people, open cars so we can get those public safety vehicles out. That's a real concern. 

Our goals are to try to get
Sullivan Square to be a workable square
with some development that will allow it
to be a big part of our community. And
traffic issues of 14,500 cars trips a day
is a conservative number that will happen
from this.

Our environment impacts that were spoken about by Councilor LaMattina are serious. We have a playground across the street from the site that is used quite a bit. From spring to late October, it's

1	really used by quite a few children. If
2	you're going to clean up a site less than
3 .	the mile away move this stuff out of there
4	and how without impacting that park.
5	That's a very big concern of ours. As
6	well as the environmental impacts that
7	we'll have from exhaust from so many cars
8	all day long constantly going through
9	Sullivan Square.

We have some serious public health issues, as probably most urban environments do; and that is, higher cancer rates than usual and so on and so forth. And we as a community over the last 15 years have worked diligently trying to improve the environment around our community, try to improve the traffic, try to improve those kind of impacts that we feel.

The proposal, as we first heard it, was one thing and then it was another.

But we felt -- we feel very strongly that we've had no real response from Wynn and the Wynn Group on any of these concerns.

1	We met with them once. They gave us no
2	mitigation, traffic, how they would handle
3	that, how they would clean the lot up.
4	And we're getting closer to the time when
5	you people make a decision.
6	Charlestown has worked hard to
7	become a community that fits all of its
8	residents and is a good neighbor to its
9	surrounding towns, and now we feel that
10	it's being put upon because of our
11	location.
12	So I expect and hope that the
13	Commission will, at the very minimum, give
14	us an opportunity to at least express our
15	feelings on the casino by a vote. Thank
16	you.
17	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Tom
18	Hogan and then Amanda Reinfeld. Amanda
19	Reinfeld, Mr. Hogan.
20	Okay. We will go to the list of
21	people who signed up. Yemisi Oluwole, and
22	then Daniel Skeritt, Ken Gianelli, Michael
23	Mangan. If you all could sort of line up,

it would help us move this along quickly

1	as we go. Thank you.
2	Welcome back.
3	MS. OLUWOLE: Good afternoon.
4	Thank you. Thank you for allowing me to
5	speak again. I spoke yesterday.
6	My name is Yemisi Oluwole, and I am
7	a resident of Somerville, Massachusetts.
8	I'm also a business owner. It's very
9	important to me to be able to speak about
10	this even though I'm it's not that I'm
11	directly involved, but I do I am
12	impacted as a resident and also as a
13	concerned citizen.
14	So one of the two important things
15	to me about this situation is the jobs, as
16	well as the environment. Those are the
17	two most important things to me. There
18	are other important things. These are the
19	ones that really stand out for me.
20	One of the things that I've learned
21	from this experience is there's a lot of
22	information being put out there. I'm a
23	busy person, but I've been able to attend

some of the meetings that have been had in

the community as well as some of the
streamed hearings or for this Commission.

involved, stay connected, and stay informed. And part of that is I want to know what's going on. I want to know how it's going to impact my city, my neighborhood, and I know that it's not just the region, it's a Massachusetts thing. And that's why those two issues are important to me. And from what I've learned, Wynn has been very informative and very specific and detailed about how they're going to make this happen.

So to me, I'm satisfied that they are, I guess, the best person for the job, so to speak, in terms of how they're going to provide those jobs, their history, their track record on providing jobs that are long term, that are -- jobs that are going to be sustained.

From my understanding, there are approximately 4,000 jobs that are going to be provided and that's outside of the

construction jobs that are going to be So these are expected probably there. more, but these are expected to be long-term jobs for skilled workers and for a diverse group of workers. So that's important to me as well, because employed people who are well paid pay their taxes. And taxes are the paid help the community and sustain existing programs that are So whether it's for seniors or veterans or homeless, all those, there's a domino effect of how having jobs affects these people. 

And then the other big issue for me is I live right on the Mystic River. I literally walk it and pass by it every day. And that Mystic River is polluted and needs to be cleaned up. And it's important to me that I understand that it will happen and how it's going to happen so that's done in a safe and long-lasting way. So I would want that cleanup to be sustained. So that's why it's important to.

1	So I really just wanted to come
2	here and just share with you again that
3	those it's really important for someone
4	who has a track record of hiring people,
5	of being able to provide that employment
6	over a long term, also to provide the
7	ability to what I was going to say, I'm
8	sorry. I'm a bit nervous, I'm sorry. But
9	really it's about the jobs and those
10	things that come along with those jobs.

The other thing I wanted to mention too is about the information that's been put there, again, is really available for everybody. And whether you're a busy or you're a layman or whether you're well verse about this, the information truly is out there. Whether it's on Facebook.

I've been plummeted with all kinds of notes and information about what's going on. Whether you're able to physically go to a meeting and hear about what's going on in the community, whether it's in Somerville, there's been meetings that have been put out there for people who are

1	interested to find out more about. So I
2	have talked to people in Boston. I've
3	talked to my families. I've spread the
4	word out to everyone I know simply because
5	I'm that vested in it. And I've heard a
6	people who are aware of this, and whether
7	they can take part or not, they are
8	getting informed. So I just want to put
9	that out there as well. So I thank you.
10	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
11	Daniel Skeritt, and then Ken Gianelli,
12	Michael Mangan, Evelyn Addante.
13	MR. SKERITT: Good afternoon,
14	Chairman Crosby and members of the
15	Massachusetts Gaming Commission. I thank
16	you again today for the opportunity to
17	speak as I did yesterday.
18	My name is Daniel Skeritt, a
19	resident and business owner in the City of
20	Everett. I thank you for this opportunity
21	again to speak today.
22	On behalf of the City of Everett,
23	am glad to say that I am here to support
24	the 87 percent of the residents of the

wonderful city that voted in favor of a great idea for the residents not only of the City of Everett but in general for Massachusetts.

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This was a vote that was proposed to us to make Massachusetts a destination stop and be the envy of the nation, a place with minimal congestion, steady capital, and diverse workforce, we know a good thing when we hear it. Wynn Resorts casino has been consistent in all of these areas. They've been consistent in a way that they have preserved 99 percent of the jobs, even during tough economic times. That is why I am addressing when it comes to the consistency that Massachusetts deserves, Everett and Mr. Wynn can deliver on these promises.

Wynn Resorts has the record of being transparent, I know that a lot has been said today about the inconsistency and the lack of transparency. I can agree with Yemisi Oluwole that it has been quite transparent. The information is out there

on social media. We are very much
involved in the city and the well being of
the community.

Again, with billions of dollars of capital for the security and the health, insurance coverage for the many residents of Massachusetts as they go through coming through this recession, we know a good thing when we hear it, and Wynn has clearly been transparent in terms of putting forth the information to show that they can make a deference in the City of Everett, and not only the City of Everett, but the surrounding communities and the Commonwealth in general.

I am also proud to say that they have reached out in terms of with the diversity and will be willing to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We -- Let me go back and say -- I mean, I can read from the notes, but I can speak from the heart also.

Coming from an area of Cambridge where it's the melting pot of the world,

we call it, and moving into Everett a few years ago, I decided to leave this melting pot called Cambridge which represents all the areas of the globe and moving into Everett, it showed that the people had a heart. They had a heart for the work that they did, the families who resided there. I fell in love five years. I've never looked back. But I'll tell you, when I heard that the Wynn Resorts was coming, it was also very similar to the class of the City of Everett. It's a good thing, and I knew a good place when I saw it, and I know a good thing about the Wynn Resorts and what they bring. 

The things that are passionate to me are the environment. They have spoken about the Mystic River and the cleanup.

The things that are passionate to me are the families. The husbands leaving early in the morning, the wives who sometimes have to stay home to take care of the children and go to work during the evening. Bringing a resort facility to

1	Everett brings that stability.
2	We've talked in Massachusetts about
3	the healthcare system. Wynn provides
4	4,000 jobs, consistent jobs, that provides
5	the healthcare for those families who are
6	struggling.
7	It's a blue collar community, a
8	hard working community. I've fallen in
9	love with this community. I've fallen in
10	love with the proposal that Wynn has
11	brought forth, and that is passionate to
12	me.
13	Again, the environment, I imagine
14	the many tourists and the locals,

Again, the environment, I imagine the many tourists and the locals, surrounding communities from the Commonwealth who would come and enjoy the Mystic River, that I am passionate about.

I know that the Gaming Commission have worked very hard. We have had folks who have said negative things. The information is out there. It's on Facebook. It's in the newspapers. It's on Wynn's website. It has been quite transparent.

1	I applaud you for the hard work
2	that you are doing, but I know that you're
3	common sense people. You know a good
4	thing when you hear it, and Wynn Resorts
5	in Everett is that good thing. Thank you.
6	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
7	MR. GIANELLI: Thank you, Mr.
8	Chairman, members of the Commission.
9	Again, I join you a second day in a row
10	here to speak, yesterday when I was here.
11	Again, my name is Michael Mangan. I spent
12	my first half of my life, came from Union
13	Square in Somerville. The last half of my
14	life, the last 20 something years, married
15	a great woman from Everett, been here ever
16	since. I'm making it my home. It's a
17	great community, and I'm glad I live
18	there.
19	When I spoke yesterday, I talked
20	about not just in the region doing good
21	for the region whether it was Everett or
22	Revere or Springfield or down in
23	Plainridge. I believe at the time when
24	they put this law into effect to create

this gaming law, it was to benefit all the of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and certainly that's why I believe most of the people in Massachusetts do support this.

But as I spoke yesterday, the concern I had with Mohegan was they have a casino in a neighboring state on an Indian range with no taxes. Up here it's a little bit different. You're going to pay a little bit more if you're going to play up here.

So I look at it is that Mr. Wynn decided he was going to come in here and, you know, call this his home, and he doesn't have casino in a neighboring state. So everybody he brings in -- and I believe he's the best in the business at this -- they're going to be coming here and spending their hard earned dollars in Massachusetts, not in Connecticut. Okay. So now it's going to be a plus not just for Everett or Revere or anywhere else, it's for all the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I believe I was just reading online somewhere that -- I believe it was in Forbes magazine -- they named Mr. Wynn and his resorts the best in the world. means he's number one. He runs the best show. And if we have the opportunity to bring the best here, why wouldn't we want to do it. 

Like I said, I know, and again, I did a lot of research on Mr. Wynn, not just because he was coming to Everett, but I wanted to get a background about him, what he does in the community out there, especially out in Vegas. I've never been there. I've never been to any of his resorts. Everybody tells me they're the best, but beyond what he has -- deals with the City of Las Vegas, I mean, he goes well above and beyond.

I know the millions of dollars he gives to the school system in Las Vegas every year, millions and millions of dollars. That's something he does not have to do. That's something he does out

1	of the goodness of his heart. And I know
2	he'll be doing the same thing here, and
3	not only for Everett but in the region.
4	So that's why I certainly support
5	him, and I hope you will too when the time
6	does come. I appreciate your time. Thank
7	you.
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
9	Evelyn Addante, Nick Kraman, Bill Lamb,
10	Liz Levin, any of those names here, please
11	come forward. Also Guy Maccarone, Roberta
12	MacCarthy. Come right up, any of those
13	names.
14	Good afternoon.

15 MR. LAMB: Good afternoon. Thank you very much. I'm here -- I'm here to 16 17 talk about recent planning in Sullivan Square in Charlestown and a little bit 18 about the history of that. My name is 19 William Lamb. I'm an architect, a 20 long-time residence of Charlestown, a 21 22 member of the Rutherford Corridor 23 Improvement Coalition, and chair of the Charlestown Preservation Society Design 24

Review Committee, for whom I speak today.

At this time, the Design Review Committee is opposed to the selection of the Wynn, LLC to build a resort casino in Everett. As you know, the proposed casino is dependent upon transportation for the majority of its patrons through Sullivan Square and on Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown.

The resulting traffic increase -the resulting increase in traffic will
adversely effect everything that we've
been planning for in the area for over 16
years. Wynn has proposed no workable
solution to handle the additional traffic
flow in a way that conforms to the plans
the City of Boston has approved and many
of us have worked for so long to achieve.

The current Rutherford Avenue
Sullivan Square planning began in 1998.
The Charlestown community, the
transportation department of the city, its
consultants, and many state agencies
participated in this process. The

Τ	discussions were stimulating and multiple
2	designs options were examined. The study
3	also articulated along the way set most of
4	the parameters adopted for the city's
5	current development plans for the area.
6	Now more than a decade later and again
7	with the participation of municipal and
8	state agencies, consultants in the
9	community, we have just concluded
10	schematic transportation design for the
11	mile-long Rutherford Avenue corridor and
12	Sullivan Square.

Along with Rutherford Avenue, the plans provide a green buffer with a shared use path from the Mystic River to City Square from which it connects to the Charles River Park System. Together, these plans propose a very practical surface street layout with a grid-like pattern to accommodate anticipated vehicle traffic for the year 2030 by spreading out traffic over alternating streets.

The plan meets our community goals by providing safe and convenient

pedestrian access to the Sullivan Square 1 and MBTA station and access to propose and 2 existing building sites in Sullivan Square 3 and along the full length of Rutherford 4 Avenue. In Sullivan Square, the plans 5 layout design guidelines for office space, 6 affordable and market rate housing, and 7 ground level commercial uses to serve the 8 9 new residents of the area and people using 10 the MBTA station. They even create a new Sullivan Square park lined with use on two 11 sides with shops. The new park will 12 replace the high Victorian style park that 13 was wiped out when the divide at Sullivan 14 Square was built in 1950s. 15

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We oppose the construction of

Wynn's exceedingly large casino and hotel

complex unless the developer substantially

mitigates the traffic issues and

reconciles them with the concepts of the

current designs for Charlestown. In

particular, we oppose any design solution

that would require a roadway underpass or

overpass. An overpass viaduct was

rejected in our 1998 plans because the

viaduct existing at the time was a barrier

within the new Sullivan Square area that

we are trying to create.

Rutherford Avenue underpass in its current location has been rejected in the current plans in part because it would block crossings that provide complete, convenient access to the Hood Business Park and to potential development sites in the Arlington Avenue MBTA bus yards adjacent to the Mystic River. By contrast, the surface streets in the current plan allow pedestrian vehicular crossings where they are most useful and tie the community together.

Wynn Mass., LLC proposed in its

December 2013 DEIR to fund a study that

25 percent design for the surface

alternative, which is the plan we've been

talking about, as its long-term solution

to some traffic issues in Charlestown.

This completely inadequate mitigation

1	would occur after Wynn wins the area and
2	any license, were that to happen. This is
3	outrageous. We should not be asked to
4	gamble the Wynn will respect our community
5	goals once he receives the license.
6	So now we ask that you not award a
7	license to Wynn unless the applicant has
8	first obtained a City of Boston agreement
9	on specific and detailed mitigation of the
10	casino's traffic impacts on Charlestown.
11	Thank you.
12	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Did I
13	read out your name, sir. Did I read your
14	name out?
15	MR. MACCARONE: Guy Maccarone.
16	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Yes. Liz Levin,
17	Guy Maccarone, Roberta MacCarthy. Any of
18	those names, please come forward.
19	MR. MACCARONE: Mr. Chairman,
20	Commissioners. My name is Guy Maccarone.
21	I'm a resident of Charlestown and a member
22	of the Charlestown Waterfront Coalition
23	Steering Committee.
24	The impact of the proposed Wynn

Τ	casino will have on the residents of
2	Charlestown and the failure to date of the
3 .	Wynn organization to present full and
4	detailed studies and mitigation procedures
5	for the traffic remediation, construction,
6	and environmental impacts are very
7	troubling. Charlestown residents have the
8	right to understand and respond to all the
9	data required by the Massachusetts
10	Environmental Policy Act process and to
11	compare those findings with the evaluation
12	criteria established by this Gaming
13	Commission for a Category 1 and Category 2
14	applications.

The Commission must, in good faith review, assess, and take into account in any award decision the critical studies and reports which are part of the MEPA process, and this cannot be done at present due to the deficiencies in the documents submitted by Wynn to date.

There are a number of areas in which the Wynn proposal is noncompliant with the Commission's evaluation criteria

as published, thereby underscoring the need for substantial additional required information and further review of the application based on the availability of that information.

Mass. General Law Chapter 23, section K, section 15 requires that an applicant own or require within 60 days after the license is awarded all property where the establishment is proposed to be constructed.

The Wynn RFA-2 shows MBTA property as required plan for access to the project site. Wynn does not own nor has it described the process for gaining ownership of the MBTA property required for its proposed enhanced entrance to the casino site. As the Commission is aware, Massachusetts state regulations require the MBTA to issue public notification of its intent to sell its property and hold a public hearing before any such sale can take place. No award of a license to Wynn should be considered without a compelling

1	showing	that	Wynn	can	satisfy	this
2	requiren	ment.				

Two, the Wynn DEIR and RFA-2 do not identify total investment in infrastructure outside the proposed boundaries of the casino, although it is apparent that substantial investments will be required to mitigate traffic and air quality impacts in Charlestown.

Three, Wynn is required to provide completed studies and reports showing the proposed gaming establishment's cost to the host community and surrounding communities and the Commonwealth for the proposed gaming establishment to be located at the proposed location. The DEIR and RFA-2 do not include completed studies and reports describing in detail remediation, dredging, and construction management, and the truck traffic required to support those activities.

Four, Wynn is required to utilize sustainable development principles, including describing plans to mitigate

1	vehicle trips to and from the site.
2	Wynn's proposed mitigation strategy for
3 .	the very substantial additional traffic
4	using Charlestown's Rutherford Avenue and
5	Sullivan Square is to add two turning
6	lanes and one or two traffic lights for
7	intersections which now operate at maximum
8	level and beyond at rush hour. No
9	information is available for the necessary
10	substantial mitigation investment required
11	to deal with this critical subject.
12	Five, Wynn has failed to identify
13	the infrastructure costs of host and
14	surrounding communities incurred in direct
15	relation to the construction and operation
16	of the proposed gaming establishment and
17	failed to commit to a mitigation plan for
18	these communities.
19	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, Mr.
20	Maccarone. You can submit your remarks to
21	us if you have more that you didn't get
22	finished. Thank you very much.
23	Also can line up Ivey St. John, Ken
24	Stone, Annette Tecce. If I've read your

1	name, please get in line. Welcome.
2	MS. MACCARTHY: Good afternoon.
3 .	Roberta MacCarthy. A resident of
4	Charlestown, but also on the board of
5	directors of the Gardens of Charlestown.
6	It's a community garden right off Sullivan
7	Square. I'm going to read a letter that
8	the board of directors has approved for
9	you. And we're principally, of course,
10	concerned about the environmental impact.
11	Gardens for Charlestown is a
12	volunteer community garden in Charlestown.
13	It has been in continuous operation for
14	37 years and formed by a committed group
15	of residents in 1976 for the purpose of
16	promoting community pride, gardening, and
17	to encourage the beatification of
18	Charlestown.
19	The garden is located at the
20	intersection of Main and Bunker Hill
21	Streets in Charlestown adjacent to
22	Sullivan Square. We are including two
23	you'll see in the letter, two photographs
24	of the before and after of the garden.

Now, what's important is that we're 1 about -- we're probably less than a half 2 of a mile from this site, the casino site. 3 We have two serious concerns about the 4 personal -- the potential environmental 5 impact of Wynn casino's project and the 6 associated negative health impact on our 7 community garden in its patrons. 8

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Our first concern is the increase of traffic that you've heard about today that will be using the local streets of Charlestown and the Sullivan Square area immediately adjacent to our garden. According to one expert opinion by a City of Boston consultant, there will be significant quarries of idling vehicles along the streets which border this garden which will increase and result in an increased amount of pollutants emanating into the air. And what's important is no mitigation measures have been presented to improve this condition. And I think that is a common thread you've been hearing this afternoon.

A second concern is a significant amount of contaminated soils that will be transported off the site during the construction of the Wynn project. If these soils are transported over local roads, they are potentially significant --will have a potentially significant negative impact from the release of noxious chemicals into the air and ultimately impact the soil of the community garden. 

Many of our gardeners use their garden plots to grow vegetables for their family's consumption. There is the potential for the Gardens for Charlestown to become unusable for such purposes due to the impact of the Wynn project.

The Gardens for Charlestown is used not only by participating gardeners but by local residents. It is an urban oasis, a park-like place that you can relax and enjoy the atmosphere of a healthy green space in the city. We urge you to take these concerns under consideration as you

1	review the appropriateness of situating
2	the Wynn casino in the vicinity of a
3	Charlestown neighborhood without having
4	received effective mitigation plans for
5	this environmental impact. Respectfully
6	submitted, Gardens for Charlestown.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
8	much. If you're speakers, come on up.
9	There's no reason to wait so far back.
10	MR. SULLIVAN: I'm speaking for
11	Ivey St. John.
12	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Okay.
13	MR. SULLIVAN: My name is Paul
14	Sullivan. I'm a member of the Charlestown
15	Waterfront Coalition.
16	The Charlestown Waterfront
17	Coalition is an advocacy group whose
18	mission is to enhance, protect, and ensure
19	public access to our waterfront which runs
20	from the Sullivan Everett borders to the
21	Cambridge line and includes the shores of
22	the Charles and Miller's Rivers, Boston
23	Harbor, and the Mystic River.
2.4	Over the last 20 years, we have

worked hard to protect our shorelines from inappropriate heights, densities, and uses. As the Charlestown navy yard build out has been substantially completed, we have turned our attention to repairing and restoring the lower Mystic River.

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Although one-third of the

Charlestown's shoreline is along the

Mystic, for the last century, we've had

limited access to due to industrial uses

and the MBTA yards. It was natural

therefore for CWC to join as a charter

member EPA's initiative to bring

attention, recognition, and repair to

Massachusetts' most industrialized river.

The Mystic River Watershed Steering
Committee has examined the Monsanto site
and proposed it as an excellent candidate
to be reclaimed and made part of the DCR
Mystic River Reservation. That steering
committee is well aware of the level of
contaminates on the site and in the
riverbed. The site itself has an
activities and use limitation filed making

1	it unfit for any recreational use. For
2	that reason, CWC is very concerned about
3	Wynn Everett's plans to remediate,
4	excavate, and build on the site, plus
5	dredge the riverbed for its marina and
6	oyster bed planting. Both activities will
7	release contaminates which will drift to
8	other parts of the riverbed and to
9	surrounding landscapes and communities.
10	We encourage the Commission to
11	study carefully the Wynn Everett final EIR
12	and to evaluate whether or not Wynn has
13	demonstrated full disclosure and a
14	willingness to follow careful,
15	disciplined, and closely monitored
16	procedures at the site and in the river.
17	The potential for contaminate drift is
18	significant and substantial.
19	CWC has a second concern. The
20	recently completed Rutherford Ave.
21	Sullivan Square redesign developed over
22	two years of community meetings and
23	approved by former Mayor Menino in March
24	of 2013 reduces the width of Rutherford

1	Ave. from eight to four lanes and creates
2	a 50- to 55-foot green space between
3 .	Charlestown residents and the rebuilt
4	roadway. It is designed to run from City
5	Square to the Mystic River and provides
6	our first opportunity in three centuries
7	to connect the Charles River and its shore
8	to the Mystic River.

The reconstruction of the central artery and its suppression into a tunnel brought us Paul Revere Park in Charlestown plus its adjacent North Point Park in Cambridge. And with the eventual consolidation of the MBTA yards, we will have an opportunity to create a new Sullivan Square Mystic River park linking Charlestown directly to the DCR Mystic River Reservation which begins at Somerville's Draw Seven Park and continues to Arlington's Alewife Brook.

The Wynn Everett casino project will devastate the Rutherford Ave.

Sullivan Square redesign with its traffic loads. Preliminary estimates of 20,000

1	additional vehicle trips through
2	Charlestown when mitigated by its as yet
3	unpublished infrastructure changes will
4	put the 50- to 55-foot green space at risk
5	and make pedestrian crossings at important
6	intersections virtually impossible. The
7	loads anticipated by Wynn's development
8	will create 300 to 700 foot cues,
9	according to the City of Boston's traffic
10	consultant.
11	Charlestown and the adjacent
12	communities are dense urban communities.
13	Fitting in the casino resort convention
14	center of the size Wynn proposes is an
15	unconscionable burden on local residents
16	and businesses. We urge the Commission to
17	carefully examine the basis for award to
18	Wynn Everett. Thank you.
19	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Ken
20	Stone, Annette Tecce, Peter
21	Giannikopoulos, Roger Thistle.
22	MS. TECCE: Annette Tecce. Good
23	afternoon. Thank you. Thank you very
24	much for the time this afternoon.

1	My name, like I said, is Annette
2	Tecce. I'm a resident of Charlestown,
3	have been since '79. I'm also a business
4	owner in Charlestown.

Presently, I'm speaking to you today as the president of the Friends of City Square Park. And the board and our members have put together their position.

We, the board of the Friends of
City Square Park, in Charlestown herewith
express our grave concern over the
potential for disruption to our entire
community by the increase in traffic
volume which could result from the
construction of the proposed Wynn resort
and casino complex in Everett.

For years, our work and research -From our years of work and research, the
Friends of City Square Park have
experienced the dire effects of a major
traffic corridor and what it can have on a
community as seen in our attached photos.
The photos will show City Square Park in
1970 and the devastation it caused, and

then it will show you what City Square is today after a period of time of work.

We feel very strongly that bringing the traffic -- Let me back up a moment, please. A tremendous amount of work has gone into it, and I'm showing that with those photographs. But we've gone into creating new bike lanes, safe pedestrian crosswalks, and reducing the impact of traffic in our neighborhood. It is dismaying to learn that peak hour traffic approaching and departing the Wynn Resort in Everett may add as many, at the very least, 1,000 vehicles in an hour to surface roadways in Charlestown bringing the level of service to F. This would be an unacceptable hardship to our community.

It has been estimated by Wynn resort representatives that the majority of all traffic trying to get to their casino will come through Sullivan Square.

Their estimates of approximately 1,000 cars per hour only takes into consideration the casino traffic. It must

1	be understood that it will be considerably
2	more. Cars and buses are not only
3	entering Sullivan Square to go to the
4	casino, many presently go into Sullivan
5	Square to head north and use the many
6	services in Somerville as well as the T
7	stop. We feel very strongly that bringing
8	the traffic to a level F will make the
9	Wynn resort a failed project. Charlestown
10	would be left with a desolate
11	transportation corridor as it once had in
12	City Square by causing damage to the
13	proposed redevelopment project of Sullivan
14	Square at the northern gateway to
15	Charlestown.
16	In the present timeline, if
17	approved, the Wynn resort will come online
18	before the Rutherford Avenue Sullivan
19	Square areas will even begin construction.
20	This will leave all traffic for a number
21	of years working its way through the
22	present day rotary, and then again
23	traversing the several-year construction
24	in Sullivan Square, not only traffic issue

1	but leaving the pedestrians going and
2	coming to work or to use services being
3	put in a highly dangerous environment. We
4	feel that it is irresponsible to allow
5	construction of the Wynn resort in Everett
6	to proceed without guarantees, assurances,
7	and proof that its impact will be minimal
8	on the community of Charlestown, the
9	neighborhood of Boston closest to the Wynn
10	site. Thank you.
11	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
12	MR. STONE: My name is Ken Stone.
13	I'm also with the I'm vice president of
14	Friends of City Square Park. And my
15	additional comments are as follows: The
16	casino in some locations may be okay, but
17	I believe the Everett location is not one
18	of those locations. The proposed casino
19	in Everett on the boarder of Boston's
20	neighborhood of Charlestown is a dense
21	area of commercial and residential use.
22	The area now sees a heavy traffic use and
23	cannot withstand a project of this size.

The traffic lanes even in the

1	Everett area proposed for the casino
2	cannot even today handle the current
3 .	traffic much of the day. Increased
4	traffic caused by a casino complex will
5	probably not be beneficial to existing
6	businesses and will make life difficult
7	for nearly nearby residential buildings
8	and the residential complexes that are now
9	under construction.

In Charlestown, when the Sullivan

Square area even now suffers from the same incurable traffic problems as does

Everett, with three nearby interstate on and off ramps, two roadways from

Somerville enter the area, two roadways from Charlestown entering the square, and then there's the traffic that wants to go down Rutherford Avenue to Boston, or traffic that wants to go to Somerville and Everett. With all this, let us not forget the pedestrians that are trying to access or exit the existing MBTA train and bus depot in Sullivan Square.

Today there are three areas of

1	Charlestown. There is Charlestown proper,
2	the area called the lost village on the
3	Somerville line that is separated from
4	Charlestown by blighted commercial lots,
5	parking lots, and traffic lanes. There is
6	also a separate area of Charlestown on the
7	southwest side of Rutherford Avenue
8	highway that runs all the way from
9	Sullivan Square to City Square. The City
10	of Boston has been working for months to
11	come up with a redevelopment plan for the
12	Sullivan Square area with the goal of
13	knitting Charlestown back together with
14	reduced roadways, new bike paths,
15	pedestrian crossings, and new buildings.
16	Evidence of this can happen is what has
17	happened in City Square since the 1980s.
18	Certainly it would be good for
19	Everett to see development in this
20	proposed in Certainly it would be good
21	for Everett to see development of the
22	proposed casino site, but it needs to be a
23	different proposal. The casino proposed
24	in Everett with all the traffic impacts is

1	a very bad idea. Most of a lot of
2	Everett and Malden will not be affected by
3	the casino as Charlestown will. Thank
4	you.
5	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
6	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Thank you.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: If I've read your
8	name, please come up. Peter
9	Giannikopoulos, Louis Zawodny, Michael
10	McLaughlin, and Jennifer Boyd Herlihy.
11	MR. THISTLE: I think you said
12	Roger Thistle.
13	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Yes, I did.
14	MR. THISTLE: Okay. Roger Thistle.
15	I'm an Everett resident, and I'm here
16	today to speak in support of Wynn report
17	largely based on its business model of
18	being a five-star resort destination, not
19	just a casino, attractive to a high level
20	of clientele to the hotel and casino, but
21	also attractive to a high volume of guests
22	to its renowned restaurants and shopping
23	in order to generate the revenue to be
24	able to continue to pay the host agreement

1	and the surrounding community and to keep
2	the approximately 4,000 jobs employed.
3	That's what I had prepared. And
4	after listening to some of the
5	environmental concerns of the Charlestown
6	residents and also playing on the ball
7	field that was referenced earlier, I can
8	understand their concerns. But if I was a
9	Charlestown resident, I would also be
LO	concerned about the field that's still
11	leeching dangerous chemicals into that
12	river. I would welcome any private
13	company willing to commit to clean up that
L4	site that would hopefully have a residual
15	effect on the other companies that are
16	down there directly across from the ball
L7	field that was referenced, which are a
18	power plant and a scrap yard.
19	I would think that fire-star resort
20	hotel would attract that type of business
21	and hopefully make those other businesses
22	obsolete. Thank you.
23	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

MS. HERLIHY: Hello. My name is

1	Jenn Herlihy. I'm a Charlestown resident,
2	parent, BPS parent, and BPS ambassador.
3	And I'm here to discuss the negative
4	impact that I believe the Wynn casino will
5	have on our entire community if you
6	approve this proposal.
7	I'm also the liaison for
8	Charlestown for BPS. It's an unpaid
9	voluntary position, so if you know anyone
LO	else that wants it, it's theirs.
L1	But what we have been able to do in
L2	the City of Charlestown, especially the
13	community of Charlestown in building our
L4	schools and our families And I see
15	representatives here from the mothers
16	association here to too we have made an
L7	amazing community. And it is not a cut
18	through, okay, and we can't be bought.
19	What we want is a vote, and we deserve it.
20	Okay.
21	So let me also say I'm not against
22	gambling. Do I think it's smart? No.
23	Have I done it? Yeah. But the idea is

you've got to put it in an area that makes

sense. Okay. As Voltaire says, "Common sense is anything but common." But this, of course it's a great idea for Everett. They get all the financial benefit and don't have to host at least 70 percent of the traffic. Okay. And with our new approval of the surface option, this would put us back, our entire community, back to what we've strived so hard to do without having a chance to be heard on it. not saying there isn't a proposal that could be done that would be fair to our community or we feel mitigate it, but the way it stands now, we haven't even had a seat at the table. 

And I was here at your meeting on the other side when they came in with the maps for the first time and said, oh, it's just parcel A, not B. I find it a little strange that a land owner can own two parcels and sort of carve us out so that we don't have a vote. I have a problem.

But I'm at least glad and I appreciate and thank you that you are going to allow, as

L	I understand it, some discussion, some
2	investigation into whether or not
3	Charlestown could be and should be under
4	the statute a host community.

Three things I would ask is when we look, what other proposals were there, how did they change it, what areas did they move so that suddenly Boston is no longer in there. Isn't there an incidental benefit -- Number two, isn't there an incidental benefit to the property owner who would own both and includes Boston.

And three, when I look through the deeds -- and I'm not a real estate attorney, but I have trouble with the change in amendment to the New England Power Company June of 2012 for a dollar, and the taking due to tax issues. These are things that we never even had a chance to be heard on.

I was present at the meeting, and the public of Charlestown at that point was not given a chance. I would ask again for that. I'm not sure what the forum

would be with Mayor Walsh, but I would ask
for that, that we would be able to be
heard.

With respect to other, I can't speak to other cities such as Somerville. It sounds like the mayor has made his point. I can't speak to Malden. All I can say is with respect to Charlestown, we heard from our city councilor Sal LaMattina, who I greatly respect, who has indicated that he has not been getting the participation from the Wynn Group that he had respected — that he would have expected and would show respect. And I do have an issue with the way that this has put one community against another.

I used to go to Everett. I've gone rock climbing. I've gone to McDonald's, I'm embarrassed to say. I've gone to the Home Depot. I don't go there anymore. Ever since I found out what has happened and the position they have put in us, I haven't spent a dollar there. It's my own little personal boycott, okay. Do I think

1	maybe a \$20 toll on the Alford Street
2	bridge in each direction if were not
3	necessary to this plan, maybe that money
4	could feed into the Sullivan Square rehab

I just don't understand how anyone can say that we can put this casino on the tip of the land that everyone will go through from Boston, or at least certainly by their own projections 70 percent, and that we won't get a chance to be heard on it, to vote it. It just doesn't sound like what the framers of this statute could have possibly expected, and I think it's only right and fair.

And when I looked on the website at the Commission's mission, it states that 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 governor in November 2011.

I just don't understand how giving the community a chance to be heard when

1	they are the host of all the traffic.
2	It's going to be a lot of the crime. And
3	we are the closest community of negative
4	impact. I just feel a vote is necessary.
5	I would certainly ask for public
6	participation in that process. I think
7	that's the at least we can have. And I'll
8	quit while I'm ahead. Thank you.
9	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Also
10	Karen Grossman, Robert Young, Jim Massone,
11	Jay Campbell.
12	MS. ZAWODNY: I'll be very brief.
13	I'm a resident of Everett. Mr. Chairman,
14	and Commissioners, first of all, I'd like
15	to thank each of you
16	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: What is your
17	name?
18	MS. ZAWODNY: My name is Louis
19	Zawodny. First of all, I'd like to thank
20	each of you for holding today's hearing
21	and for undertaking this massive, arduous,
22	and very complicated adventure on behalf
23	of the Commonwealth.
24	I don't know if anyone knows this,

1	but this gaming bill has been travelling
2	for about 30 years in the Commonwealth. I
3	remember 30 years ago the first dialogue
4	that took place, so finally we are here
5	before a gaming commission and on our way
6	to awarding a license.

I'd just like to say in keeping with the intent, design, and spirit of this legislation, the gaming legislation, and the eventual awarding of a license in region A, I'd respectfully request that your deliberations take into consideration which project will be best, not only for region one, but most importantly for the Commonwealth as a whole. This has been a long time coming. Let us get this right.

In my opinion, it's the Wynn

Resorts project that will not only will be beneficial to region A, but more importantly, to our Commonwealth well into the future. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, too.

Also, Karen Grossman, Robert Young, Jim

1	Massone, Jay Campbell, Sandy Juliano,
2	Isabelle Martin Allen.
3	Yes, sir.
4	MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Commissioners,
5	thank you for having this meeting this
6	evening. I'm Michael McLaughlin, lifelong
7	resident of the City of Everett. But in
8	1984, my family moved from South Boston to
9	come to Everett for a better opportunity
LO	for us as children.
11	This project would be able to
12	enhance that opportunity for generations
13	to come. I'll save my comments for why
L4	this is the right project when this
L5	Commission comes to Everett, but I'd like
L6	to just discuss a couple of comments
L7	regarding some of the previous speakers.
L8	Mayor Curtatone talks about us not
L9	being a great neighbor to the City of
20	Somerville, yet he should look in the
21	mirror really and think about what they
22	have done to the City of Everett by
23	bringing the Assembly Square Row, never

coming to discuss with us.

I've represented that area for the past two years on the common council in the City of the Everett. Never once has he -- never once has he come to myself or any elected official that I'm aware of and discussed the opportunities that they were planning on doing in Somerville. So he should really look in the mirror before he starts talking about how to be a great neighbor to another community abuts him.

Councilor LaMattina I no longer see in the audience. I believe he has left.

He discusses how Wynn Resorts hasn't been a good neighbor and hasn't been able to open that dialogue between themselves and Councilor LaMattina. It's a two-way street. You have to be able to want to have that dialog for you to want to say you want it. He has yet, as far as I know, wanted to reach out his hand and welcome this development; yet a few years back, he had no issue shoving his sludge plant down the throat of the residents of Everett on lower Broadway. I don't

1	remember him being at the table when that
2	discussion was going on and having
3	concerns.
4	I go to Charlestown quite often.

I go to Charlestown quite often.

I'm in the Grasshopper having breakfast or

I'm at the Zume's on Main Street having a

coffee. I talk to residents all day long

regarding this project, both in our

community and out of our community. I

know there's some organized groups that

are in Charlestown there are against it,

but if you speak to the average resident

of Charlestown or the abutting community,

I don't think that they're against the

casino project. They have concerns,

legitimate concerns, absolutely.

Is Sullivan Square traffic jammed currently? It is. It's going to be in the future. But this project is not going to make it dramatically worse than it is today. It's impossible. It's bad, it's quite bad.

Again, I'll save my comments for why Everett and the Wynn project is the

1	right opportunity for not only Everett and
2	those surrounding areas but the
3	Commonwealth when this Commission comes to
4	the City of Everett hopefully next month,
5	but I'd like you guys to think about what
6	I said regarding the mayor and councilor
7	from the surrounding communities. They
8	want to defend their community, that's
9	great, but try to become a better neighbor
10	to us and stop thinking about what's best
11	for you and think about what's best for
12	the region. That's what I did as a city
13	councilor. Thank you for your time.
14	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Come right up.
15	Don't be bashful.
16	MR. MASSONE: Good afternoon.
17	Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the
18	Commission. My name is Jim Massone. I am
19	the owner and operator of Malden Auto Body
20	of Everett.
21	Although I do not reside in
22	Everett, I was born in Everett along with
23	my brothers, sisters, and parents. In
24	fact my father grew up on Mystic Street

1 I consider Everett my second home.

2	I am speaking today as a proponent
3	to the Wynn resort project. My shop is
4	located on Route 99 in very close
5	proximity to the proposed Wynn casino. My
6	father founded the business in 1947.
7	Originally, we were located in Malden. In
8	1961, my father relocated to our present
9	location which has proved to be very
10	lucrative. One reason being our closeness
11	to Boston and the surrounding communities
12	where many of my customers are from such
13	as Somerville, Charlestown, and North End.
14	The location of my shop provides
15	easy access to and from Boston.
16	Unfortunately, at peak times, peak drive
17	times, we see some delays due to the
18	number of vehicles using Route 99. My
19	point is the improvements to the
20	infrastructure that the project proposes
21	will, in my opinion, ease traffic
22	situations that develop at certain times
23	of the day.

24 Charlestown in particular has been

1	affected recently. Up until about a month
2	ago, traffic coming out of Sullivan Square
3 .	was horrendous. I strongly believe one
4	factor was the closing of the north side
5	tunnel on Route 99 due to the Alford
6	Street bridge repairs. Since then, they
7	have allowed traffic to use the northbound
8	tunnel which has alleviated a lot of the
9	problem.

I believe that with some help from the Wynn project and its engineers, Boston could redevelop that underpass and overpass that existed years ago when Sullivan Square was not affected as badly by traffic passing through. In my opinion, casino or no casino, the new design plan for Sullivan Circle is going to affect Charlestown's traffic situation in a negative way.

I can certainly understand the surrounding cities' concern with traffic.

I would just ask that they consider the benefits of the casino project for the area as a whole. More jobs will be

created both by building the facility and the operation of the hotel itself, more tax revenues to the state and much needed infrastructure repairs for the cities.

In my opinion, Mr. Wynn is a very successful and conscientious businessman, so I am certain that no stone will be left unturned and all these issues will be concerned.

I look forward to a day when the brown field has been cleaned up and not just a casino is built, but a beautiful five-star hotel with a promenade and a connection to the waterways and walkways of the surrounding communities. I believe that the people in the Greater Boston area and the Commonwealth will see that this site is a perfect candidate for the Wynn project.

I've got one more page here.

It's Everett's turn to shine.

Everett had been treated as a workhorse for various industries that service the Greater Boston area for years. We have Al

1	engineer tankers deliver fuel for all over
2	New England. The area of Route 99 allows
3	truckers from all over the country to go
4	and come as they please with produce to
5	Chelsea. We have tank farms used to pick
6	up and deliver fuel in large tank trucks.
7	We have large scrap metal yards that
8	accepts truckloads of recycled metals
9	daily that are reprocessed and shipped all
10	over the world.
11	We all know the history of the

We all know the history of the

Monsanto chemical site. We just recently
had a Boston sewer and water treatment
plant placed on our doorstep without much
say from the people of the Everett. Large
companies like Edison Power Plant, GE,
Charleston Shoe Market, Forge, Jafcon have
all been in Everett.

All of this has happened here, and yet no complaints from the City of Everett. Sounds to me like a city that likes to see progress.

We need this project to happen in Everett. Somerville has Assembly Row,

1	Medford has Station Landing, Boston has
2	its waterfront, Faneuil, North End and
3	South End.
4	I can almost assure you that this
5	site will never be cleaned up by any other
6	developer. It's just not financially
7	feasible. The site will welcome nothing
8	but a waterfront parking lot.
9	I am proud to be part of Everett.
10	I close by urging a favorable vote from
11	this Commission so that the banks of the
12	Mystic River can begin to beautify
13	starting with the Wynn resort project and
14	traveling east towards Mystic bridge,
15	giving the folks in Charlestown a much
16	deserved, attractive shoreline to look at
17	every day. Thank you.
18	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Jay
19	Campbell, Sandy Juliano, Isabelle Martin
20	Allen, Francis Parker, any of these names,
21	if you're here, please come forward.
22	Robert Rowley and Weezy Waldstein.
23	Welcome.
24	MS. JULIANO: Thank you, Chairman

Crosby and members of the Mass. Gaming
Commission for the opportunity to speak
today. My name is Sandy Juliano, and I am
one of the founders of Everett United.

As you may know, Everett United is unprecedented coalition of local residents, business owners, and civic leaders who are united in their support of this proposal. They come from all types of backgrounds, political affiliations, and is points of view, but they are united in their support of this project because of the incredible benefits and economic boost that will result for Everett residents today and for generations to come.

My late husband and I were born and raised in Everett, as were my children.

In fact, my family has been in Everett for well over 80 years. My family and I love this community and are dedicated to maintaining its unique character and ensuring its economic development.

I presently serve as president of

JRS Properties in Broadway in Everett and recently served as the president of the Everett Kiwanis Club, which is comprised, again, of many community leaders including Mayor DeMaria and Superintendent Foresteire.

Our city has a proud history of an industrial center and as a gateway community for immigrants that continues to this day. However, the challenge for Everett, like many other industrial cities, is maintaining its economic growth. Currently, the unemployment rate is 6.7 percent and 1,434 people are out of work.

Wynn resort's proposal for a luxury resort would help close this employment gap by providing 4,000 direct long-term jobs, 2,000 more long-term induced jobs which are jobs created in other businesses in the area because of the Wynn, and 4,000 union labor construction jobs. Moreover this resort would help close the gap for many surrounding communities as Wynn would

be one of the top five private employers
in Boston.

More importantly, Wynn resort is a cut above the rest. For example, last year, Wynn Las Vegas received first place in the Las Vegas review journal's top local survey, and they continue to be a top rated employee.

As Steve Wynn has expressed to the residents of Everett, this recognition is one of the achievements of which he is most proud. Moreover, Wynn Resorts holds for Forbes five star awards than any other independent hotel company in the world.

I was fortunate to participate in the so-called back-of-the-house tour of Wynn Resorts in Las Vegas and witness firsthand how well employees are treated and how well the facilities are operated.

For instance, not only do employees have their own dining room where they have an array of healthy food options and other amenities, but they are compensated well and there are many opportunities for

growth. For employees of the Wynn, these
are not just jobs but careers.

As evidence of this, thousands of team members at Wynn are long-time employees who have been with the company for many years, far longer than the industry average. It's also customary to see many members of the same family working at the Wynn, some spanning three generations.

Wynn Resorts sees its employees as its greatest asset, and employees both off and on this tour confirmed that by expressing how proud they were to work for this company. This is the type of company that you want your children to work for and the type of company you want in your community.

In closing, I would just like to add today we have heard many arguments by surrounding communities on how their neighbors and improvement projects would be negatively affected. This is Everett's opportunity to make our quality of life

Т	and our change and to change our image as
2	others have done for theirs. It's the
3	time to ask why not us. It is for these
4	reasons that I strongly urge you to
5	support this proposal. Thank you for your
6	consideration.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
8	MR. PARKER: Good evening,
9	Commissioner. My name's Frank Parker. I
10	am a lifelong resident of Everett and have
11	been serving on the school committee since
12	2002 and am currently the vice chairman.
13	So I'd like to preface my remarks
14	regarding Wynn and the impact on the
15	Everett Public Schools as I see things.
16	But first, let me give you a
17	profile on the Everett Public Schools.
18	7,000 students, 70 percent live at or
19	below poverty level, and that's defined by
20	who receives reduced or free lunch.
21	70 percent of those students do not speak
22	English at all. In fact, there's 50
23	different dialects being spoken in through
24	the Everett Public Schools today.

L	Now, you would think with
2	demographics like that because we're
3	pretty close to places like Brockton or
4	even Lawrence that we'd have some
5	challenges, which we do, but I can assure
5	you, we've got a vibrant school system.

Ninety-eight percent of our high school students pass MCAS. We've got one of the highest graduation rates in the surrounding communities. We've got sports programs. Of course you heard of our football team, right?

COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Right.

MR. PARKER: Okay. Let me tell you, this year alone, we have a rowing team in Everett. We now have lacrosse, we have a culinary arts program that will compliment a five-star hotel when it comes to Everett. We have music that starts in the fifth grade. We have a walk band, a jazz band, we have got cappella, show choir. We've science teams. In fact, we've got a robotics team that's been competing in the first robotics

competition this weekend. The first
robotics includes 350,000 kids from across
the globe that participate in this event.

We've got some great stuff going on, really good stuff. But we've got our challenges still, and one of those challenges seems to be MCAS. We can never progress year after year and gain that, you know, average yearly progress year after year. And trying to get a child from -- into the proficient category seems to be a challenge.

So we've done some analysis over the years, and we've discovered two things. The first thing being is the sooner we get them to the school systems, the better they perform. So what have we done, we have a pre-K and preschool program for the 3 year-olds and 4 year-olds. It's free. We now have free all-day kindergarten.

In fact, I'll point out in the past two weeks, Senator Warren and Treasurer Wilson have been at the schools looking at

these programs. So now we're getting them
in early, right. We're getting them out
of their household where they don't speak
English at home. We're helping them to
improve, and we're seeing some gains
because of that.

Now, the other challenge we have, and I'll try to make this really quick, is that while we're getting them earlier, we can't keep them in school or our school system for a long period of time because we've got a 30 percent travel rate. I told you 7,000 kids. Out of those 7,000 kids that start school in September, 2,000 will leave and be replaced by somebody else by the end by the year. And it's affecting us. It's affecting the academic improvement that we're trying to chase here.

So in closing, what I believe is that Wynn will bring a renaissance for better. We're talking about 4,000 new jobs, 4,000 better paying jobs, and when you've got 70 percent at or below poverty

1	level, if their parents can make 5,000,
2	6,000 more a year, it's life changing.
3	So therefore, that'll help address,
4	I believe, the turnover rate because
5	families will stay in Everett. They'll
6	stay because of the jobs. They'll stay
7	because of the infrastructure. They'll
8	stay because of the because it's
9	affordable. Because as these affluent
10	communities such as Charlestown and
11	Somerville raise their rents, they all
12	come to Everett because it's cheaper and
13	we provide more and more services because
14	of that.
15	So I believe if Wynn comes to
16	Everett, you'll see stability as a
17	community, you'll see more families
18	staying there for long periods of time.
19	And you're not going to just hear about us
20	in football, you're going to hear about us
21	in the academic world, too. Thank you.
22	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
23	MS. WALDSTEIN: Hello. Thank you.
24	My name is Weezy Waldstein. I want to say

that I think that was a lead in to what
I'm going to say.

I'm here from One Everett. We're part of a regional coalition convened by action for regional equity. And I'm here today to talk about the quality of the permanent jobs, not just in Everett, but no matter where a casino goes, that we need to care about the quality of the jobs.

We hope that as many jobs as possible, if a 100 percent can be good unionized jobs, that would be great. But we care about the quality even if they don't have a union. And what we know is that in the absence of a union, the jobs don't tend to be good in retail, in fast food.

A third of the jobs in this state don't pay a living wage. Forty percent of retail fast food don't pay a living wage. These aren't going to be highly paid jobs if we don't put some standards in place as we go through this process. We won't

1 achieve what we just heard we needed.

And it's not just the wages. We're seeing employers take one full-time job and turn them into two part-times so they don't have to pay benefits. We're seeing a tremendous shift to unstable, unpredictable shifts where you get told week to week what your shift is or even day to day. You can't set up your child care, you can't go to school, you can't get a second part-time job without a stable shift.

You can't -- There's a public
hidden tax cost to this as well. This
Commonwealth pays \$760 million a year in
public health benefits for employees of
large companies that don't pay -- that
don't provide health benefits and don't
pay people enough for people to afford
their own health benefits. More than half
of fast food workers get public benefits.

We think that you need to have a good job at a minimum standard. Family and community living wage, including for

1	workers who get tips, you need benefits.
2	We'd like to see 75 percent of the jobs
3	full time. We know at the airport, the
4	contracted jobs, some of them are
5	88 percent full time. We'd like to see
6	stable, predictable shifts. We'd like
7	contracted workers having the right to
8	retain their job for 90 days if a
9	contractor shift, which is done all over
10	the country and in many places around
11	here. We do want to see a union without
12	if workers want one without any
13	retaliation. We want to see fair access
14	to the jobs, including the number of
15	people in this region who don't speak
16	English as a first language, which is
17	extraordinary, that before the hiring
18	starts, that there are programs in place
19	for English classes and what's needed so
20	the people then have that opportunity.
21	We think from a public policy
22	perspective that the Gaming Commission,
23	that this law says we want good jobs.
24	We're asking the Gaming Commission to ask

1	the applicants what their commitment is
2	going to be to job standards as a minimum
3	to everybody and what they'll put in
4	writing with their tenants and contractors
5	on the property as a standard. And we ask
6	you to judge the applicants based on what
7	they tell you about the quality of all the
8	jobs, because that's what we need to get
9	the benefits that everybody's talking
10	about here, whatever site it is.
11	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Thank you.
12	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
13	Robert Rowley, Rene Belmonte. Norma
14	Parziale, Paul Bergman. If you heard your
15	name, please get in line.
16	Yes, sir.
17	MR. ROWLEY: Hello. I'm Robert
18	Rowley, and I'm a resident of Malden. And
19	I'd like to thank the Commission for
20	listening to all of us.
21	My home is only a few blocks from
22	the Malden River, which if you follow it
23	down, comes out to the site of the Wynn
24	Resort, the proposed Wynn Resort. And I'd

1	like to compare I'm going to be brief,
2	but I'm like to compare the Wynn Resort
3	with the proposed Mohegan Sun site.
4	And the Wynn Resort is going to be
5	a fire-star hotel, and it's going to be
6	Wynn's crowning achievement in the
7	Northeast. You know, he's got hotels and
8	gaming establishments all over the world.
9	And his track record is phenomenal.
10	Then there is the Mohegan Sun one
11	proposed casino, and it's only going to be
12	a two- or three-star hotel, I believe.
13	And they already have the Mohegan Sun down
14	in Connecticut, which as it stands now,
15	would be a better option for some of the
16	big spenders that may want to stay at the
17	better hotels that may be down there in
18	Connecticut. And that would not be too
19	good for all of us Massachusetts
20	taxpayers, I wouldn't think. So that's
21	one point.

The other point is the Everett site is on the waterfront and it is a beautiful proposed site and with the boats, and it's

going to be gorgeous if it's allowed to be built. The Revere site is not on the waterfront at all.

Another point is the residents of
Revere and Chelsea voted no to a casino.
Then the Revere people put together a
proposal, and they only got 60 percent of
an approval, where the Everett Wynn casino
got, you know, close to 90 percent,
87 percent approval for the casino. So
the Everett people really want the casino,
and they would love to have it. So thank
you for looking at that.

There's a couple of other things
that I wanted to say. Last but not least,
if Revere is not chosen, then there will
be many other options on the table for the
Wonderland site. It's a great site. It's
not polluted or anything. But as of now,
the only way Everett site will be used or
can be used because of the toxic Monsanto
plant that was is if the Steve Wynn comes
and wins this proposal, and the spot that
is completely contaminated is turned into

1 a fabulous five-star resort.

2	And I would like to add one thing I
3	heard. I do think it would be great for
4	the Charlestown residents also that are up
5	against this brown, this contaminated
6	spot, that they may not like it right now,
7	but I think they would appreciate it
8	later, and their children and everybody
9	else that's anywhere in the area, if that
10	area is cleaned up, it will not be cleaned
11	by anybody but Steve Wynn. He's the only
12	one that has any proposal of doing that.
13	So in closing, I'd like to thank
14	you very much for listening to me. Thank
15	you.
16	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Rene
17	Belmonte, Norma Parziale, Paul Bergman,
18	Evelyn Chase, Charles DiPerri, any of
19	these names, come right up. Paul Dobbins,
20	Gene LePere, if any of you is out there,
21	please line up.
22	MR. BERGMAN: Thank you for the
23	opportunity, Commissioners. My name is

Paul Bergman, and I've been a resident of

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Charlestown for 13 years, and I plan to
live there forever, quite frankly. I love
the place.

I'm addressing the Commission today as a strong supporter for the Wynn project in Everett. To me, the introduction of a billion dollar plus project in a location of a former industrial site is obviously a tremendous upgrade in that location in Everett, and all the surrounding areas will certainly be impacted directly and indirectly from that in a very positive manner.

The Commission has heard continuing concerns from all walks of people regarding traffic, regarding construction noise, waterway dredging, et cetera. All of these issues are important, and all these issues can certainly be addressed to the satisfaction of reasonable people, I think, by this project at the appropriate time.

And this project's got deep pockets and that's what is needed to address these

1	problems, deep pockets and smart people.
2	And a first-class company in industry car
3	certainly do that. He's a public
4	corporation. I think we know his track
5	record.

Common sense tells me, okay, a guy as bright as Steve Wynn doesn't want people showing up at his casino upset because they had to wait two hours in traffic to get there. They may be upset when they leave the casino, but it's not when they get there.

In summary, the addition of a world class project -- excuse me a minute. I'm losing my voice. Excuse me. The addition of a world class project in this location will be a boom to Massachusetts, all the surrounding communities, the City of Boston, and the current reputation that Boston has a world class destination will certainly be enhanced by this project.

Remember how disruptive the Big Dig was. It wasn't that long ago. The biggest infrastructure project, I believe,

1	in the country, and how disruptive that
2	was to Boston, every place in Boston, as
3	it went through its construction phase.
4	Today, we've got expedited traffic,
5	relatively speaking. We've got beautiful

relatively speaking. We've got beautiful green ways and a huge betterment to the city, to Massachusetts, attracting world class -- it's a world class city, and this project certainly will continue in that sense. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Good afternoon.

MR. DIPERRI: Good evening. It's like walking on the red carpet back there. My name is Charles DePerri. I'm a senior citizen from Everett. And I don't know anything about traffic, but I say leave that up to the experts, and Wynn has a lot of experts. And like the gentleman before said, he does have deep pockets.

All I can remember is when I was a teenager in Everett, my mother used to hang out her clothes, and when she pulled them in the next morning, they were all

1	full of black soot and stuff like that.
2	Also every night we'd play outside, and
3	our eyes would be burning and that was
4	from the Monsanto chemical company. We
5	also swam in the little creek right next
6	to the Gateway Mall, and the colors of the
7	water weren't blue, they were yellow,
8	green, slimly, but we still dove into that
9	water. As a matter of fact, we used to
10	build our forts there when we were kids.
11	And if everyone remembers from
12	Everett across from Best Buy used to be
13	called sandy beach. After sandy beach, it
14	was the Everett dump. I used to play
15	baseball in Sacramone Park with those
16	lovely smells, but I did hit a home run.
17	I hit the wall on Teddie peanut butter.
18	Another thing What I was going
19	to say. Sweetser Circle, there's all
20	those big white oil tanks which I hear are
21	empty. But in the future, as a senior
22	citizen of Everett I live right at

Sweetser Circle -- I want to look out my

window and I want to see a five-star

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1	notel, not a three-star notel, a five-star
2	hotel.
3	And I believe that Charlestown has
4	a lot of reason to worry about traffic,
5	but I really think that will be resolved.
6	Thank you very much. Are you guys bored
7	yet?
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: No, sir. Having
9	a great time. This is important. Thank
10	you. Paul Dobbins, Gene LePere, Gregory
11	Fasoulas, Luis Toribio, Mary Boever.
12	MR. DOBBINS: Good afternoon. Name
13	is Paul Dobbins. I'm a lifelong resident
14	of Everett. I'm in support of this
15	project. Let me just cut through the
16	noise today. People have said this,
17	people have said that. I think what it
18	comes down to is the product and the
19	brand, Steve Wynn. You know, you go back
20	40 years from the Golden Nugget to the
21	Bellagio, the Mirage completely
22	transformed everything. And I'm going to
23	keep it very brief.
24	And I've been This mission

1	statement has been catching my eye all
2	day. Mass. Gaming, "Introducing the
3 .	Commonwealth to the successful and ethical
4	development of expanded gaming." That can
5	only happen with the number one developer
6	in the business and that's Steve Wynn.
7	You have site that I mean, I
8	think they've been, from Mayor DeMaria and
9	the host agreement, the Wynn people have
10	been phenomenal. And you have a site down
11	there that should have been designated a
12	Superfund site, and it was not. So the
13	only way this can be cleaned up is through
14	Steve Wynn, and hopefully we will see Wynn
15	Everett open in a couple of years. Thank
16	you.
17	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Come
18	right up.
19	MR. LEPERE: Good afternoon. My
20	name is Gene LePere. I'm an Everett
21	resident.
22	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: I'm sorry, say
23	your name again.
24	MR. LEPERE: Gene, last name

1	LePere.
2	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Yep.
3	MR. LEPERE: Okay. I'm here.
4	First of all, I would like to thank you
5	for the opportunity to address this
6	Commission.
7	In examination of the Federal
8	Indian Gaming Authority, we recognize in
9	the case of Mashpee that the 1987 Indian
10	gaming legislation is now overturned, once
11	more making it a viable candidate for a
12	casino.
13	In the case of Gay Head, we have a
14	blatant disregard for state law and the
15	Wampanoag Tribe state. Regardless of
16	state mandate and contractual agreement,
17	they will proceed with the construction of
18	a casino being authorized in compliance
19	with the Federal Indian Gaming Authority.
20	In the Gay Head case, there exists
21	a review by the Massachusetts judicial
22	court premised on 400 acres of land in

previous contractual agreement with the

State of Massachusetts and the town.

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1	Unfortunately, at present the Federal
2	Indian Gaming Authority is weighing in
3	saying the tribe has
4	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Excuse me, sir.
5	Are you going to be talking about
6	MR. LEPERE: I'm going to right to
7	it.
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Okay.
9	MR. LEPERE: I'm going to it
10	because it all premises off of this.
11	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: All right.
12	MR. LEPERE: Okay. Unfortunately,
13	at present, the Indian Gaming Authority is
14	weighing in saying the tribe has the
15	authority to proceed.
16	Of course, a Wynn casino is the
17	best option for the Greater Boston
18	license. Assuming Wynn is approved, the
19	question becomes will Wynn be undermined
20	by Federal Indian Gaming Legislation and
21	the application of Indian sovereignty.
22	Accordingly, I would like to
23	present the following excerpt from Mohegan
24	tribal constitution as it states. "Tribal

1	jurisdiction of the Mohegan Tribe shall
2	extend to all lands presently assigned or
3	leased land by the tribe, all trust land
4	of the tribe, all lands hereinafter
5	acquired by the tribe and for all lands
6	the tribe as regulatory authority."

The specific meaning being that

Mohegan, like all federally recognized

tribes, is an independent government

agency and as such has certain rights and

privileges that are protected by the

Constitution of the United States of

America.

Regulatory authority makes a clear distinction that the tribe in of itself is a self-imposed authority. Therein, it is reasonable that Mohegan, in having passed a referendum vote for a casino in Revere, could ultimately nullify all contractual agreements with the City of Revere and surrounding communities on the basis of Indian tribe sovereignty.

Within the confines of Indian gaming legislation passed in 1987, the

1	Supreme Court stated under federal law
2	gambling can be conducted on Indian land.
3 .	Federal law defines Indian land as land
4	that is either part of a federal
5	recognized Indian reservation or of a
6	reservation trust for an Indian tribe by
7	the federal government under the
8	jurisdiction of an Indian gaming body.
9	As the legislation points out, it
10	is not necessary for the land to be
11	actually part of a reservation for
12	gambling to be conducted on it. In
13	theory, an Indian tribe could buy land
14	anywhere in the state and operate a casino
15	on it by having the declaration Indian
16	trust land by an act of Congress or court
17	decision or settlement through an
18	application through the United States
19	Department of Commerce.
20	The extension of Indian sovereignty

The extension of Indian sovereignty as it applies to Mohegan Sun eliminates the utilization of state courts, and, in many cases, mandates that all legal suits or complaints be fought with Indian trial

1	lawyers and within Indian tribal courts.
2	This could be construed as a bias by
3	plaintiffs. More specifically, the one
4	constant term that was repeated by Mohegan
5	Sun is that there will be no waiver of
6	sovereign immunity.
7	This affirmation has been
8	repeatedly challenged in state courts and
9	has consistently been upheld for the
10	tribe. Thus becomes the interesting
11	aspects which demonstrates why Wynn is in
12	the best interest of the Commonwealth.
13	Foremost, we know that Mohegan
14	could adopt Indian sovereignty in Revere,
15	and in doing so could redefine its
16	contractual agreements; and, two, enter
17	into regular renegotiations with cities,
18	towns, and the Commonwealth.
19	Second, we know that in the
20	capacity it will not waiver from its
21	regulatory authority, thus distinguishing
22	and dividing state authority and Indian

24 Thirdly, we should also recognize

authority.

1	that Indian sovereighty and application
2	could redefine that which is taxable and
3	nontaxable. Mohegan, in claiming Indian
4	sovereignty, could delay, mitigate, and
5	terminate part or whole phases of a
6	construction as well as the size and scope
7	of the complex as it sees fit.
8	Suffolk currently at present has
9	presently indicated there has been a
10	reduction in the size and scope of the
11	project as it applies today.
12	The passage of Indian tribal
13	legislation was originally intended to
14	advance the well being and care of a
15	population that was impoverished; however,
16	when this legislation was adopted, it was
17	anticipated that Indian legislation would
18	create would not create and define
19	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, sir.
20	MR. LEPERE: the gaming industry
21	
22	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: You can leave us
23	the rest of your remarks if you'd like.
24	Thank you very much.

1	We're going to take a Well, we
2	have one more, and then we'll take a quick
3	break.
4	MS. BOEVER: I can wait.
5	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: You're right up
6	here. Let's go right ahead.
7	MS. BOEVER: Okay. Thank you. I'd
8	like to thank Mr. Chairman and the Mass.
9	Gaming Commission for the opportunity to
10	speak here tonight. I would also like to
11	thank Mayor Carlo DeMaria for bringing
12	Wynn proposal to our community to make it
13	a better city for us and a better
14	community for everyone.
15	I'd like to introduce myself as
16	Mary Boever, Robbins Street, Everett,
17	Mass. And I am lower Broadway. I live
18	there, and I've lived there for 27 years.
19	My mother-in-law, Louise, was born there.
20	They've owned their home for a hundred
21	years. We've lived through everything
22	that's gone through lower Broadway. My
23	mother-in-law has gone through Monsanto.
24	We believe that the Wynn proposal for a

L	site cleanup on the Monsanto is a
2	betterment for our community. We have
3	been waiting for a long time to be on the
4	Broadway be cleaned up and everything.

I would like to take the note that here tonight is just a small percentage of the 87.6 percent of Everett voters who voted here tonight -- I mean the other voting that votes yes. Many of them are working and could not attend.

I am a 57-year old still currently employed at a local financial institution in our community. And like I said, our family or my husband's family has been there from day one, the tanks, everything.

We see all the traffic that goes through there. It's not all our traffic. It comes from everywhere. We have traffic from the bridges closed or the tunnel was being repaired. We don't complain. We just accept it.

I find that it's going to be an improvement to the taxpayers for Wynn to pay for this, and it's going to save us

1	money. The proposed Wynn Everett has a
2	fantastic location off of 93, and it's
3 .	near the MBTA subways, trains, bus
4	services, not to mention the newly
5	developed water service off Mystic River
6	to Logan airport and many other points as
7	far as Hingham harbor, easing the burden
8	of our roadways.

Let's secure our future with progress moving forward with Wynn casino's success, a world class resort hotel and entertainment complex in Everett. I feel there is no other casino or business on the table in our region who can offer what Mr. Wynn has to offer.

I have -- he has investments, job
security, economic development, and new
tax revenue for our city and the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I feel
that a lot of people have worried about
the traffic situation and everything. I
trust Wynn to fix the problem in our lower
Broadway. And I'm done. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very

1	much. Okay. All right. It's six
2	o'clock. We will take a brief break and
3	we will try to come back in 10 minutes.
4	(Break taken.)
5	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Okay. We are
6	ready to reconvene at 6:15. If everybody
7	could take their seats. We are now
8	looking for Gregory Fasoulas, Luis
9	Toribio, Chuck Turner, Edwin Argueta,
10	Priscilla Flint. Any of those folks.
11	Sir. Welcome.
12	All right. If I can have your
13	attention again, please, folks, we're
14	going to start speakers again.
15	MR. FASOULAS: Mr. Chairman and the
16	board. I didn't come with a prepared
17	speech, but I'll give it a shot.
18	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Wait a second.
19	Excuse me one second. Excuse me, folks,
20	if you want to talk, sir, if you want to
21	talk, can you go outside. We want to keep
22	be quiet and courtesy to our speakers.
23	Thank you.
24	MR. FASOULAS: Okay. I've lived in

1	Everett all my life, and I just want to
2	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: What's your name,
3	sir?
4	MR. FASOULAS: Gregory Fasoulas. I
5	just want to bring up a couple common
6	sense things here. Number one, we're
7	talking about a gentleman that's coming in
8	here with probably about \$1.6 billion
9	operation as opposed to a 1.2 billion for
L 0	Revere.
L1	Number two, this gentleman and his
L2	four casinos last year showed a profit of
13	about 24 percent. Mohegan Sun, I think,
L4	almost went into the red. So that's
15	common sense.
L6	The guy's well educated. He does
L7	what he says. And the biggest point we've
L8	got going for us here in Everett is the
L9	State of Massachusetts is going to benefit
20	from his casino. Plus, they're going to
21	clean up one of the worst sites in the
22	whole state, and if that doesn't sway
23	anybody, nothing will. Thank you very

much.

1	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Luis
2	Toribio, Chuck Turner, Edwin Argueta,
3	Priscilla Flint, Henry Green, Samson Edea.
4	Wayne Carroll, Edward Lucas.
5	COMMISSIONER STEBBINS: I think
6	we've got one.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Yeah, I know.
8	Mr. Lucas. Go ahead.
9	If I've read your name, just get in
10	line, and we'll get right to you.
11	MR. LUCAS: Thank you, Mr.
12	Chairman. Thank you everybody for hearing
13	me. My name's Ed Lucas. I've live down
14	at 21 Thorndike Street in Everett for many
15	years, which I'm probably actually the
16	closest resident to the site that we're
17	talking about, whether it be the slots
18	plan, the Monsanto, whatever. And I'm in
19	support of a casino and actually the
20	common sense for the jobs, taxes, et
21	cetera, et cetera.
22	Now, we're talking about cleaning
23	up the land, you know, people are saying,
24	well, you know, it's a contaminated land

1 site, you know, or the harbor let it be.

To me, I think, you know, as a progressive

3 person, the common sense thing would be to

4 clean it up. And I don't know if anybody

5 else that would come in with that kind of

6 money and clean it. You know, so I think

7 that's a plus right there.

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And you hear a lot about traffic, right, and the cars and there's so many cars this way, but, you know, every meeting I've gone to, there's all proposals for new infrastructures and overpasses and water ferries and this and that I haven't heard come up. You know, and I've heard other speakers here tonight in a official capacity who are from other cities who spoke negatively about it, and I see them on TV going back to when this first Wynn -- when this first Wynn casino was proposed in the City of Everett, seeing other officials from surrounding towns stand on the news and turn around and say I won't do anything to help this project in any way, dah, dah,

1	dah, and speaking today with different
2	information when they seem to be
3	personally against it. But the traffic.
4	And plus, you know, let's face it,
5	I live there. And it's a very old
6	neighborhood that needs some
7	beautification, you know, and needs to be
8	modified. And so I just hope you would
9	take into consideration to put the Wynn
10	Resort in Everett for license. Thank you.
11	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
12	much.
13	MR. EDEA: Good morning. My name
14	is Samson Edea. I'm an employee of Wynn
15	Las Vegas and proud member of Unite Here,
16	Local 226.
17	When I first moved to Las Vegas as
18	an immigrant from Ethiopia, I found it
19	very difficult to work only one job to
20	provide for my family, including my mother
21	who needs my support.
22	So I was working two jobs at
23	non-union casino called San Remo, which is
24	now Hooters, and at Coffee Bean. That was

1 until I found a union job as a food runner 2 at Wynn in 2006.

Since I started working at Wynn, because of the good pay, I can provide for myself and my family with one job. This gives me extra time to give service at my local church and also as a volunteer organizer in my local union.

I became a first-time home buyer in 2009, and me and my family have one of the best health insurances in the country without any payment out of our pocket.

And I have a secured pension. The work conditions are very good, with a full hour break in a shift. The job security we have as a union employee is incredible.

As a shop steward, I work with management across different departments to resolve employee issues. Workers can bring their issues to the shop stewards and managers to correct mistakes and resolve problems without disrupting service.

This fair work environment means we

Τ	can always provide the best customer
2	service. Because the Wynn Corporation is
3	cooperative with our union, we are be
4	able to resolve the problems. This all
5	can happen because management at Wynn is
6	open for discussion with workers and are
7	always willing to work with our union.
8	As a shift worker, I rely on
9	customers for part time of my income.
10	Mr. Wynn develops the best, most beautiful
11	properties, and encourages one to visit a
12	Wynn casino. Working at a five-star
13	five-diamond Wynn casino means I make more
14	money. I want workers in Massachusetts to
15	have the same stable middle class casino
16	jobs that we have with Wynn in Las Vegas.
17	That's the forms of casinos, and from my
18	experience I know that Wynn Corporation
19	can deliver. Thank you.
20	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
21	MR. CARROLL: Good evening,
22	Commissioners.
23	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Good evening.
24	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Good evening.

L	MR. CARROLL: My name is Wayne
2	Carroll, and I'm also a Unite Here member
3 .	and I'm also a current Wynn employee.

As a bellman for Wynn Resorts, I can honestly say that Mr. Wynn puts his employees first. I was one of the fortunate workers to open the Wynn Resort in 2005, and I've been there ever since.

I also worked for Mr. Wynn previously at the Golden Nugget when his company owned the Golden Nugget also. So as you can see, these are not temporary jobs we're talking about. We're talking about a long, assertive careers. In fact, in 2005, I left a full-time position at a pharmaceutical software company just to go work for Mr. Wynn when he opened up the Wynn Resort.

Wynn Resorts worked well with Unite
Here, which is my union, to provide me
with a comfortable work environment that
includes a wage that is above industry
standards, a guaranteed 40-hour workweek,
employer paid benefits like free health

insurance, and also a pension plan.

How does this benefit me? His comfortable work environment enables me to live an American dream. I've used my good wages and spent my money in the local economy. I have been able to purchase a house, a nice car, and nicer furnishings for my home. I firmly believe that the workers in the Boston area deserve the same opportunity, and I also believe that Mr. Wynn will give them that opportunity.

My good union job provides me with a quality of life that is second to none. With only having to work one job, I have more time to enjoy my hobbies like golf and coin collecting, and also become a member of my community as well as active in my union as well.

I'm also positive that Wynn Resorts will develop a first-class destination that will work well with the City of Everett, and Wynn Resorts will bring these benefits and middle class jobs to the Boston area. Thank you.

1	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
2	MR. GREEN: Good evening,
3	Commissioners.
4	COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Good
5	evening.
6	MR. GREEN: My name is Henry Green.
7	I'm the financial secretary treasurer for
8	Unite Here Local 26, and I'm also a
9	Dorchester resident.
10	Unite Here enthusiastically offers
11	support for the Wynn casino proposal in
12	Everett. Wynn Resort has a proven track
13	record of creating and preserving family
14	sustaining jobs with excellent pay and
15	benefits, including free family healthcare
16	and pension.
17	All of the Las Vegas casino
18	developers developed by Wynn has been
19	operated successfully, and the hospitality
20	workers in the U.S. casinos currently
21	operate union. And all the hospitality
22	workers in the U.S. are owned and operated
23	by the Wynn Resort and represented by our
24	union, Unite Here.

Wynn Resort also has a proven track record on training. As you know, union casinos employers in Las Vegas, as my brother just spoke about, have the training program that provides training for the employees. It's a joint labor management training center that provides free entry-level training to people seeking casino jobs. This is the same model of training that we all -- that we provide in the hotel training center here in Boston. 

Wynn Resort is recognized is a first class casino developer and operator, a major part of first-class casino resort, is excellent in hospitality and customer service and that is achieved through the cooperative relationship between management and labor.

Over 25 years, Wynn has worked in partnership with labor to provide stable hospitality jobs at fair compensation, the kind of jobs that enable workers to support a family and also the kind of job

1	the makes casino resorts successful.
2	Wynn Resort will continue this
3	model if given the opportunity to develop
4	a casino in Massachusetts. Thank you.
5	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. While
6	this woman is coming forward, also Joseph
7	Vincent Velardo, Barry Hock, Bruce
8	Priestly, Irving Washington.
9	Welcome.
10	MS. GROSSMAN: Good evening. I'm
11	Karen Grossman. I'm speaking on behalf of
12	the Mystic River Watershed Association.
13	Thank you for the opportunity to provide
14	comment today.
15	The Mystic River Watershed
16	Association known as MyRWA is a 501(c)(3)
17	nonprofit organization founded in 1972 by
18	a group of concerned citizens. Our
19	mission is to protect and restore clean
20	water and related natural resources within
21	the basin's 22 communities and to promote
22	responsible stewardship of Mystic River

natural resources through educational

initiatives and science-base advocacy.

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1	So we're here today to request that
2	the Gaming Commission give strong
3	consideration in its decision making to
4	initiatives that provide for protection
5	and restoration of the local environment.
6	Such initiatives that are included in the
7	resort casino development proposals and
8	gaming license applications will become an
9	important component of the benefits that
10	result from casino development in
11	Massachusetts.

Restoration and preservation of local natural resources in the Mystic
River watershed will provide important benefit to all residents of the host and surrounding communities. Given its scale and scope, the Wynn Everett resort casino project represents an extraordinary opportunity for proponents to provide important leadership and support for the transformation of this hard working urban river system to a healthy condition.

Early on in the MEPA review process, the association recommended

several important changes to the

developer's approach to site planning that

we believe would significantly enhance

engagement with the natural environment

without sacrificing any of the

development's key elements.

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Wynn and its consulting team met with MyRWA on several occasions. We are very pleased as a result that the Wynn resort development team fully embraced our comments and substantially modified and improved their approach. Their site plan for the project included in the draft environmental impact resort report now engages in substantial ecological restoration of the water's edge and the coastal resource areas. This augments the new salt marsh adjacent to the site where there is evidence that restoration and protection of river bank and habitat is feasible.

The additions provide a more natural environment via the living the shoreline approach, entirely appropriate,

particularly because of the proximity to more industrialized riverfront areas in the designated port area.

When constructed, this will serve as a model for future development along the Mystic River waterfront. Provision of additional salt marsh is also a climate change adaptation as it provides a greater buffer and storage for storm surge.

The building footprint and size has been modified in order to create more outdoor open space with access to the riverfront needed in this densely developed urban environment.

Connections to and improvements along area bicycle and pedestrian pathways will help connect visitors to the Mystic River and help support advocacy for local natural habitat and river ecology.

Finally, it's important to note that the Wynn Everett project proposes to undertake remediation of a significant hazardous waste site that has until now remained a blighted and unused parcel on

the waterfront. Restoration of this brown field to productive use will provide substantial benefit to Mystic River communities and to the river itself.

In conclusion, MyRWA plans to monitor and remain in contact with the proponent and relevant authorities during the preparation of the NOI and all other state and local permit applications.

We are encouraged by the improvements made to date and by the stated commitment of the Wynn Everett development team to setting high standards of excellence with regard to site design and environmental protection. It's important to our efforts and to efforts of all local and regional environmental advocates that the Gaming Commission, that is you, makes a clear statement that protection and restoration of the local natural environment is a high priority of the Commission and a component of the license provided. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.

1	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Barry
2	Hock, Joseph Vincent Velardo, Bruce
3	Priestly, Rhonda Priestly, Irving
4	Washington, Rebecca Love. Any of those
5	folks, please get in line. Mr. Hock.
6	MR. HOCK: Mr. Chairman and
7	Commissioners, it's good to see you again.
8	My name is Barry Hock. I'm the director
9	of UAW Mass. Gaming and region 9A of the
10	United Autoworkers.
11	In the gaming industry, the UAW
12	represents workers at facilities in
13	Connecticut, Rhode Island, Atlantic City,
14	Ohio, Detroit, Indiana, and Las Vegas.
15	I'm testifying today about the Wynn
16	application for a resort casino. I also
17	want to oppose Wynn's recommendation to
18	amend the statute's provisions on pooled
19	tips.
20	With respect to labor harmony, the
21	statute requires that applicants provide
22	detailed plans for assuring labor harmony
23	during all phases of the operation of the
24	gaming establishment. As I suggested at

yesterday's hearing, when evaluating the
criteria for economic development and job
concentration, the Commission should ask
does the applicant have current signed
labor harmony agreements with neutrality
and card check that cover 100 percent of
its permanent nonsupervisory employees.

Based on their application and their unresponsiveness so far to meet with UAW to discuss labor harmony, the answer to that question for Wynn is no.

Therefore, if this doesn't change, we urge the Commission to rate the Wynn proposal as insufficient in the job creation category.

Furthermore, if Wynn is awarded the license, we urge the Commission to attach a condition that requires it to sign strong enforcement labor harmony agreements with neutrality and card check with unions that cover 100 percent of its permanent nonsupervisory employees, including gaming dealers.

The Commission established a

1	precedent for this when it attached a
2	condition to the slots parlor license that
3	requires the licensee to adhere to the
4	wage scales provided in its RFA-2
5	application. In this case, the statute
6	provides even stronger protection of
7	wages, benefits, and working conditions
8	without micromanagement by the Commission.
9	It does so by requiring labor harmony
10	agreements which are the path to union
11	representation and collective bargaining
12	for workers.
13	Wynn's application clearly states
14	that it does not intend to negotiate labor
15	harmony agreements for its operations
16	employees until after it gets a license.

harmony agreements for its operations

employees until after it gets a license.

Moreover, Wynn representatives have also

been unresponsive to our request to

discuss labor harmony. This is contrary

to the intent of the statute and means

that they will engage unions when the

unions have less leverage after the

license is awarded.

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Although Wynn's application touts

1	its relation typical to in Las Vegas with
2	several unions, as you've heard this
3	afternoon, and their intent to have labor
4	harmony agreements for its operations in
5	Massachusetts, this provides no assurance
6	that all of its employees, including
7	gaming dealers, will be covered. And
8	here's why this is important. Because
9	developers are often resistant to union
10	representation and collective bargaining
11	for dealers because dealers are the
12	largest group and some of the highest
13	skilled employees at a casino.

With respect to pooled tips, we strongly oppose Wynn's proposal to amend the Expanded Gaming act to modify the provisions about tips and gratuities.

Based on our extensive experience negotiating with management about this complicated issue, we believe that dealers' tips should only be shared among dealers and that they should determine how their tips are distributed. Wynn's amendment would increase compensation of

1	some managers with money from the pockets
2	of dealers at no expense to the company.
3	The current statute should remain as is.
4	We expect to submit testimony to the
5	Commission about tips during the
6	regulatory process. Thank you.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
8	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Thank you.
9	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Can Janice, or
10	somebody, can we see if we can turn the
11	radio Oh, is it back here. There's a
12	radio. I thought it was out there.
13	Sorry.
14	MS. ROSSI: No problem.
15	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Don't mind us.
16	Just a little housekeeping.
17	MS. ROSSI: Good evening. Thank
18	you for allowing us to come and speak with
19	you today. My name is Jennifer Rossi, and
20	I'm speaking on behalf of the Charlestown
21	Mothers Association as one of the
22	co-presidents.
23	The Charlestown Mothers Association
24	is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We're run by

volunteers. We started about 17 years ago when a group of parents got together with your young children, but we now have nearly 1,200 families in Charlestown in our membership.

The mission of our organization is to ensure that Charlestown remains a safe and vibrant community to raise a family.

To that end, we host a variety of family activities and events and do fundraising for our neighborhood. So obviously a main focus of the Charlestown Mothers

Association is attracting and keeping families in Charlestown.

A few short years ago, the average age of a child in our membership was two years old. That age is now five years old. So as you can see, by working tirelessly to keep our streets safe, improving our schools and our parks, parents have found that Charlestown is a great place to stay and raise a family. They enjoy the strong community, the good schools, and the safe streets, and they

feel that this is somewhere that they
would like to raise a family, and rather
than moving out into the suburbs, are
tending to stay in Charlestown.

So what our grave concern is that without appropriate mitigation, the proposed casino will regress some of the work that's happened in Charlestown over the past few decades by our group as well as a lot of the other local organizations.

So our two main concerns are public health and traffic issues. So we're asking you, the commissioners, to consider appropriate and significant mitigation should the proposed casino come to Everett.

According to a Massachusetts

General Hospital assessment, 37 percent of children in Charlestown live below the poverty level, which is well above the City of Boston average, which is, I think, 26 percent, and that asthma and air quality are grave concerns in our neighborhood. We have some of the highest

1 rates in the city.

so we want to make sure that any
dredging, cleaning up, digging up of
contaminants during clean up in the
Monsanto site is really mitigated, and we
want to keep all those dust and particles
from being trucked through and going
through our neighborhood.

And then of course there's certainly the traffic concern that we feel needs significant mitigation as well.

We're worried that the traffic might cause Charlestown to be virtually a peninsula because there's only a couple of ways in and out of our neighborhood.

Many of the members in our

Charlestown Mothers Association, you know,

two-parent working families and decided to

stay in Charlestown because it's an easier

commute. They don't want to spend all

their time sitting in their car. So

that's what's kept them in the city rather

than moving to the neighborhood. And,

again, if we have a traffic nightmare,

1	that's really not going to help to keep
2	people in Charlestown. As we all know,
3	about 60 percent of the traffic is
4	supposed to go through our square. And,
5	you know, these are the streets where our
6	children play, ride their scooters, walk
7	to school, and we want to make sure that
8	these streets are kept safe.
9	So I think just as one of the
LO	co-presidents of this organization, I
11	just, again, urge you to consider
12	significant appropriate mitigation for the
13	Charlestown community that will be greatly
14	affected in the process of building and
15	down the road of the proposed casino.
16	Thank you.
L7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
18	much. Bruce Priestly, Rhonda Priestly,
19	Irving Washington.
20	MS. LOVE: Hello. Thank you for
21	having this meeting tonight. My name's
22	Rebecca Love. I'm the other co-president

of the Charlestown Mothers Association,

and I'm also a professor of nursing at

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Bunker Hill Community College, so I both
live and work within the community.

And the reason that we're here today is basically to speak to the issue that the current proposal that's as proposed really causes a significant amount of concern for Charlestown.

As we said, we have 1,200 members, and we have 40 births a month within

Charlestown. That's pretty significant.

And what we're finding in the last couple of months is Charlestown is not only a community that people are having children, it's a community that a lot of families from around Boston are moving into.

One in three new people buying property in Charlestown happens to be people already with kids. And that's a huge issue because when you're looking at a small community that's already boxed in by 93 and Route 1 and dealing with the rates of asthma that we're dealing with, any increased traffic causes significant amounts of concern regarding asthma.

1	We already see these heightened
2	levels, and what we're seeing by the
3	current proposal means that the increase
4	of 4,000 cars an hour between the hours of
5	four and ten o'clock at night on Fridays
6	and Saturday evenings can cause a
7	significant increase in that pollution
8	area that we have.

I also would like to say that as we're dealing with this issue, the amount of traffic not only impedes us from having all these asthma rates, but it virtually cuts us off from all of our medical care.

Just a couple weeks ago, a man went down at the Knights of Columbus. It took 40 minutes for an ambulance to get to him.

And one of my students collapsed with an asthma attack a couple of weeks ago at Bunker Hill Community College, and it took us 15 minutes before anybody could respond.

And my concern is that if we become so traffic logged with the current proposal the there's no access to medical

care -- we are cut off basically from

Mass. General Hospital. We're cut off

basically by any major hospital systems

right now.

Now, do I think that the casino is a bad thing, I don't. I actually think if you're look at Wynn as a casino proposal as an organization that's going to bring a casino to your neighborhood, it's probably a pretty darn good one to bet on. But in the current proposal, the status is that Charlestown does not have any way in or out without being affected by this traffic. We're not going to be able to get through Sullivan Square, which is our only access to 93 north. There is no other way for us to get to 93 north without going through Sullivan Square.

We cannot access Cambridge or

Boston without crossing Rutherford Ave.

There's no way for us to do this. If we are virtually stopping that traffic, we are preventing anybody from moving. And I don't think that's the goal of your

decision. I don't think that's what you want to do. I don't think that you want to suffocate a community just by not being a host community, and I think that you have a lot of opportunity here to sort of change the cards on the table and that you could bring together possibly the City of Boston and the Wynn casino and say give us a better option, because what you've opposed is going to kill our community, and there has to be something that you can do. 

If there are billions of dollars at play, you can figure out Sullivan Square.

And if it doesn't -- And I know that some strong supporters of the surface option aren't going to support this, but if you have a better option -- Because truthfully, the surface option came into existence before we knew of all the proposed development that was going to go on in Charlestown, Somerville, Assembly Row. We didn't know that Mass. General was going to be building a hospital right

1	over in the border of Somerville there.
2	We didn't know that was all coming.
3	Now, I think it's a great idea, and
4	I think that if we could stay true to that
5	vision, that we don't have a second
6	highway running through Charlestown and we
7	turn that into a better option, it would
8	work. But at the current proposal, you
9	can't approve the Wynn casino with the
10	traffic implications for that community.
11	You just can't. So thank you for
12	supporting us, and thank you for having
13	the meeting.
14	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Let's
15	see. Irving Washington, Anthony
16	DiBattista, Richard Eliseo, any of you
17	folks please come right up. Richard
18	Eliseo junior and senior apparently.
19	MR. ELISEO, SR.: Just Senior.
20	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Just Senior. All
21	right. Come right up.
22	MR. ELISEO, SR.: Good evening,
23	gentlemen, Commission, and lady. Thank
24	you very much. I really enjoy the

1	opportunity. I'm pleased to have the
2	opportunity to speak in front of you
3	people.
4	I'm a resident of the City of
5	Everett. I've been a resident for
6	30 years plus. My children have grown up
7	in Everett. I worked in the City of
8	Everett. I worked in that area that we
9	speak about as a city employee. I know
LO	what's down there. Everybody knows what's
11	down there. Yeah, it's contaminated. We
12	want to clean it up. We want the
13	opportunity to clean it up.
L4	When Mr. Wynn came to the city and
15	he came to Boston, he came and presented
16	it, his plan, not only with the
L7	opportunity and the gratefulness from our
18	good mayor of the City of Everett, he came
19	and he presented his plan for the
20	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but it
21	happens to be in Everett.
22	Everett always and wants the
23	opportunity to clean up an area, which not

only we're going to benefit by. The City

1	of Boston is going to benefit by,
2	Charlestown is going to benefit by it.
3	You say well how, because there's traffic.
4	We've been dealing with traffic for a lot
5	longer than now. Charlestown's dealt with
6	traffic. Everett still deals with
7	traffic.
8	I can remember as a young boy
9	You want to talk about Rutherford
L 0	Ave. okay, there wasn't a many cars, but
11	there was a lot of traffic. Why, because
12	we had a prison there. They got that
13	developed with the help of the City of
L4	Boston. A community college went there.
15	That helped their community. They got
16	their little gardens with the assistance
L7	of the City of Boston.
18	The Schrafft's building was redone
19	with planning from Boston and Charlestown
20	when Schrafft's went out of business.
21	We're looking for the same opportunity in
22	an area that needs to be developed. It

needs the help of Mr. Wynn. And he's

sincere. His whole organization is

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sincere. They're a number one enterprise throughout the industry.

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I've had my share of gambling. I'm not a high roller, and when they speak of high rollers, when Mr. Wynn has the opportunity to put up a class hotel and bring in people from all over, he's not going to rely on Charlestown people to -for his casino. He's not going to rely on Everett people to help his casino. going to rely on bringing people from all over the country and outside our country. People that we know is going -- I don't know how many they are. I know I'm not one. As high rollers, they want to come here and they want to enjoy. They want to enjoy the City of Boston. They want to enjoy Everett. He wants to leave the money here. I have the speculation of Mohegan

I have the speculation of Mohegan Sun. I have nothing against Mohegan Sun. The speculation to come here to the State of Massachusetts, yeah, they'll generate revenue, they'll generate tax revenue to

1	our Commonwealth, but when you speak of
2	this high roller, where are they going to
3	generate them to. Connecticut where they
4	pay no taxes when they win if they win, or
5	Massachusetts where they would have to pay
6	a tax when they win. The benefit is all
7	the way around, not only for Everett and
8	to clean up a contaminated site, but for
9	all of Massachusetts. And to have a
10	world-class hotel and casino in our state,
11	it just so happens it's in Everett.
12	What's wrong with that. Thank you,
13	gentlemen, for the time and lady. Thank
14	you.
15	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
16	much. Also Steven Tolman, Carmen
17	DeFilippo, and Lynn Levesque.
18	MR. DIBATTISTA: Hi. My name is
19	Anthony DiBattista. I'd like to thank the
20	Commission for allowing me to speak. I'll
21	be brief. We've heard a lot of different
22	things. One thing we did hear, Mr. Wynn's
23	organization is first rate, and he seems
24	like one standup gentleman.

1	We had dealings, like they said,
2	with Monsanto. They were just allowed to
3 .	just walk away and everyone just kind of
4	turned a blind eye to it all. This
5	gentleman is willing to clean up this
6	whole area.

And I hear people talking about across the street over at the ball field, the contamination, every day it's leeching and when it rains, it snows. He's willing to clean this area up. It's for the good. Yes, there's other circumstances people talk about, but he's willing to do this and make a beautiful resort out of it and people can use the waterfront and everything else. I just want to thank yous for allowing me to speak. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you for speaking. Steve Tolman.

MR. TOLMAN: Thank you. Thank you very much, members of the Commission, Mr. Chairman. My name is Steve Tolman. I live in Brighton, and I'm the president of

1	the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, which is the
2	state's largest labor umbrella
3 .	organization. We represent about 400,000
4	people, 750 locals.

I grew up in a union household in Watertown and starting working with Amtrak in 1972. I was elected to the legislature in 1994, served 17 years, the last 13 as a state senator before getting elected to the president of the AFL-CIO. As a senator, I helped lead the fight for expanded gaming. Then and now, I believe in its three goals: revenue for the state, regional economic development, and good jobs.

The state's share of revenue is mandated by the statute. Regional economic development is promoted through mandatory agreements with host communities, surrounding communities, and local entertainment venues.

Good jobs are assured by union representation for workers and collective bargaining agreements. Union

representation is best achieved through labor harmony agreements, which include neutrality and card check. This is why the statute requires that the Commission to determine whether an applicant has detailed plans for assuring labor harmony during all phases of construction and operation of the gaming establishment.

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In your evaluation process, I would hope the Commission should make sure that the labor harmony agreements for permanent nonsupervisory employees are signed before the license is awarded; that the labor harmony agreement covers a hundred percent of the nonsupervisory employees; and that the agreements should be comprehensive with strict enforcement mechanisms.

If the applicant has a labor
harmony agreement, they should produce
them before the licenses are awarded.

It's not enough to have a project labor
agreement for the construction phase. If
an applicant doesn't have agreements that
covers a hundred percent of their

т_	permanent nonsupervisory emproyees,
2	including gaming dealers, then they should
3	negotiate now with all the unions that
4	want them and sign agreements before the
5	Commission's evaluation process is
6	completed.
7	Finally, I want to strongly opposed
8	any attempt to amend the pooling of tips
9	provision in the gaming statute. This
10	will deny gaming dealers, in particular,
11	the tips that they have earned. It's
12	nothing short of management's way of not
13	paying a fair wage for the workers. I
14	thank you for your consideration.
15	And I apologize for being on the
16	phone, but there's a tragic fire in
17	Boston, and we have lost two firefighters.
18	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Oh, my God.
19	Where is it?
20	MR. TOLMAN: Beacon Street. It's
21	devastating. Eighteen people to the
22	hospital. It's devastating. My
23	apologies.
24	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: No problem.

1	Thank you. Wow.
2	Carmen DeFilippo, Lynne Levesque,
3	and Vincent Ragucci.
4	MR. RAGUCCI: Somebody said
5	something to thin out the crowd.
6	MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry?
7	MR. RAGUCCI: I said somebody said
8	something to thin out the crowd.
9	Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,
10	good afternoon, or good evening. My name
11	is Vincent Ragucci, Jr., and I'm the third
12	of four generations of Raguccis born and
13	brought up in the City of Everett. As a
14	matter of fact, my dad and I were both
15	born about a half a mile from the site in
16	question.
17	I'm semiretired and currently, I
18	give back to the city that I love. I am
19	the executive director of the E Club of
20	Everett, which is a 43-year nonprofit
21	501(c) organization raising scholarship
22	money for Everett student athletes.
23	I am in favor of this beautiful
24	five-star resort and casino in Everett. I

have been involved for over a year with
the process attending most of the
meetings, listening to the pros and the
cons from all aspects of such a
development coming to our city.

I am not at this time going to suggest the obvious reasons that have been given over and over again as to why I am in favor of this casino and resort. I am not going to discuss the legal end of any of the things that have been brought up today, for the requirements are the responsibility of this Commission and the legal people and the consultants from Wynn.

I would like to address two points about the Wynn project. Someone from the competition in a Facebook note accused me of being brainwashed by Wynn. I didn't reply to the article because this is not about me. I have been at every meeting from -- that Mr. Wynn and his group have had and his consultants, professional consultants, and staff, and I have seen

L	the commission's package that is put
2	together and that has been required. I
3 .	also know how little people really know
4	about what's in that package about the
5	casino. And they don't even understand
5	the difference between a three- and a
7	five-star resort.

The volumes of paper submitted by Wynn are all originals prepared by the Wynn Group, which received Everett's highest city vote for a resort so far in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our paperwork is as professional as the resort.

Everett and Wynn made one presentation to the Commissioners, one submission, and one city vote at one time. Take this one step further, if I am brainwashed, then I'm glad to be brainwashed by the Wynn Group because they are a great group of people. We consider them as part of our family.

Our family came to this country, lady and gentlemen, in 1896. There are

1	five generations of Raguccis. I happen to
2	be the third. They came to Everett to
3	listen to all of the things that our
4	current mayor, Mr. DeMaria, has put into
5	the proposal. And by the way, I just want
6	you to know that I am not on the Wynn
7	payroll, yet.
8	Other things I want to mention
9	about our city and the Wynn development,
LO	Wynn will take the dirty land site in our
L1	city and turn it into a five-star resort.
L2	This is this will be considered a very,
13	very clean facility.
L4	Mr. Chairman, you and your
15	knowledgeable committee, Mr. Wynn and your
16	group of talented people want to help the
L7	City of Everett and the people of Everett
18	and the people in the surrounding
19	communities. I thank you for giving me
20	the opportunity to address this
21	Commission, and as an Everettite, we are
22	family. We want to keep the Wynn and
23	Mr. Wynn and the Wynn Group as part of our

family. Thank you.

1	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. James
2	Sachetta, Richard Eliseo, also Jim Reid,
3	Stephen Spinetto. Yes, sir.
4	MR. SACHETTA: I'm glad to be in
5	front of the Gaming Commission. I lived
6	in Everett for 86 years.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: And your name is?
8	MR. SACHETTA: My name is James
9	Sachetta. And I was president of the
10	Everett retired men's club in the last
11	part of my life for 22 years. And nobody
12	ever mentions what senior citizens want.
13	So they told me the other day I was a
14	senior citizen, and I didn't believe it,
15	but I am. But anyhow.
16	And I've run many a trips to many
17	casinos because as a group leader, as
18	president, I was in charge of these
19	things. I know what senior citizens want.
20	They want something to do.
21	I see all the Brazilians and all
22	the other people coming to our cities and
23	buying all the property, and there are all
24	these functions are going on in the

l buildings t	hat we	all	built.
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I also was an electrician all my

life, too. I got my 60-year pen with

Local 103 IBEW. So I'm talking as a

person who I think I have experience. I

don't know. Sometimes I look in the

mirror and wonder what the hell I'm still

doing here.

I know one thing, we've got to have something for the American people that built this country and the children of the American people. This would be a marvelous situation to get a casino.

And I met Mr. Wynn. He's a very sincere man and look what he's willing to do. He's willing to take a dump and make a palace out of it. What's wrong with that?

I went to the Charlestown assembly, and they're talking about -- And this day in age with all the technology of the equipment that we have, what about the people that drive a truck in there and fill the sulfur into the truck, what about

When I think of when I first started in
the electrical union, I was watching the
Prudential in 1953. They were starting

the tires dirtying the streets. My God.

The pumps were going. There was all

6 water under there.

Do the people know that weren't in this phase of life what we're capable of doing with the equipment and the technology that we have, and we come up with these picayune statements of picayune stuff, in my opinion, that don't even count. What we need is the money that he's willing to spend for Mass.

Another thing, my son's an accountant, and they're telling me it would be ridiculous for us to have a company that owns something in Connecticut to come here. They're going to favor their own pockets and know where to put the money. But if Wynn comes here, all that tax benefit will come to the City of Everett.

I love what the mayor of Malden

1	said about it. He's our neighborhood.
2	He's a beautiful man. He's doing
3 .	wonderful for Malden. And I think if you
4	approve the City of Everett, the land
5	there, and what we need for the senior
6	citizens in the whole area, all these bus
7	trips that the senior citizens are taking
8	to Twin River, go Mohegan Sun, and
9	Foxwoods, we're going to keep some of the
10	money right here in Massachusetts because
11	we're going to have a five-star hotel, not
12	a three star.
13	He mentioned it the last time you
14	were here with him that the hotel is going
15	to be straight up. And I understand the
16	land in Revere, now they've got the, what
17	is it, conservation land there that
18	they're dealing with that they can't use.
19	So I think you ought to think about giving
20	it to us in Everett because we need it. I
21	want you to give it to us. I want it for
22	the senior citizens. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

MR. DELLISOLA: How you doing. My

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1	name is Richard Dellisola, city council in
2	Everett. I came here tonight just to
3	listen to the concerns of the surrounding
4	community, and I wasn't going to speak,
5	but after hearing a few issues from the
6	people of Charlestown and Somerville, if
7	you stand on the land where the casino in
8	Everett hopefully will be built, there's a
9	scrap metal pile, then you have the
LO	ballpark across the street that they were
11	talking about earlier. I think it's Ryan
12	Park. Next to that, you have a parking
13	lot that's got to be about a million cars,
L4	brand new cars, that are shipped in from
15	around the world that I'm sure run when
16	they run, and they're parked there for a
L7	good amount of time.
18	Next to that is the MBTA station
19	that buses drive around daily with the
20	exhaust. I've heard nothing about that.
21	I just keep hearing about the casino with
22	the traffic.

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The traffic, I'm sure 20,000 cars a

day are not going to drive through

1	Charlestown. They come from up north,
2	they come from up south, people are flown
3	in. I'm hoping traffic will flow the best
4	that it can flow.

Steve Wynn had a plan. I saw the plan. When he came to Everett, as a city council, I was nervous about the casino being put in. It sounds glamorous, beautiful, but I saw the plan. I saw his traffic plan and what he's doing for the city and the surrounding cities. He's not just putting a building up and walking away once it's done.

Clean the land up. Charlestown is talking about green space. I'm more excited about the beauty of the waterfront than the building itself. And on the other side, Revere, they want it as bad as we do. I understand that. But I've seen a lot of bumps in the road since they started proposing a casino there. I know if I was building a casino, as smooth as Steve Wynn has been since the start, that's who I would want building my casino

1	in	my	city.	Thank	you.
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2	CHAIRMAN	CROSBY:	Thank '	you.

MR. O'HEARN: Good evening. Μy name's Andy O'hearn. Jim Reid had to leave and he gave his time to me. I live in Pearl Street in Charlestown. I'd just like to say I was born and raised in Charlestown, and I only say that in the context because it seems to me, you know, when you're walking around the streets of Charlestown, people are always telling you how long they've live there like they're giving their resume. I don't understand that. 

But as the youngest of nine growing up in the house projects of Charlestown most of my life, I can assure you Charlestown now different neighborhood now than it was 51 years ago. And if you talk to a lot of the kids I grew up with, they secretly to me they might say, yeah, these new people. I love it now, okay. If Charlestown was the neighborhood it was 51 years ago, I would not be living there.

1	So it just troubles me, and I'm
2	glad to hear all the Charlestown people
3	voice their concerns, and there are
4	concerns. But Charlestown is a
5	neighborhood of development. Okay. A lot
6	of the people that spoke here tonight
7	probably live in the navy yard and that's
8	great. But if we had a meeting in
9	Charlestown 35 years ago and they said,
10	hey, let's develop the navy yard, I
11	guarantee you the vote would be no. Okay.
12	I lived in Charlestown so long ago
13	you could actually park on the street you
14	lived on, and I'm sure people here can
15	appreciate that. So all I'm saying is I'm
16	for development. Okay.
17	One of the women earlier was
18	talking about the garden, and I found that
19	a bit comical because people in
20	Charlestown know this. There's dust on
21	cars in Charlestown. Okay. And it's from
22	industry.
23	So here we have an opportunity to
24	develop a piece of land, and maybe that

1	will be the steppingstone to make our
2	neighbors better.
3	I'm a little embarrassed to say
4	this, but I'm happy to say it as well. I
5	now live in a house in Charlestown that
6	50 years ago might have been worth
7	\$75,000. I'm embarrassed to say how much
8	it's worth now, because neighbors come in
9	and developed the neighborhood.
LO	Charlestown is a neighborhood of
11	development. Again, I appreciate all the
12	concerns, but this is development. The
13	place we're standing now, think about what
L4	this looked like 30 years ago. Okay.
L5	I'm not concerned with traffic.
L6	That's what all of you people are going to
L7	deal with. I'm not going to stand in
L8	Sullivan Square and count the clicker.
L9	Frankly, a lot of these people I
20	hear complaining, when I'm in Charlestown
21	I walk. That's why I live in Charlestown
22	so I can go to these things.
23	So if Mr. Wynn or whoever wants to

come and build something other than

1	industry that I have to look out over
2	there and that's going to help this
3	community, I'm all for that. I'm all for
4	development and I'm all for jobs. I
5	appreciate your time.
6	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
7	Steven Spinetto, Joseph G. Leonard. Jenn
8	Herlihy I think already spoke.
9	Yes, sir.
10	MR. SPINETTO: Good evening. My
11	name is Stephen Spinetto. I'm from
12	Charlestown.
13	When you look at the dictionary,
14	you look at the dictionary definition of
15	host, you get a couple of things. One of
16	the first ones, it says it's somebody
17	that's throwing a party or a home that's
18	inviting people in.
19	So if you take sort of Everett and
20	Wynn, it's actually Wynn that's throwing
21	the party, not Everett. So I don't know
22	if that host definition quite fits because
23	it's actually the developer in this case
24	that's hosting, if you take the classic

definition.

The second definition is a body
that's invaded by a parasite. And in my
case, I think of Charlestown being the
body that's being invaded by the parasite
because we're not getting much out of this
and it's certainly sucking the life out of
us and it will suck the life out of us.

We're going to get all the traffic.

We're going to get the environmental

damage. If you take a one-and-a-half mile

radius from the site and you go out, the

entirety Charlestown is in that half mile

radius, all our residential neighborhood.

If you do that same one-and-a-half mile

radius into Everett, it actually barely

tips into the residential portion of

Everett. It's a few blocks -- it's a

number of blocks, but nearly not as many

as Charlestown and not even close to what

it takes in East Somerville.

So the preponderance of the environmental impact is actually within the Charlestown neighborhood by leaps and

1 bounds.

2	We've worked for many years now to
3	do a design for Sullivan Square that will
4	make that neighborhood livable so that you
5	can walk across it. Even the folks that
6	work at Schrafft dread their walk, a short
7	walk from Schrafft's now over to the
8	subway station because it's dreadful. The
9	rotary, the sidewalks are barely
10	crossable, the crosswalks are dangerous.
11	It's a tough place to walk through.
12	The new design is to take that into
13	account. We will lose that 100 percent.
14	That goes away with the Wynn proposal.
15	And Wynn has admitted, absolutely
16	admitted, that they can pay for the study
17	to make it better, but they cannot afford
18	to pay for the actual construction of it.
19	So where is that money coming from when we
20	have to actually build out the mitigation
21	for the Wynn proposal. Who's paying for
22	that.
23	Well, they're suggesting we get it
24	from the state who will get some revenues

from the Wynn casino, but not directly to

Charlestown. It will have to pass through

the state under the taxes that Wynn's

paid. They may not want to do that. They

may rather it go to the fire departments

and the schools and things rather than to

pay for our roads.

So what I'm saying is we're not going to get much out of this, if even we are -- and I'm pretty sure we would be designated a next door community. But I don't think you can fix the traffic that will go through. And everybody says, oh, traffic-schmaffric. Well, you know, we've got almost all the traffic from the entire North Shore every day. We just can't take anymore.

The bottom line is just there isn't anymore capacity to go any further. We have the closest fire department, we have the closest EMTs. If there's an event that -- you know, some security event or something, they're not going to be going to the hospitals and things. They're

1	going to come through our community.
2	So in a way, we're providing the
3	services and all the things that the
4	casino needs to live on.
5	So again, thank you for hearing us.
6	I appreciate it. I wish this was more in
7	our community than having to come over
8	here to Southie to do it, but I appreciate
9	the opportunity anyway. Thank you.
10	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Are
11	you in line?
12	MR. BRADLEY: I've been here a
13	while but my name hasn't been called. I'm
L4	on the list.
15	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Go ahead. You're
L6	all right.
L7	MR. BRADLEY: Thank you. I
18	appreciate your time. I'm going to be
L9	I appreciate your time today. I live
20	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: What is your
21	name?
22	MR. BRADLEY: Dan Bradley. I'm
23	from Charlestown. Yes. And I've chosen
24	to live in Charlestown for the last

16 years.	And it	's a	fantastic	community
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Not only has Charlestown I've seen

developed. I've seen Everett improve

drastically other the last 16 years. It's

all moving all in the right direction.

Somerville has improved drastically over

the last 16 years. It's all absolutely

terrific.

But the thing with this and what has to come into consideration is the most negatively impacted community in this -- and I realize you've been going at this for year or two years, you know, for really long. You've sitting through all these public hearings. I've been reading everything, going to them myself. But the most negatively impacted community is Charlestown.

We're not building -- like you're not building like this shady little operation. What you're trying to do is you're trying to build a first-class facility, a first-class facility, and you're not allowing the people most

1	affected to vote. Does that seem right?
2	The Wynn Corporation over here sitting
3	there, do they think themselves as a
4	first-class organization, and then I sit
5	in my house and I overlook this facility,
6	and I don't get a vote or a word to say?
7	Does that sound right?
8	I live by the do-right rule. This
9	is just wrong. You know, the do-right
10	rule would say let the different people in
11	the different communities and the
12	community most affected let's not kid
13	ourselves. I mean, my back steps, I've
14	got my wife, my kids, my two kids, we're
15	going to overlook this. I mean, it's if
16	we I could hit a golf ball and hit the
17	damn casino.
18	So that's who's affected.
19	Charlestown's affected, and we don't get a
20	vote to say. That just doesn't seem like
21	we're living by the do-right rule.
22	We can talk and talk and talk, but
23	it's all about doing right. The people of

Charlestown should have a voice.

1	The next thing I'd like to say is I
2	am all for fairness. You know, I'm all
3	for making sure Everett gets the right
4	commuter tracks to get in and out of
5	Everett so they can continue to grow. I'm
6	all for like Somerville getting the right
7	access in and out of Boston. We know
8	where the business is coming from. The
9	business is coming from rich people from
10	Boston going out to Everett, and people
11	coming in that have a lot of wealth are
12	going to be going to this casino and
13	spending money there. But we're not doing
14	right by the people of Charlestown by not
15	allowing them to have a vote.
16	And then the next thing is this:

And then the next thing is this:

The traffic concerns and the public safety concerns. You, as a Commission, should not make a vote until you really understand, walk the area, look at the area, see what they're proposing. How are they really going to make this happen in an efficient manner and get the traffic in and out. It's highly critical that you

1	really go over there, really analyze that,
2	really look and realize 93 goes off there.
3 .	You've got a one-land road going into this
4	casino. It makes no sense. Like, you
5	need to really consider what Wynn is
6	proposing to get people over there,
7	because we all know what they're going to
8	do. They're going to go over the bring,
9	get off in Sullivan Square, cut over
10	there, and it's going to be a traffic
11	nightmare. So, I mean, that's how people
12	are going to go. Either that, or they're
13	going to cut through Charlestown, right
14	through Charlestown and right down my
15	street. So that doesn't sound right.
16	So the key thing is the do-right
17	point would be this: You really have to
18	consider the public safety concerns. You
19	have to consider the traffic concerns and

consider the public safety concerns. You
have to consider the traffic concerns and
really the do-right of this whole thing
is, and you can't sit there and not
realize it, the right thing is the person
who can hit the golf ball -- And I'll
play, and I suck at golf. But the guy

1	that hit Wynn casino from his house should
2	have a say and should be able to vote.
3	Thank you.
4	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Okay.
5	I think Jenn Herlihy spoke. Dan is it
6	MR. BRADLEY: That was me, Dan
7	Bradley.
8	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Bradley. No.
9	There's a different Dan. Dan Jaffe
10	something or other, Pam Hickey, Brian
11	Doherty.
12	Yes, sir.
13	MR. JAFFE: Let me just put my
14	glasses on for a second here. My name is
15	Dan Jaffe. I'm a long-time resident in
16	Charlestown. My background is a computer
17	network analysis engineer in my real job
18	before I was semiretired. So I deal with

data flows, and I understand how traffic

works. And I'm sorry to say, sirs, that

the current plans that we have for Route

viable, not in its current design. What

would be necessary is a mini Big Dig type

99 and Rutherford Avenue areas is not

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1	of project, which is way too expensive,
2	and the city can't afford it in order to
3 .	solve the traffic problem, which would
4	imply a tunnel bring from the Austin
5	Street area of Route 99 all the way over
6	to the Everett bridge, a tunnel and that
7	way we can control some of the pollution
8	so that some of the environmental issues
9	would be resolved that way as well. But
10	that's not viable. It's just not
11	economically viable.

So what are we going to do? Well, you know, we have a problem here where Everett is in a bad space. And I feel very bad for them because they have a giant mess of a chemical plant that now needs to be cleaned up. And I don't want to see it there anymore than they do. I look out onto it. I deal with all the dusk and the debris from all that.

So it needs to be dealt with, but unfortunately, the Wynn proposal is not the right solution with the traffic considerations also implied here. So how

are we going to get around this? Well, to
be honest with you, we have to go back to
the federal government and get this as a
Superfund site.

Now, I know that's beyond the scope 5 of this dialog here. I understand that. 6 But that is the only real way of cleaning 7 up that mess and building a more 8 9 sustainable space of urban development. 10 It is an industrial site area over there for a large area of that area. So -- And 11 I appreciate that Everett wants to rebuild 12 that into a more residential type 13 community or small industry versus the 14 super heavy chemical industries that used 15 to live there. So we have to try to move 16 that forward somehow, but this is not the 17 18 way. I'm sorry.

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I'm not against gambling. I do
believe that the Wynn Group is sincere in
a lot of their efforts, but there's just
too much at risk here for the community of
Charlestown. I can see right now that my
property values will decline. I know the

1	health of the children will decline. I
2	know that myself, I will leave the
3	community and a large quantity of people
4	will leave the community as well, because
5	there's no way in or out of the community
6	with the current traffic design, again,
7	unless we have a little mini Big Dig, and
8	that ain't going to happen.
9	So we're stuck in a rock and a hard
LO	place here. The City of Everett, the City
L1	of Boston and Everett and the federal
L2	government have to come to a conclusion
13	here of solving this one way or the other,
L4	but this as it is now is not the way to do
15	it. I'm sorry. Thank you.
L6	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Pam
L7	Hickey, Brian Doherty, William Frederick,
L8	Carl Surabian.
L9	MS. HICKEY: Hi. I'm Pam Hickey,
20	and I'm from Charlestown. My main concern
21	is the traffic. For example, when we
22	closed the Callahan tunnel, it doubled my

commute just to get over the North

Washington Street bridge. I mean, we have

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1	a very severe traffic problem in
2	Charlestown. And as everyone has said,
3	there are four roads in and out, and at
4	rush hour traffic, it's hard to get in and
5	out of Charlestown

And the fact that we don't have a seat at any of these with the mitigation and we have no seat at the table is just appalling considering that we are the ones that going to be mostly impacted. And for the people of Everett and Malden, if we have -- you know, they don't have a problem with it. Why don't we have the traffic going through Route 128 and 16, because then it's going to be impacting their community in a negative way, and not that many people would be as for it.

You know, again, it's just like unless we really have serious conversation about the traffic and the concerns of the Charlestown community, it just is really not a viable solution to have it in Everett. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

1	MR. FREDERICK: Mr. Chairman,
2	Commissioners. My name is William
3	Frederick, and I live in Everett. I'm a
4	lifelong resident. I'd just like to say
5	that I am for this casino. It is the only
6	place in the Commonwealth of
7	Massachusetts And as a side bar,
8	Everett is the only city that fulfilled
9	their timelines when due. No one else
10	did. East Boston, Revere, late for the
11	party. Revere, late for the party. I
12	mean, this is getting to be a little
13	ridiculous.
14	Everett should have been awarded a
15	license about a year ago now, if I go back
16	on the timeline. I've been going to too
17	many of these things.
18	I feel bad for the people of
19	Charlestown, but they have no problem
20	building these humongous apartment houses
21	in Charlestown.
22	We would have to go through total
23	arguments with the City of Boston because
24	Charlestown thinks they're one and the

1	same, and they're not. The City of Boston
2	would just mess up the whole works at this
3	point. How many people have to be allowed
4	to apply for a license before a decision
5	is made?
6	And my contention is Everett was
7	timely. We put our applications in on
8	time. We voted, 86 percent of the people
9	in the City of Everett, to have a casino.
LO	No one else in the Commonwealth of
11	Massachusetts has done this.
L2	And just as a trivia question,
L3	Everett in the 1890s and the 1900s was a
L4	vacation land for the people of Boston.
15	They used to pay \$1 to take the ferry
L6	across before that bridge was there to go
L7	into their little vacation houses. I
L8	would like to see Mr. Wynn's team make
L9	Everett that resort area it once was.
20	Thank you.
21	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Pam
22	Doherty, Carl Surabian, Ann Kelleher,
23	Lynne Levesque. Come on up, sir. Michael
0.4	Monahan Welcome

1	MR. SURABIAN: Hi. My name is Carl
2	Surabian. I'm a Saugus resident,
3	Massachusetts citizen, and maybe the only
4	Armenian American here in this room. I
5	don't know. But I would like to state I'd
6	like to be recorded in favor of the Wynn
7	proposal.
8	I was a licensed real estate
9	appraiser, self-employed for 20 years.
10	I've walked every square inch of lower
11	Broadway. I know Revere just as well.
12	They're both neighbors to Saugus. And I'd
13	like to say that Everett has certain
14	unique features that haven't been brought
15	up today.
16	People talk about the environment.
17	Well, Everett has a 96-acre storage oil
18	storage facility by Exxon and that's never
19	going to get cleaned up. There's a
20	40-acre Monsanto site that is in question.
21	I'd like to see that cleaned up on an
22	environmental basis. The other industries
23	that have come and gone, all before EPA
24	regulations, have left Everett, lower

1	Broadway in particular, in a tough shape.
2	And the electricity right now going
3	through these lights comes from the
4	largest power plant in New England from
5	Everett. So let's take a look at what
6	Everett has gone through, what they've
7	gone through.
8	And to add insult to injury, the
9	MTA, in their infinite wisdom, took out a
10	mass transit station. Everett station
11	used to be right there. Gone. I don't
12	know how it was in their right decision
13	making to do that in a day where mass
14	transit should be expanded, but it was
15	taken out. It would have been a nice
16	thing to have right now, but it's not
17	there.
18	I'd like to see the property
19	cleaned up, and from what I've heard, Wynn
20	is a good developer, and I'm in favor.
21	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
22	much. Ann Kelleher, Lynne Levesque,
23	Michael Monahan, Gregg Moree.
24	MS. KELLEHER: Hi. Good evening.

1	My name is Ann Kelleher. I am a resident
2	and a business owner in Charlestown. And
3 .	I don't live in the navy yard, and I have
4	nothing to do with those apartment
5	buildings that they're building.

The Charlestown -- And we have a map here that we brought so to help you with our problems with traffic.

The Charlestown community, one square mile, is a thriving, diverse, and vibrant mix of people. Through the efforts of many residents, community groups, and forward thinkers has evolved a village all working together to promote a decedent quality of life for young and old.

We value what we have. How can we be silent facing the challenges a casino will bring? By being situated at the northern end of Greater Boston and surrounded by water and roads, we are in a unique demographic zone. But daily we are impacted by traffic going in and out of Boston that does compromise our quality of

1 life.

2	These impacts have negative
3	consequences on our health causing
4	cardiovascular and respiratory diseases,
5	cancer, and other illnesses. We all
6	strive to stay healthy and disease free,
7	but we realize we can't control the air we
8	breathe. Pollution resulting from the
9	traffic around us spews out carbon
10	monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and particulate
11	matter.
12	Looming in the not-so-distant

Looming in the not-so-distant future is the planned Wynn casino in Everett located a half a mile from Charlestown. It is estimated that the casino development will add an additional 1,000 cars and tour buses per hour on the streets and highways leading to Sullivan Square, and we cannot forget that the same traffic will be returning from the casino by way of Charlestown. This traffic will severely impact our one square mile.

Incredibly, there's no plan in place to accommodate this extra traffic at

Sullivan Square. So where does it end up?

It ends up on our streets in front of our

houses, businesses, playgrounds, idling

away while waiting to move closer to

Sullivan Square and eventually the casino.

To me, this is incredibly wrong -excuse me. To me, there is incredibly
something wrong in this picture. It is
wrong to expect the people of Charlestown
to endure this unfolding scenario, but it
could happen.

One example of an area that would be directly impacted by this project is the Ryan playground right here located across the street from Sullivan Square abutting the Schrafft center less than one-half a mile from the entrance to the casino. This playground is actively used by many children, adults, and families. It is accessed by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

What will happen when cars, tour buses, and taxies sit idling waiting to cross the Alford Street bridge? Where

will the car emissions end up? From the tailpipes to our lungs, that's where.

Unfortunately, the Ryan playground could become an inactive recreational area in

the future due to the casino traffic.

With increased traffic, our safety is compromised. Charlestown is not a sprawling area. It is congested and the streets are narrow and close. If there is a medical emergency or fire, we are all at risk. Think about an ambulance, police car, or fire truck trying to get from one end of town to the other.

Over the years, many have worked tirelessly and patiently to improve the Charlestown community. Look around and walk the streets. This is a wonderful place to live and work. The young, the old, business owners, and families are happy here. Many have moved here and stayed because of the location. We're able to walk, use public transportation without having to use our vehicles, and many choose not to own vehicles. To me,

1 it is very ironic that our way of life
2 will be completely up ended by vehicles.

This morning's Globe had an article put out called "Air pollution kills 7 million each year, according to the World Health Organization." I'll just read one sentence from it. "The agency said that air position is the cause of about one in eighth deaths and has become the single biggest environmental health risk."

We all have to breathe which makes pollution very hard to avoid. As a nurse, my concern for my grandchildren living in Charlestown, anybody, our neighbors living in Charlestown, what are we putting into our lungs. Why stay, why move here.

Charlestown is in a very precarious situation, and our quality of life should not be gambled all away. Thank you.

I'd like to just say one thing to
the Gaming Commission. I have had
numerous conversations with your staff at
State Street, e-mails, and they're so very
nice. They were timely. And I appreciate

1	the professionalism that they have.
2	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
3 .	much.
4	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Thank you
5	very much.
6	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: I appreciate
7	that. Gregg Moree, Jennifer Pires.
8	MR. MOREE: Chairman Crosby,
9	Commissioners. My name is Gregg Moree.
LO	I'm from Cambridge, Massachusetts. I'm
11	also from the intercoastal Palm Beach
12	Colony of Florida where the John F.
13	Kennedy boat is right down the
L4	intercoastal waterway. Steve Wynn's yacht
15	is right beside the John F. Kennedy boat.
16	So some of the world's richest people had
L7	me do the interview from the John F.
18	Kennedy boat.
19	What Steve Wynn would do for
20	Massachusetts is he will bring more
21	billionaires here than the other proposal,
22	and more billionaires mean more jobs.
23	This is a billionaire, okay. He's just
24	going to bring more jobs.

1	So if they build that building
2	there I don't gamble and I don't smoke
3	and I don't drink and I don't do any of
4	those things, but I know about jobs and
5	money. So that's what he'll do.
6	So once you bring in one
7	billionaire, all the other billionaires
8	are going to come in, and then up and down
9	Mystic River, there'll be buildings going
10	up and more jobs.
11	Everybody knows who I am, I think,
12	I think. So once, again And I would
13	like to invite all you commissioners when
14	we bring in the John F Kennedy boat, and
15	I'm certainly going to invite Steve Wynn
16	there and his whole team right over there.
17	I'm going to do that, and we're going to
18	invite the Kennedys and everybody else.
19	That's what I'm doing, Mr. Crosby, okay.
20	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: We'll be there.
21	MR. MOREE: And I tried to make it
22	out to Worcester today to see Steve
23	Kerrigan, you know, from the Kennedy
24	Library, but I couldn't make it out there.

1	I just wanted to add that. I mean,
2	they're going to do a wonderful job with
3 .	this, and we're supporting them and
4	endorsing them a hundred percent, okay.
5	Gregg Moree from Cambridge and from Palm
6	Beach Colony.
7	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
8	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: Thanks a lot.
9	MS. PIRES: Hi. My name is
10	Jennifer Pires, and I live in Charlestown.
11	I'm not really prepared to do this. But I
12	just really hope that you guys consider
13	three things before you decide on the Wynn
14	proposal.
15	First off, what the environmental
16	impact is on Charlestown, how they're
17	going to deal with the traffic, because
18	it's clear that's a huge issue. And most
19	of all that Charlestown should have a
20	vote. We're impacted. And it's not
21	really fair that we don't. So I hope
22	you'll consider giving Charlestown a vote.
23	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
24	much. Those are all the names on my list.

1	Is there anybody else here who is waiting
2	to give us their wisdom? Then I would
3	like to thank you all for sticking with
4	us. Mr. Mayor, thank you for staying so
5	long. And we very much appreciate the
6	feedback, because I said, this is
7	important for us and thank you all for
8	coming.
9	Do I have a motion to adjourn?
10	COMMISSIONER MCHUGH: So moved.
11	COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Second.
12	CHAIRMAN CROSBY: We're adjourned.
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