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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Continues Community Outreach
Efforts and Participation in Statewide Speaking Engagements

Gaming Chairman to Address Palmer Residents Regarding Licensing Process and MGC's Commitment to Introduce Responsible Expanded Gaming to the Commonwealth

Today the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) announces the progress of an ongoing community outreach strategy designed to educate the public and provide communities with ongoing opportunity to participate in the process of regulating expanded gaming across the Commonwealth. Through the establishment of MGC's Speakers Bureau, the Commission is participating in numerous statewide speaking engagements to keep the public informed of the schedule and process, increase community awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, encourage community involvement and solicit valuable feedback to facilitate an all-inclusive, decision-making process.

Chairman Steve Crosby is scheduled to address the residents of Palmer, Massachusetts on **Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 4:00pm** at the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, 240 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA. The topic will be revisions and updates to the licensing process for casinos in the Western Massachusetts region. Those anticipated to be in attendance include *Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce* President, **Lenny Weake**; *Palmer Town Manager* **Charlie Blanchard**; *Pathfinder High School* President, **Mary Jane Rickerson** and representatives from *Citizens for Jobs and Growth in Palmer*.

MGC Chairman Steve Crosby said, "The Commission is dedicated to identifying and participating in opportunities to educate the citizens of the Commonwealth on matters relative to the successful licensing and implementation of expanded gaming. We hope organizations will continue to utilize MGC's Speakers Bureau and other opportunities provided to share information, provide feedback and ultimately help inform and expedite decisions relevant to our work."

As the Commission strives to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, the MGC Speakers Bureau provides an important face-to-face opportunity to communicate directly and facilitate a dialogue with MGC's vast constituency. The Speakers Bureau provides MGC with an opportunity to communicate its roles and responsibilities as well as the Commission's dedication to reducing to the maximum extent possible the potentially unintended consequences of expanded gaming. Advocacy meetings are not presently being scheduled, as they are anticipated for the process *after* formal

applications have been submitted. To facilitate a Speakers Bureau request, the speaker request form is easily accessible on MGC's website.

Below is a list of scheduled upcoming speaking engagements:

| DATE & TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| October 11, 2012 at 4:00pm | Citizens for Jobs and Growth in Palmer | Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, 40 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA |
| October 12, 2012 at 12:00pm | Plymouth County Development Council | Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA |
| October 16, 2012 at 5:30pm | Boston University School of Hospitality Administration | Sopher Auditorium, BU |
| October 18, 2012 at 12:00pm | American Asian Civic Association | 87 Tyler Street, 5 th floor, Boston, MA |
| October 25, 2012 at 9:00am | Suffolk University Gaming Law Association | 60 Temple Place, Boston, MA |
| November 7, 2012 at 8:00am | North Shore Chamber of Commerce | Sheraton Colonial, Wakefield, MA |

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit www.mass.gov/gaming or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm).

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