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'PUBLIC INPUT' MEETING NOTIFICATION AND GUIDELINES

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Host 'Public Input' Meeting in West Springfield on Category 1 (resort-casino) Gaming Application

*Public Input Meeting to offer early opportunity for community members to provide
the Commission feedback on nearby resort-casino proposal*

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* and members of the public

WHAT: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission will host a public input meeting as a means to facilitate public discussion in regards to the recently submitted Category 1 or resort-casino application submitted by Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC (MGM Springfield). The purpose of this meeting is to provide community members, both in the proposed host community and potential surrounding communities, an opportunity to provide feedback to the Commission in the early stages of the 'Evaluation Process'.

From its inception the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has committed to ensuring an open, transparent and participatory process. To that end, there will be three primary opportunities for interested parties to offer comment to the Commission about the MGM gaming application.

- **Written Comments:** First, on an ongoing basis, people may submit written comments to the Commission via email at mgccomments@state.ma.us.
- **Public Input Meeting:** Second, the Commission will convene a public input meeting in West Springfield on March 3, 2014. This meeting is an opportunity for surrounding communities, citizens from such surrounding communities, and impacted live entertainment venues to give feedback on the MGM Category 1 license application directly to the Commission.
- **Host Community Meeting:** Third, the Commission will convene a public hearing on the MGM application in Springfield, the proposed host community. This host community hearing has not yet been scheduled.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

WHEN/WHERE: Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

MGM Springfield Proposal
West Springfield Middle School
31 Middle School Drive
West Springfield, MA

GUIDELINES:

Those who wish to submit written comments relative to the upcoming input meeting may do so by sending an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with the town name in the subject line. All comments received via email will be distributed to the Commission for their review.

Public officials, representatives of interested parties and members of the communities who wish to address the Commission at the meeting in West Springfield should send an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with "Request to address the Commission"/"name of town" in the subject line.

In order to use the available time most efficiently, each speaker's presentation will be limited to 5 minutes.

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