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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Supports MGM Springfield's Nomination for Annual Historic Preservation Award

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted unanimously to issue a letter in support of MGM Springfield's nomination for an annual preservation award presented by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The \$960 million development is seeking consideration for the historical commission's distinguished recognition in the category of adaptive reuse. During a public meeting on February 14 at MGC's Boston office, gaming commissioners acknowledged MGM Springfield's commitment to the innovative reuse of historic architectural elements throughout the casino property and voted unanimously 5-0 to endorse MGM Springfield's award submission.

"During the commission's review of MGM Springfield's application in 2014, we routinely acknowledged the incredible uniqueness of this facility – its open and accessible design as well as its many historic preservation projects and tributes to the city's rich and innovative history," wrote the gaming commissioners in their letter of support to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. "In the global gaming industry, we are confident that there is not a project that compares with the distinctiveness of this resort casino and goal to be a destination located in the heart of an urban community."

The 14-acre urban casino project consists of numerous elements that involve the adaptive reuse of physical facilities, facades and historic architectural components. MGM Springfield's preservation efforts were highlighted throughout the licensee's application to the MGC and subsequent monitoring of MGC's construction phase.

MGM Springfield undertook significant steps to reuse critical architectural features of the site including the following:

- Relocated the 1887 French Congregational Church
- Restored and renovated the 1895 State Armory head house (severely damaged in the 2011 tornado)
- Restored the 1912 Union Electric building and the 1846 Chandler Hotel facade
- Protected and repurposed elements of the 1909 YWCA building façade and the stained glass dome from the Union Electric building
- Showcased many historic architectural components throughout the gaming floor, conference space, hotel and restaurants.
- Created unique way-finding signage featuring landmark buildings throughout the casino property
- Provides an informational display and narrative video on the property to educate patrons about the city's history.



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Read MGC's letter of support here.

About MassGaming

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 MassGaming.com or connect and share on Twitter ([@MassGamingComm](https://twitter.com/MassGamingComm)) or Facebook www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm.



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