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## **The Massachusetts Gaming Commission Prepares to Begin Search Process for New Executive Director**

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) Chair Cathy Judd-Stein today announced that Executive Director Ed Bedrosian is departing the agency to pursue a new opportunity in the private sector. Karen Wells, MGC's deputy director and the director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), has been designated to serve as the interim executive director, a role she previously held in 2015.

"On behalf of my fellow commissioners, I would like to thank Executive Director Bedrosian for his leadership and public service over the past four years. He was instrumental in guiding complex regulatory preparations to ensure the successful opening of both MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor. He consistently led and encouraged MGC staff to meet and exceed the demanding professional responsibilities required for what was no less than a true start-up operation." said **Chair Cathy Judd-Stein**. "We are grateful that Director Wells will once again step forward and serve the Commission in an interim capacity. With seven years of experience at MGC and more than two decades in public service, she is a proven leader who has consistently demonstrated a strong understanding of MGC's regulatory role, core functions and agency values."

"I would like to thank the Commission and the MGC staff for the opportunity to serve as executive director. This has been an incredible job," said **Executive Director Ed Bedrosian**. "I was privileged these past four years to work with great Commissioners, past and present, to help lead a talented team of professionals who worked hard every day to open and regulate casinos, to license and register people in a new industry, to ensure diversity in both the construction and operations workforces, to establish responsible gaming and research on the impacts of introducing casino gambling into Massachusetts, and to create a transparent and inclusive work environment."

Mr. Bedrosian's effective departure date is Friday, January 10. During a public meeting on January 9, the five-member gaming commission will discuss the process for selecting a new executive director and ratify the selection of Director Wells as interim.

As the executive and administrative lead of the agency, the Executive Director is responsible for the oversight of MGC staff, and the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the gaming law. The Executive Director plans, directs, executes, and



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coordinates all administrative activities and assists the Commission in developing the policies and procedures related to the regulation of gaming in Massachusetts.

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



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