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Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Tour Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium Program

Programs are Funded by MGC's Community Mitigation Fund Grant Program

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Interim Chair Jordan Maynard** and **Commissioners Brad Hill, Eileen O'Brien, and Nakisha Skinner**

MassHire Metro North Workforce Board, program administrators, participants, and instructors from the Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium

WHAT: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will tour two program sites of the Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium to observe workforce development programs funded through the **Community Mitigation Fund (CMF) Grant Program**.

The CMF, administered by the MGC, was developed to support eligible Massachusetts communities to mitigate the impact of the construction and operation of casinos in the Commonwealth. Since its inception in 2015, the CMF has awarded nearly \$57 million in grants, including over \$18 million this past funding cycle.

These programs are designed to provide training and career pathways for individuals in the hospitality industry, with the goal of addressing workforce needs in the region. The tour will offer a firsthand look at the impact these grant-funded initiatives have on local communities and will highlight the economic development contributions of the hospitality sector to the region.

Following the tours, the MGC will participate in a discussion of the program with MassHire and members and students of the Metro Boston Regional Hospitality Consortium.

In order to comply with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, this discussion and presentation will be held as **public meeting #535 of the Commission**.

A complete list of agenda items will be published on MassGaming.com 48 hours ahead of the meeting date. This meeting will be held in person and a



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livestream **will not be available; however, a recording of the public meeting portion will be uploaded to MassGaming.com and the MGC YouTube Channel.**

For room capacity planning, interested parties are asked to register using this form, or by emailing Grace.Robinson@massgaming.gov. Members of the media are asked to RSVP to thomas.mills@massgaming.gov.

Photo and video B-Roll opportunities will be available during the tour and public meeting portion of the visit. Interviews regarding the program and the CMF with MGC Commissioners and Metro North Hospitality Working Group representatives and program participants can be arranged post meeting. Please contact Thomas Mills to arrange.

WHERE: **Site 1:** Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), 38 Ash St, Boston, MA 02111
Site 2: International Institute of New England (INNE), 2 Boylston St 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02116
Public Meeting: International Institute of New England (INNE) Conference Room, 2 Boylston St 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02116

WHEN: **Thursday, October 3, 2024**
Site 1 Tour: 9:30am
Site 2 Tour: 10:15am
Public Meeting: 11:00am



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