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Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Meet with Community Mitigation Fund Grantees

Commission to Discuss Regional Marketing Program in Foxborough, Plainville, and Wrentham

WHO:

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

State and local government officials, regional tourism representatives, Mass Cultural Council Executive Director Michael Bobbitt other invited guests

WHAT:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will meet with state and local officials from Foxborough, Plainville, and Wrentham to discuss a regional marketing program 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.

This particular regional marketing program promotes visitation to the area utilizing various media platforms. The initiative is aimed at ensuring the presence of a gaming establishment (Plainridge Park Casino) leads to further economic development in the area.

Since 2019, the MGC has made over \$670,000 in Community Mitigation Fund Grants to support this initiative. This past funding round, \$153,000 was granted for continued support.

Commissioners will tour the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center (MRPAC) and then receive a briefing on the Foxborough Plainville Wrentham Tourism Initiative followed by a panel discussion.

In order to comply with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the briefing and discussion portion of the event will be held as public meeting #538 of the

Commission.

A complete list of agenda items can be found on MassGaming.com. This meeting will be held in person and a 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 <u>form</u>, or by emailing <u>Grace.Robinson@massgaming.gov</u>. Members of the media are asked to RSVP to <u>thomas.mills@massgaming.gov</u>.

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 can be arranged post meeting. Please contact Thomas Mills to arrange.

WHERE: Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center One School Street Foxborough, MA 02035

WHEN: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Public Meeting: 1:15pm