

## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

September 3, 2014

Gayle Cameron, Commissioner James F. McHugh, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street, Suite 720 Boston, MA 02109

Re: Wynn Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Somerville in connection with the Commission's upcoming decision concerning the award of a Category 1 Gaming License in Region A: whether to award any such license in the Boston metropolitan area and, if so, to which of the two remaining applicants for the license. As you know, Somerville, because of its proximity to the two proposed casino locations and the likely effects in the City from their operation, has participated in the licensing and permitting processes, before both the Gaming Commission and other agencies, including the MEPA Office. Somerville has existing Surrounding Community Agreements with both Mohegan Sun, the applicant for a license in Revere, and Wynn, the applicant for a license in Everett. The Mohegan Sun SCA was arrived at by negotiation. The Wynn SCA mitigation terms were essentially imposed by a majority of a panel of arbitrators after negotiations failed to produce an agreement.

One of the criteria on which the Commission is to base its decision whether to issue a Category 1 Gaming License and to whom is the "[q]uality of surrounding community agreements" in place for a particular proposed casino. 205 CMR 119.03(e) 5. The MEPA Office's recent determination with respect to the Wynn Everett Casino that "this project **does not adequately and properly comply** with MEPA" (August 15, 2014 Certificate of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs on the Final Environmental Impact Report ("Secretary's Certificate"), page 1 (emphasis in original)), raises serious questions about the "quality" of the Surrounding Community Agreement between Wynn and Somerville.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Of course, it raises questions about other issues as well that are germane to the Commission's licensing decision. *See*, e.g., General Laws Chapter 23K, Section 18 (8)(iii) (regarding minimization of vehicle trips) and 205 CMR







The Secretary of EOEEA has now determined that Wynn has not complied with MEPA. This non-compliance has to do with the analysis of traffic and transportation issues in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Wynn Casino. *See* Secretary's Certificate, 1, 8-17, 33-34. The Secretary has required that Wynn file a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report on those issues.

Central to the Secretary's concerns are the problems associated with additional traffic at intersections in Everett and in surrounding communities, including Somerville. In this regard, the Secretary's conclusions are very similar to those of the dissenting panelist in the Somerville-Wynn arbitration. *Compare* Secretary's Certificate at 11 (describing concerns about Wynn's analysis of traffic issues in Sullivan Square – which is not in Everett but in Boston, immediately adjacent to Somerville) – with Report and Arbitral Award at 11 (dissenting panelist noting traffic problems in Sullivan Square and that 2/3 of the Wynn casino traffic will pass through it); compare Secretary's Certificate at 10-11 and 33-34 (inconsistences in Wynn's modelling and need for more sophisticated analysis, taking into account comments of the Department of Transportation and neighboring communities, including Somerville) with Report and Arbitral Award 12-13 (dissenting panelist noting that Wynn traffic analysis did not capture traffic that would be diverted to Somerville streets because of the casino and that Somerville had requested a more sophisticated analysis that would do that).

On a central issue with respect to the Wynn project – the impact of its traffic on neighboring communities, including Somerville – the existing Surrounding Community Agreement between Somerville and Wynn rests on what is now clearly a faulty premise – that traffic impacts have been analyzed and understood, and that they can be satisfactorily mitigated. For that reason, the Wynn Everett project does not meet the "quality of the surrounding community agreements" criterion of the Commission's regulations.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Curtatone

Mayor

119.03(e) 7 (regarding traffic mitigation). Under separate cover Somerville has commented on various aspects of the Wynn Everett proposal, including most recently, the Wynn FEIR by letter dated August 8, 2014 to the Secretary of EOEEA, proposed traffic mitigation by letter to the Commission dated August 22, 2014, project design by letter dated June 30, 2014, and on the Wynn MA, LLC application by letter dated June 25, 2014.





August 22, 2014

Mr. Stephen Crosby Commonwealth of Massachusetts Massachusetts Gaming Commision 84 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02109

RE:

Region A Traffic Mitigation

Proposed Wynn Casino Development in Everett, Massachusetts

Project Number EOEEA# 15060

#### Dear Commissioner:

We have been retained by The Batch Yard, a residential development located at the intersection of Route 16 and Route 99 in Everett. The owners of The Batch Yard have questions regarding the various impacts the Wynn Everett Casino Project will have on the Broadway corridor. On their behalf, we offer the following specific technical comments regarding the Transportation chapter of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), dated June 30, 2014, submitted in support of this Project.

#### **Public Transportation**

The proponent has estimated that 13% of patrons, and 33% of employees will use public transportation as a means of getting to and from the Project. It was also projected that 20% of employees would use the employee shuttle bus. It is unclear whether these estimates are realistic based on the type of trip and the capacities of the various public transportation modes. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission indicates that only 7.3% of all person trips in the Boston area are made via public transportation. The proponent justifies the increase in public transportation trips by highlighting the proximity of the site to existing MBTA facilities and a shuttle bus which will run to the project site. The existing orange line stations are over a mile away from the site, although a shuttle bus to the site will be provided by the proponent. Studies such as MIT's "Transfers and path choice in urban public transport systems" suggest that increasing the number of transfers required on public transportation decreases the likelihood of someone choosing to take public transport.

The water transportation mode split has increased from 3% in the DEIR to 6% in the FEIR for patrons. The mode split for employees has remained at 3%. There is no data provided to justify the increase in ferry trips. The only validation given for the mode split is that 17% of patrons will be originating from the waterfront area and will lack access to personal vehicles. The conclusion is that they must all take public transportation in the form of taxis, mbta, or ferry service, with a 1/3 split going to ferry service.

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There was no consideration for rental cars, or any study indicating that 33% of people in this area utilize water transportation when convenient.

#### Offsite Improvements

There was no longer any mention of interim improvements, however, it was not clarified when the proposed mitigation would be completed, and whether they would be completed prior to opening. In Chapter 15 of the FEIR it states "The Proponent understands the importance of the mitigation projects and will continue to work with MassDOT and surrounding cities to expedite design and construction. The timing of the mitigation commitments is further detailed in Chapter 16 of the FEIR." There was no chapter 16 included in the FEIR submission. The proponent should be required to implement all mitigation prior to opening, otherwise, impacts unfairly burdens all of the adjacent land owners with excessive delays. It is no secret that excessive delays have a very significant travel time cost which results in a drain on the local economy. More attention to traffic delays is important for a project of this scope and magnitude.

The Santilli Circle mitigation has changed significantly but still appears to address the safety and traffic related concerns at the intersection. In addition, the city of Boston has now reached a consensus on an alternative for Sullivan Square. The proponent is still suggesting the implementation of minor mitigation prior to the city's plan being implemented. However, the traffic impacts from the project related trips appear to have been accommodated within the scope of the proponent's mitigation suggestion.

Many of the proposed improvements involve changes to signal phasing and timing. For a significant number of intersections, this appears to mean increasing time given to the main road such as Broadway and Route 16, and decreasing the time allotted for the side streets entering the roadways. This results in lower overall LOS and delay for the intersection, but often means significant increases in delay and worse LOS for the side streets. This will make it more difficult for traffic to exit the neighboring properties. Access to and from adjacent property should be maintained.

#### **Conclusions**

The analysis contained in this FEIR demonstrates that the impacts of the Project on the roadway network can not completely be mitigated without adverse impacts to neighboring properties. In summary, we believe that the proponent has an obligation to fully mitigate its impacts.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments on this Project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (877) 305-4163.

Sincerely,

FORT HILL INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, LLC

William F. Lyons Jr., P.E., Esq.

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President

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August 26, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street, 10th Floor Boston, MA 02109

Dear Gaming Commissioners,

SEIU Local 888 is a union of nearly 8,500 public service workers. Our union hall is located on the west side of Sullivan Square near the intersection of Stark Street and Cambridge Street in Charlestown.

The union hall is the hub of our union, with officers, staff, executive board leaders and members coming and going at all times of day and night. We frequently hold meetings for union members and host many community events.

We are very concerned about the impact of the proposed Wynn casino in nearby Everett on traffic patterns in the Sullivan Square area. Getting through Sullivan Square during rush hours is already a nightmare. It can take as long as an hour to get from our union hall to Bunker Hill Community College because of the gridlock in the Sullivan Square traffic circle.

Sometimes the exit ramp off of Interstate 93 is backed up as far as the O'Neil Tunnel because of the traffic on Cambridge Street.

Unless there is a significant change in the roadway design and real improvement in traffic management, the traffic from the proposed casino will only exacerbate what is already a very bad situation.

Because of these concerns, Local 888 urges the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to deny Wynn's application for a casino in Everett.

Sincerely,

Mark DelloRusso

President

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29 August 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02109

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#### Greetings:

In a previous letter I wrote to the Gaming Commission I explained how the Wynn Resort in Everett can serve as a catalyst for action on the Mystic River and will help bring together the broad array of stakeholders to build the vision, find the resources, and rejuvenate a contaminated urban waterway that will provide opportunities for economic, recreational, and educational activities for the Greater Boston area for generations to come.

In that letter I wanted to make a reference to any study that was done on the economic benefits of a rejuvenated Charles River or Boston Harbor. However, I was informed by the directors of the Mystic River Watershed Association, the Charles River Watershed Association, and the Boston Harbor Association that no such study has yet been undertaken by any government agency, university, or private organization due to lack of funding.

So I sent my letter with no reference to any study. (You may remember a letter that came with a black binder containing 3 vintage 1972 photographs of 3 polluting drainpipes and 10 lurid newspaper articles about chemical incidents and accidents at Monsanto.) Nevertheless, I resolved to keep searching for any such study of a cleaned up urban waterway no matter how large or small anywhere in the U.S. or Canada.

I am pleased to inform you that last year the U.S. Geological Survey released an analysis of a cleaned up waterway in Washington, D.C. that documents how restoration work on this urban tributary has had a substantial impact on the local economy. This case study of the Watts Branch of the Anacostia River demonstrates how restoring a stream can help restore a community and shows the potential of restoring urban streams nationwide.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the news release. Bear in mind that the Watts Branch is a small stream with a watershed area of 18 square miles whereas the Mystic River has a watershed area of 76 square miles. The Mystic cleanup would be a much larger and longer undertaking but the potential economic benefits of a cleaned up Mystic would be much greater.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin P. Coogan

Encl.

#### **USGS NEWSROOM**

### AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS: USGS Economic Analysis of Anacostia River Shows Potential Value of Restoring Urban Streams Nationwide

Case Study Demonstrates How Restoring a Stream Can Help Restore a Community Released: 5/2/2013 9:44:14 AM

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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- The U.S. Geological Survey today released an analysis of the Watts Branch of the Anacostia River in Prince Georges County, Md. and Washington, D.C. that documents how restoration work on this urban tributary has had a substantial impact on the local economy, directly or indirectly accounting for 45 jobs, \$2.6 million in local labor income and \$3.4 million in value added to the local D.C. metropolitan area in 2011.

"The USGS study confirms the value of re-greening our urban landscapes around the nation," said David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior. "Restoring one of the most degraded urban streams in the Anacostia watershed while also addressing sewage infrastructure benefited a struggling local economy, provided an improved park and green space for residents, and enhanced wildlife habitat. Restoring a stream is helping restore a community and demonstrates the power of partnerships."

The Anacostia watershed is one of the priority areas for interagency cooperation in both President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership.

D.C. and federal agencies formed the Watts Branch restoration partnership in 2010 to restore a segment of one of the most urbanized watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay drainage basin. Completed in 2011, the restoration project was funded largely by the District of Columbia's Department of Environment and also carried out by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service along with the National Park Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington Water and Sewer and several local organizations.

The partnership has addressed both environmental degradation and sewage infrastructure needs of the Watts Branch, which originates in the Capitol Heights area of Prince George's County, flowing almost 5 miles to the Anacostia, which drains to the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

The analysis, conducted by USGS economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Elizabeth Myrick, found that restoring Watts Branch had a substantial impact on the local economy. The restoration directly accounted for 26 jobs and more than \$1.5 million in local labor income including salaries, wages and benefits and \$1.5 million in local value added (the contribution of expenditures to Gross Domestic Product). Moreover, the restoration indirectly supported an additional 19 jobs, providing an additional \$1.1 million in labor income and \$1.9 in value added to the local economy. Restoring Watts Branch contributed more than \$3 million to a struggling local economy.

"This restoration project shows the fiscal and transformative power of re-greening urban areas—supporting local jobs, upgrading infrastructure, and helping improve the local economy," said Hayes, noting that the Watts study is one of a number of case studies on the impact of restoration projects in other parts of the country. "With a roughly \$2 trillion backlog in infrastructure needs nationwide, our country has a tremendous opportunity to advance both economic and environmental goals through other restoration projects."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners not only restored the eroded stream channel, which was depositing nearly 1,500 tons of sediment into the Anacostia watershed each year, but also relocated and improved sewer lines to address and prevent future sewage leaks. Infrastructure and environmental restoration improved water quality, increased floodplain storage, reduced erosion and improved in-stream habitat to support fish like American eel, alewife and American shad. Local residents regained a beautiful urban stream, and habitat along the stream also improved for birds such as warblers, barred owls and great blue herons, to name just a few.

Moreover, local communities have seen utility and street upgrades. A local nonprofit, Washington Parks and People, has begun using Watts Branch as an outdoor classroom to prepare an emerging workforce for jobs in urban and community forestry.

"The Watt's Branch restoration turned a degraded stream into an urban sanctuary within an underserved community," the analysis concluded.

President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative is a conservation agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It underscores how urban parks and community green spaces can contribute to the social, physical, economic and emotional health of America's communities. The Anacostia is one of the priority areas chosen under America's Great Outdoors.

The Anacostia River Watershed also is one of the original pilot project areas of the interagency Urban Waters Federal Partnership led by EPA. Through this partnership, the Interior Department and 10 other federal departments work to reconnect urban areas—particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed—with their waterways through improved collaboration.

From:

Jessica Schlueter < jschluet7@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 8:30 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC)
I believe in Steve Wynn

#### Dear Commissioners:

Good Day! I am a citizen of San Diego and I am writing this to share my support for, and opinion of, the Wynn Everett proposal. This would be so beneficial to this region of Massachusetts, far beyond what the other proposal can do. The Wynn proposal is the best and only choice.

There are a lot things to be said about Steve Wynn and the Everett casino plan - all the jobs and the taxes and other economic benefits, not to take away from those things at all - but the one that I'm most excited about is the way it will one, clean up the utter disaster that is that Monsanto site, and two, open up the waterfront for people to use and enjoy again. To think that visitors will be able to come to the Wynn by water taxi or their own boat, that we'll be able to walk by the river again, and to have such a beautiful complex there for the benefit of Everett, Somerville, Medford, Charlestown and all the visitors from Massachusetts and around the world, well, that's reason enough to support this plan 100%.

I unequivocally support this project and hope you will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Schlueter 941 W. Hawthorn St. San Diego, CA 92101

From:

Anna Brassard < nana02119@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 2:27 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

Dear Commissioners:

The Wynn Resorts project will provide numerous benefits for the people of Greater Boston.

The applicant you select will have a gaming monopoly in this region, so it is important that Massachusetts protect itself. The Wynn corporation has tremendous financial resources to fund and operate a first-class resort. It will not be asking for bailouts or secret investors, or special tax breaks should the economy dip. This state cannot afford to put taxpayers at risk in any conceivable manner. Wynn has a proven track record.

I hope I can count on your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Brassard 329 South main street Randolph, MA 02368

From:

lauragary.1@netzero.com

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 1:08 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Casino Everett

It has come to my attention that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission believes that the residents of Charlestown support the Wynn Casino in Everett. That is a misconception!

As a resident of Charlestown, I am appalled that this is the conclusion you have come to.

In an area that already has a horrific traffic situation, there is no room to support the additional traffic, and no space to widen the roads. No plan that I've seen from Wynn solves this problem. The traffic problem starts at the I 93 Sullivan Square exit- I have not used that ramp for years because of the wait time. At the same time traffic is backed up from Somerville coming out of Union Square, and from Somerville coming from Broadway, and Rutherford coming from Boston- in other words, all directions coming in to Sullivan Square. Wynn proposed a traffic light at Spice Street, then another a block away at the Rutherford / Cambridge intersection. How can that work? This just bottlenecks the traffic coming down Cambridge Street. The idea to widen Cambridge Street at the intersection of Maffa Way is foolish. There is not sufficient room at this corner to widen the street. There is significant pedestrian traffic, and they need wide, safe sidewalks as we have now.

As a Charlestown resident, I am very concerned about the cultural changes this Casino will bring-Charlestown is the original Boston, with rich historical value.

The Wynn people are trying to spin this casino as a bonus for Boston, bringing in more tourism. But people do not come to Boston to gamble- they come for the history, to walk the Freedom Trail from The Old Statehouse to the Bunker HIll Monument. Charlestown is too close to Everett for this plan to work. The kind of development that generally comes with a casino is not what we want so close to Boston. And then, when the Casino fails as most eventually do, we are left with the eyesore that is clearly seen from the Bunker Hill Monument.

I've lived and worked in Boston for over 20 years, and I love this city. Charlestown is my home. I want you to reflect on that- is this what you would want for the area where you live? Please do not award the casino license to Wynn - the people of Charlestown, of Somerville, and of Boston have so much to lose if this casino is built.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Daehnke

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From:

Didier Delepine <emaildjd@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 12:49 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Licence

**Dear Commission Members & Staff:** 

It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

From the very beginning of our advocacy, we have focused on the technical issues raised by Wynn's application, DEIR and FEIR, because we felt that a strategy raising issues and concerns about the impacts on Charlestown was the most viable approach. Unfortunately, that technical strategy approach has resulted in what we understand to be a Massachusetts Gaming Commission assumption that Charlestown residents can live with a Wynn license award as long as there is adequate mitigation of the negative impacts.

Nothing could be farther from the fact! Charlestown affirms that the Everett site is completely inappropriate and unsuitable due to its location in a dense, congested urban environment, lacking the proper infrastructure to support it. We insist that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize just the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Thank you

Didier Delepine 32 Winthrop Street Chalestown MA 02129

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From:

Nordo Nissi IV <nordonissi@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 11:45 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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Just like Governor Deval Patrick, I do not want a casino built near my home. I am strongly opposed to the Everett casino proposal and look forward to voting Yes to stop the casino mess in November.

Thank you!

Nordo Nissi Charlestown, MA

From:

Janet Dennis <JanetDGI@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 9:56 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

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and recognize just the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license
award!!!

Thank you.
Janet Dennis
67 Winthrop street,
Charlestown, Ma. 02129

From: Sent: Linda Johnson <lcj638@comcast.net> Thursday, September 04, 2014 9:01 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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We wholeheartedly support the effort to prevent the Wynn casino in Everett site. Besides the fact that it will impair our quality of life in the Charlestown Navy Yard (increased traffic, environmentally, etc.) we moved here from Detroit, where 3 casinos were built to "bring back the city of Detroit". Instead the businesses around the casinos decreased - the casinos want the people inside the casinos - not in the surrounding businesses. And as we all know now, the "increased tax revenues have not impacted the city as promised. We also see casinos in New England going out of business because of over saturation. And the neighborhoods are left with huge empty buildings.

Just getting to the grocery stores and businesses on the other side of Sullivan Square will be impossible to get to for Charlestown residents.

Please pay attention to the people of Charlestown as we attempt to prevent this situation from ruining out quality of life.

Thank you very much.

Linda Johnson 250 First Ave., Apt. 525 Charlestown, MA

From:

Corinne Biggs <corinnegbiggs@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:38 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Fw: Applicant Suitability

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014 7:40 AM, Corinne Biggs < corinnegbiggs@yahoo.com > wrote:

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I am a resident of Charlestown living on Bunker Hill St. I STRONGLY object to the Wynn Casino in Everett. I join the efforts of the Charlestown Preservation Society to communicate to you that Charlestown residents are united in our objection to the possibility of a casino on our doorstop. Please see the message below regarding our concerns prior to your deliberation.

It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

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Corinne Biggs Thank you!

From: Tracey < jlavin24@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 6:22 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject: casino

#### Dear Commission Members and Staff:

It has come to my attention that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission may have misinterpreted Charlestown residents' comments on the Wynn Massachusetts Casino proposal. It appears that our opinion of the project got lost in the technical evaluation of the project which may have resulted in an unfounded impression by the commission that Charlestown residents are agreeable to a Wynn license IF the negative impacts are adequately mitigated.

#### NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

The focus of Charlestown's advocacy has been on the evaluating the technical issues raised by Wynn's application, DEIR, and FEIR because it was felt that a strategy of raising issues and concerns about the impacts on our community was the most viable approach. This should not be misconstrued as implicit support of Wynn's license. I have been party to numerous private conversations and attended many meetings and public hearings and know of no Charlestown resident in support of the Everett casino.

The Wynn Proposal deserves no further consideration for the following reasons:

- 1. The project is too large for its densely urban site.
- 2. It lacks the ready transportation infrastructure to accommodate it.
- 3. It is uninspired in design and does not reflect the aesthetic character of the surrounding area. The Massachusetts Chapter of the AIA has loudly denounced this project as poorly conceived.
- 4. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**: It seriously imperils Charlestown's plans for a revitalized Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square which the Charlestown community has spent years to craft. The redesign of these areas will have significant and positive impacts on the livability of our community and surrounding areas. We are unwilling to compromise this vision.

Simply put, the social, environmental, infrastructural and traffic costs are too great for the residents of Charlestown and City of Boston and NO AMOUNT of mitigation can offset the long-term impact of this project.

We sincerely hope the Commission members and staff will correct their assumption and recognize near-unanimous Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Respectfully, Tracey K. Lavin Charlestown, MA

From:

sfalahee@comcast.net

Sent:

Thursday, September 04, 2014 12:12 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Applicant Suitability-Wynn

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I have lived in Charlestown for almost 15 years. I own a condo and I am very proud of this community I do not support the introduction of a casino into this surrounding area. I am opposed to the award of license to Wynn. We do not need this type of activity here, I have seen in other communities first hand the devastating impact that a casino brings to surrounding areas. It is hard to find a neighborhood like Charlestown, Everett and Sommerville where you can live, work and own your own condo. These may not be the "best" or high end areas of Boston but these communities are filled with real working residents. We live and work in a great city and I know that is a privilege. Please do not allow this to go through, I don't want to live in Vegas, I want to live in Boston. Keep these neighborhoods intact, do not allow this to go through.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint.

Sue Falahee

From:

Jessica DeRoeve < Jessica\_DeRoeve@equityoffice.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 4:42 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Casino

To whom it may Concern,

I would like to express my opinion on the proposed Wynn Casino in Everett. My husband and I currently live in Charlestown and are raising our two young children in Charlestown. We live less than half a mile from the proposed Wynn Casino and are very much against it for various reasons including clientele in the area, high traffic, interference in emergency response due to high traffic and overall pollution are among some concerns. I request that you consider my opinion and others in Charlestown as you decide on if you should award a casino licence. My family and I are VERY MUCH OPPOSED to this casino.

Thank you

Jessica DeRoeve Charlestown Resident

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From:

William Lamb <wlambarch@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 4:48 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

**Dear Commission Members & Staff:** 

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We ask the Commission members and staff to recognize our objections and Charlestown's strong opposition to a Wynn license award.

Thank you.

William P. Lamb, Chair

Design Review Committee

**Charlestown Preservation Society** 

William P. Car

P.O. Box 290201

Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Brennan, Carol < Carol Brennan@meei.harvard.edu>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 4:51 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc:

Brennan, Carol; carol\_brennan@comcast.net

**Subject:** 

Applicant Suitability

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I have been a homeowner and taxpayer in Charlestown for the past 23 years and now my office has been moved to the Schrafft's building complex in Charlestown. I know firsthand how the impact of Wynn license award would affect this neighborhood and I am totally against it. We have not voted on an issue that would totally change the lives of the citizens of Charlestown.

Please let me know that you have received my communication in opposition to the Wynn license.

Sincerely,

Carol

M. Carol Brennan 67 Monument Avenue Charlestown, MA 02129 617-241-0530

Director of Marketing Massachusetts Eye and Ear 465 Medford Street Charlestown, MA 02129 617-573-3307

From: Ellen RCN <eok753@rcn.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:30 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Casino in Everett, MA

As a Charlestown resident I would like to state my opposition to the proposed casino in Everett.

I have tried to be open, but there is no way that Everett and neighboring towns can profit. We have a neighborhood...it will be no longer if the very few people in Everett win.

Thank you,

From: Christiane R Wolff <crawolff@cs.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:36 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** objection to casino in everett

#### Gentlemen:

i want to express my horror of what will happen to our Charlestown community, should the casino be built in Everett. I have gone to meetings and find that the Winn group has not come up with a workable transportation plan; we will be gridlocked, landlocked and virtual prisoners to vehicular traffic. It took nearly three years to finish the bridge on route 99 and during the 8 hour work day and then some, the traffic was intolerable. A 10 minute trip turned to 30. i cannot even fathom what it will be with casino traffic. Americans have a love affair with cars and will drive cars as most of the casino goers will not be from the Boston area, but surrounding states and suburbs,

Why do we need a casino at all? The economic times are not good and we may have a casino in the western part of the state, and already have them in Rhode island, Connecticut and New Hampshire. Statistically, casino goers are the people who can least afford it. Casinos do not bring prosperity to neighborhoods--they destroy lives and neighborhoods.

Just on news today there was an announcement that three casinos in Atlantic City are closing after having opened just two years ago. Where does that leave the citizens and town of Atlantic City, who i am sure gave lots of tax benefits--now jobs are gone and neighborhoods infested. The only winners were the casino owners. I was there and saw how run down the areas outside the casinos were JUST IN TWO YEARS!!! i don't imagine that this won't be the case in Everett. I would hate to see Charlestown go back to the days of the elevated train that ruined the city--it became so run down that people deserted their properties. I am sure tourism will suffer too as well as the property values and health issues will become prevalent again with bad air issues.

please, keep in mind that Charlestown is the beginning of the Freedom Trail: the history of Boston. Will we compromise it once more with a repeat performance "of the El" now called "Casino"!!!!!!!!!!

Please reconsider and do not build a casino in such an already traffic congested historic area.

Christiane Wolff 80 Elm street Charlestown, MA

crawolff@cs.com

From:

Matthew McCourt < MMcCourt@mccourtconstruction.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:53 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Application Suitability

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I live in Charlestown and work in the Heavy/Highway construction industry. Professionally, nothing could make my life easier than building a Casino in Everett. It will likely result in hundreds (or thousands) of construction jobs close to my home. However; I am whole-heartedly against the Wynn Proposal.

The Everett site is located in a dense, congested urban environment. Sullivan Square is already a traffic nightmare and the Route 99 bridge backs up even with its reconstruction complete. Because of the condition of Sullivan Square, it's nearly certain that all the traffic heading to the casino from Boston proper and beyond will cut through the North End and Charlestown rather than getting on I-93 and getting off at Sullivan Square (I know because that's how I frequently get home now!).

The Revere proposal is significantly better positioned with regard to public transit and evening rush hour commute gridlock. I urge the Commission to recognize the significant opposition overwhelmingly felt by Charlestown residents towards the Wynn proposal. Please reject the Wynn proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, Matt McCourt 6 Pleasant Street, 02129

From:

Laura Mackey < lgm10398@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:41 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

**Everett Casino** 

I am a long-time resident of Charlestown MA, and I am against the proposed Wynn Casino in Everett.

Historic Charlestown is very much a part of Boston, and building a Casino so close to the city of Boston will likely decrease our property values.

The traffic through Sullivan Square is already a nightmare, and the additional Casino traffic will only add to the existing problems. I have not seen a viable solution for the traffic. There are historic buildings and high end residential apartments on Cambridge Street in Sullivan Square- you cannot widen Cambridge Street without interfering with existing property.

Please do not select the Wynn Casino plan- please consider the impact on Charlestown and it's residents. This Casino site is just too close to Charlestown.

Sincerely,

Laura Mackey

From: Alice Krapf <aekrapf@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:37 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Proposed Wynn Casino in Everett

I want to express my extreme opposition to the Proposed Wynn Casino in Everett. As a Charlestown resident, this casino would be devastating for our community. Every professional study emphasizes that 60% of the traffic to the casino would go through Charlestown. Even the Wynn representatives acknowledge this, and also tell us that they cannot pay for all that would be needed to mitigate traffic. The proposed mitigation, turning Rutherford Avenue into a highway, is also not acceptable. For Charlestown to develop its Main Stree twith businesses and commerce, a safe and easy path of travel to the T station and to the thousands of units being developed off the Gilmore Bridge, is needed. The casino will make that impossible.

We already have a traffic problem, and in some cases, cannot get into or out of our community. We are surrounded by water on three sides. If the two bridges and Sullivan Square are blocked, there is no way for emergency vehicles to access or egress Charlestown. The casino traffic will only make this situation worse. Add to that the noise and particulate pollution of all these cars, and this truly ugly building which would dominate our view to the west/northwest, and it is clear that the Wynn Casino is not acceptable.

Over the past 15 years, Charlestown has seen a resurgence in the number of young families that want to make Charlestown their home. Our community has benefited from this diversity. But who will want to live here if we can't cross Rutherford Avenue to get to the subway, and we can't get our children or elders to a hospital because of traffic? The community has worked long and hard on a plan to make Rutherford Avenue part of our community; now, we are being told that five years of planning has to be thrown out so that easy access to the casino can be established through Charlestown. There is no conceivable benefit to Charlestown out of this casino, only detrimental effects. I ask that you consider this in making your decision next week.

Alice E.Krapf 42 Sullivan St Charlestown, MA 02129 aekrapf@aol.com 617 242-9096 phone 617 242-7424 fax

From:

agoldenfarb@aol.com

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:43 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Absolutely NO CASINO in Charlestown

To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

There are rumors that the Gaming Commission feels that Charlestown isn't opposed to the Casino if the traffic is mitigated. The community of Charlestown is absolutely opposed to the Casino in Everett. We do not support it in any manner whatsoever.

We urge to you make the responsible decision for the community and not put a Casino in Everett.

Abby Goldenfarb

15 Sullivan Street

Charlestown, MA 02129

From: Noel Atamian < natamian@hammondre.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:45 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Cc: Duncan Donahue; Ivy St. John

**Subject:** Applicant Suitability

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I have been a Charlestown resident for over 20 years and have been a residential real estate agent in Charlestown for over 18 years. I am absolutely opposed to the proposed casino development.

When I first moved here, the Tobin Bridge overpass had just been removed which opened up City Square. Charlestown was no longer annexed from downtown Boston and thereafter gained tremendous popularity and quality if life.

Discussions of major renovations at Sullivan Square down Rutherford Avenue to the North Washington Bridge were taking place.

20 years+ later, Sullivan Square continues to be a hazardous walking and driving experience with traffic back ups in to the side streets of Residential Charlestown. Rutherford Ave is further backed up to Austin Street annexing us, once again. It can take 20-30 minutes just to get out of Charlestown.

We host the world renowned New Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, multiple Mass General Hospital facilities, and have an industrial waterfront along the Mystic River and Boston's Inner Harbor.

Traffic (including large trucks) via Sullivan Square down Medford Street, Bunker Hill Street, Main Street and Rutherford Ave has increased tremendously costing our residents their quality of life. Exhaust fumes, noise and travel time leave me seriously considering moving out of the area. I hear this complaint daily from my real estate clients, neighbors and friends.

Our quaint, historic community (which also has strict building guidelines under the rule of the Boston Redevelopment Authority) is turning in to an unruly, congested, chaotic area. A double standard and betrayal as large companies receive exceptions at the expense of the residents.

We have worked so hard to improve Charlestown by reducing crime and major youth drug problems. Adding a casino will certainly reverse those efforts. Traffic, aesthetics and accessibility aside, our youth are suffering as they become further exposed to the gateway of irresponsibility.

The project is too large for its densely urban site, lacks the ready transportation infrastructure to accommodate it, is uninspired in design, and seriously imperils Charlestown's plans for a revitalized Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square. We see a real and long term loss for our community if it is constructed. We ask the Commission members and staff to recognize substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

The future of our community and the children raised in it are in serious jeopardy. Please do not issue the gaming license, the City of Boston will not be able to reverse the long term negative impact.

The efforts of making Boston a world renowned city with its hospitals, schools, innovation district and financial industry will suffer as urban residents once again flock to the suburbs taking their businesses with them.

Sincerely,

Noel M. Atamian 105 RUTHERFORD AVE CHARLESTOWN 617-872-3309

From:

Jennifer Rossi < jennifer.m.rossi@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:16 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Suitability, Wynn Casino Opposition

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Stebbins, Zuniga and Ombudsman Ziemba,

I am writing this letter for several reasons:

- 1. To thank you all, especially Ombudsman Ziemba for reviewing all the letters, discussing the Wynn Everett casino on phone calls, and meeting with concerned residents in Charlestown.
- 2. To express my sincere disappointment that Boston (Charlestown) has neither Host nor Surrounding Community status when it comes to the Wynn Everett proposal.
- 3. To state to you in writing that **I** am opposed to the Wynn Everett Casino. As I stated to Mr. Ziemba, I cannot imagine a mitigation scenario that could compensate for the absolute isolation of Charlestown between the City at Large and a Large Casino- completely changing the fabric of the Community many of us have worked hard to build. I love Charlestown, but should the Wynn Casino be approved, I believe there will be an exodus of families to the suburbs. My family will very likely consider a move to the suburbs which was NEVER in our future plans.

I could go on, but I want to respect all that you have to read. And again, thank you all for taking the time to read my letter as well as all the others.

Best regards,
Jennifer Rossi, PhD
Concerned Charlestown Resident
Co-President of the CMA
Executive at a Boston Life Science Company
617.448.9086

From:

Janet Logan <janetmlogan@me.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 3:18 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Casino

To the Massachusetts gaming commission:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Wynn Casino project in Everett. Like almost all my neighbors in Charlestown, I believe having a casino almost on our town line will have significant, lasting negative impacts on our quality of life.

Sincerely,

Janet Logan

12 Adams Street Charlestown MA 02129 janetmlogan@me.com

From:

Kathryn Piccard <kapiccard@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:14 PM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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I have lived in Charlestown about twenty years, and one of the things I like best is the relative quiet. I live on the corner of Bunker Hill Street and Baldwin, with Main Street forming the other side of the block, and I *hate* to think of the noise and congestion that would come with an Everett casino. In addition, I have been an Episcopal priest for 37 years, and I have seen time and again the negative effects of addictive behavior, including people out begging for money to get home, people gambling away family rent and grocery money, etc. We do not need this in our community, or near our community. The proposed Everett location makes it easy for gamblers to get there on public transit, which functions to encourage lower income gamblers—the last thing they need!

Thank you!

From:

trevor failor <tfailor@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:45 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Concerned Citizen From Charlestown

Dear Commission Members and Staff,

It has come to my attention that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission may have misinterpreted Charlestown residents' comments on the Wynn Massachusetts Casino proposal. It appears that our opinion of the project got lost in the technical evaluation of the project which may have resulted in an unfounded impression by the commission that Charlestown residents are agreeable to a Wynn license IF the negative impacts are adequately mitigated.

#### NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

The focus of Charlestown's advocacy has been on the evaluating the technical issues raised by Wynn's application, DEIR, and FEIR because it was felt that a strategy of raising issues and concerns about the impacts on our community was the most viable approach. This should not be misconstrued as implicit support of Wynn's license. I have been party to numerous private conversations and attended many meetings and public hearings and know of no Charlestown resident in support of the Everett casino.

The Wynn Proposal deserves no further consideration for the following reasons:

- 1. The project is too large for its densely urban site.
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- 3. It is uninspired in design and does not reflect the aesthetic character of the surrounding area. The Massachusetts Chapter of the AIA has loudly denounced this project as poorly conceived.
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Simply put, the social, environmental, infrastructural and traffic costs are too great for the residents of Charlestown and City of Boston and NO AMOUNT of mitigation can offset the long-term impact of this project.

We sincerely hope the Commission members and staff will correct their assumption and recognize near-unanimous Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Respectfully,

Michael "Trevor" Failor 50 Monument Square #9 Charlestown, MA

From:

BvallBenson1010 < bvallbenson1010@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:24 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

opposition to selection of Wynn casino proposal

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

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#### Nothing could be farther from the fact!

Charlestown affirms that the Everett site is completely inappropriate and unsuitable due to its location in a dense, congested urban environment, lacking the proper infrastructure to support it or a scale or design at a III appropriate to its proposed location.

We insist that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize just the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

The Wynn proposal is grossly inappropriate and would be extremely injurious to Boston, especially to Charlestown.

-John Benson

John R. Benson 26 Cedar St. Charlestown, MA 02129 617-241-0678

From:

J Fink < jhfink2323@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:12 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Applicant Suitability - Wynn proposal and its effect on Charlestown

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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That is entirely inaccurate. Charlestown affirms that the Everett site is completely inappropriate and unsuitable due to its location in a dense, congested urban environment, wholly lacking the proper infrastructure to support it. We insist that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Many of the residents in our town travel through the Sullivan Square area on a daily basis; and for area is our lifeline to the north and to Somerville and Everett. With the new Assembly Square development up and running, traffic has already increased significantly. With the proposal for a casino - including the Wynn proposal with its "mitigation" aspects - that traffic will grow to a wholly unsustainable level, and will have a significant negative impact on our quality of life in Charlestown. As a 12 year resident of the area, I am saddened to see the progression of this proposal without the proper consideration of the negative effects on the surrounding communities.

I hope the Commission will listen to the loud chorus of Charlestown opposition and defeat the proposal(s) for a casino in Everett.

Thank you, J. Fink Tremont Street resident, Charlestown, MA

From:

Pacheco, Janis < janis.pacheco@nemoves.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:41 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Janis J. Pacheco Realtor, CNS, CNAS Sales Associate Certified Negotiations Specialist Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage 2 Thompson Square Boston, MA 02129

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From:

Lee Braun <LBraun@dimellashaffer.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:05 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Respectfully, Lee C. Braun

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From:

Rulon Anderson <rulonc@verizon.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:57 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

casino

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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I both live and work in Charlestown and both my professional and personal life would be constantly disrupted by this ridiculous greed grab. Please wake up and do the right thing for the citizens of Charlestown and not the carpetbaggers from Las Vegas.

Rulon Anderson 24 Monument Square Boston, MA 02129 617 899-0074 cell 617 242-2978 fax rulonc@verizon.net

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Jason Slocum <jason.slocum@gmail.com> Wednesday, September 03, 2014 3:01 PM MGCcomments (MGC) Charlestown opposition to Wynn Casion</jason.slocum@gmail.com>	
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As a father of two young children, I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts on traffic, congestion, air quality, and crime that the Wynn casino would bring to Charlestown and am opposed categorically to the casino being built in Everett.		
Thank you!		
Jason Slocum		
3 Hilary St.		
Charlestown, MA 02129		

From:

Jason Grossfield <jgrossfield@somervillema.gov>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 3:18 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC); Stebbins, Bruce (MGC); Zuniga, Enrique (MGC); Cameron,

Gayle (MGC); McHugh, James (MGC)

Cc:

Joseph Curtatone; Ziemba, John S (MGC); fwright@somervillema.gov; Omar Boukili;

Michael F. Glavin; sleonard@croninleonard.com; Denise Taylor; Daniel DeMaina

**Subject:** 

Wynn Everett Final Environmental Impact Report

**Attachments:** 

Ltr - MGC - Wynn Final Environmental Impact Rerport - 9-3-14.pdf

**Categories:** 

**Green Category** 

Dear Members of the Commission: Please see the attached correspondence with respect to the Wynn Everett Final Environmental Impact Report.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jason D. Grossfield Assistant City Solicitor City of Somerville 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

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From:

Julianne Hickey <julhickey@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:55 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

To whom it may concern, I am opposed to the proposed casino in Everett. I have lived and worked in Boston for 35 years and enjoyed a good quality of life. The casino will change this forever. Traffic, trash, noise and crime are my main concerns. Casinos are a quick fix to an ailing economy. I was born and raised in New London Ct and have seen no positive changes in the area. Both casinos in Ct are hurting and are laying people off. I feel a casino in the Boston area is a terrible idea and wish you would look elsewhere in the State. Tx Julianne Hickey

From:

doreen devlin <doubled2262002@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:06 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

My Opinion on Gaming License for Region A

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Hi! I'm writing today to respectfully ask you to support the Wynn plan. I think that on a strictly rational basis, there's no real debate between the two proposals.

There are a lot things to be said about Steve Wynn and the Everett casino plan - all the jobs and the taxes and other economic benefits, not to take away from those things at all - but the one that I'm most excited about is the way it will one, clean up the utter disaster that is that Monsanto site, and two, open up the waterfront for people to use and enjoy again. To think that visitors will be able to come to the Wynn by water taxi or their own boat, that we'll be able to walk by the river again, and to have such a beautiful complex there for the benefit of Everett, Somerville, Medford, Charlestown and all the visitors from Massachusetts and around the world, well, that's reason enough to support this plan 100%.

Therefore, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

doreen devlin 120 wyllis ave #417 everett, MA 02149

From: Lynne Levesque <lynnelevesque@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:00 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc: 'Salvatore LaMattina'; Pressley, Ayanna; michelle.wu@boston.gov;

Michael.F.Flaherty@boston.gov; Stephen.Murphy@cityofboston.gov; 'Ryan, Dan -

Rep. (HOU)'; Thomas McKay

Subject: Applicant Suitability -- Wynn casino proposal

Attachments: 2014-03-26 Testimony against Wynn proposal.pdf

#### **Dear Commission Members and Staff:**

As a resident of Charlestown whose home at the corner of Austin and Lawrence Streets – right off Rutherford Avenue -- will be seriously and detrimentally impacted by the increased traffic from the Wynn casino proposal, I have written and submitted several letters against this proposal (copy of one is attached). My environmental concerns have not been alleviated by any of Wynn's minor changes to their plans. This proposal is totally unacceptable because of its impact on our lovely neighborhood.

My understanding is that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission will be making a decision regarding the Eastern Massachusetts award for a casino – possibly without truly understanding the depth of the sentiment in Charlestown against this proposal. I also believe that the MGC has not held a single meeting in Charlestown in the past few weeks to adequately gauge our sentiment. And since we have not had buses funded by Wynn to transport our residents to a very hard to reach location where you hold your meetings, unlike Everett residents, we may not have been able to give enough voice to this sentiment. It is my hope that you have listened carefully to our elected officials and others who have expressed their concerns on Charlestown's behalf.

This situation is totally unacceptable. It is hard for me to believe that the Gaming Commission has let things develop as they have! The project is just too large for its location in such close urban quarters; its impact on the surrounding communities has not been completely understood; the proponents have failed to address major transportation concerns; and the proposal would have a disastrous impact on Charlestown's plans for a revitalized Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square.

There is no way this proposal can work for Charlestown!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne C. Levesque 20 Lawrence Street #3 Charlestown, MA 02129 March 26, 2014 20 Lawrence Street #3 Charlestown, MA 02129

Thank you very much for holding this hearing.

My name is Lynne Levesque. I am a resident of Charlestown, specifically on Austin Street and two blocks from Rutherford Avenue. I frequently use the T and although I believe that age is a figment of the imagination, my birth certificate says I qualify as a senior citizen, even as "elderly."

My concerns with the Wynn Proposal are several:

- 1. Traffic and Pollution. There is already plenty of dirt and pollution from cars on Austin Street and Rutherford Avenue traffic that permeates my home and the air we all breathe in Charlestown. The proponents of the Wynn casino themselves state that there will be a significant increase in traffic going through Charlestown. They project that at least 60% of the traffic going to the casino will go through Charlestown. Such a huge increase in cars, buses and trucks trying to go through Charlestown or being backed up and emitting noxious fumes and pollutants will not only increase the many times I have to clean my condo, but also affect the quality of air and the environment that I and all the other residents of Charlestown share. We already have a high level of asthma in Charlestown, and this traffic increase will only make it worse.
- 2. Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square Redesign. Talk of the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square redesign has been percolating ever since I moved into Charlestown 16 years ago. A redesign of both areas, which has had tremendous community input, now appears to be much closer to reality. I am particularly concerned about the Rutherford Avenue redesign, since the proposal includes 50 additional feet of grass and trees that would block traffic pollution and improve the quality of air. It would also make the crossing to the T which is now often quite tricky, much safer and would make Charlestown truly a neighborhood. The Wynn proposal and its increase in traffic will most likely jeopardize these designs and I believe would set the timetable back several years. And from everything I have read and heard, Wynn expects the Commonwealth to pay for all major improvements to Sullivan Square and the Rutherford Avenue corridor. I can't figure out first, how this expectation is acceptable to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and secondly, how the revenue stream that they propose for funding such work would fit into anyone's construction schedule.
- 3. <u>Impact on Charlestown Businesses.</u> For several years I was involved in efforts to bring more retail businesses to Charlestown. Progress has been slow, but there is progress. To date, I have seen or heard nothing about how the Wynn proposal would impact our fledgling businesses and, more importantly, how the Wynn representatives would help mitigate any negative impact.
- 4. <u>Lack of information</u>. On several occasions, I have asked for a list of benefits to Charlestown from the Everett major who claims in the Charlestown Patriot Bridge that the proposal is a Win for All and from the Wynn folks with their WynnForAll advertisements, website and Facebook page. I have received <u>nothing</u> in return. The City of Boston has also asked for responses to their many major concerns re air quality, traffic, and construction plans. As far as I know, they also have received nothing in return. I can only assume: 1) there are no satisfactory responses and no benefits to make this a win for Charlestown, or 2) they just don't care about us! Neither response is acceptable in my opinion.

Thank you.

Lynne C. Levesque

From:

Jay H. Konieczka <jhkonieczka@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 5:43 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Sincerely,

Jay Konieczka

85 High Street #3 Charlestown, MA 02129

From: William Stone <billstone2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:26 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Applicant Suitability

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We have lived in Charlestown for a decade and moved here specifically for the lifestyle and current traffic patterns that exist today. That cannot be maintained if Wynn's application is allowed, is not progress, and therefore should not be allowed as this is not a positive change, not even close. Please do not award Wynn a license. Thank you.

William Stone Charlestown Navy Yard Resident

From: Cheryl Stookey <cherylstookey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:31 AM

To:MGCcomments (MGC)Subject:Applicant Suitability

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I moved to Charlestown 2 years ago based on the community, the proximity to Boston and the ability to leave the area on major thoroughfares . I have discovered that leaving the area is often conjested since there are really only three ways to access other communities. With the probability that the casino in Everett would send 60% of their customer traffic through Charlestown, these exit roads will overwhelmed This casino will impact not only the community that I have found but also the quality of life with this additional traffic and demands on the area resources. The negative aspects of a casino in an urban area seem to impact Charlestown more than any other community and the feelings and concerns of the residents should be listened to and respected.

Thank you!

Cheryl L. Stookey 30 Monument Sq Apt 305 Charlestown, MA 02129

From: Mooney, Mary M < MMOONEY@PARTNERS.ORG>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:44 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

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Sincerely,
Mary Mooney
Charlestown resident 18 years

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From: Liz (Earle) Coakley <coakley.liz@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:10 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Applicant Suitability

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You might receive this email multiple times from residents and although the words are the same, the message should be clear. We will be greatly effected in a negative way by the way we work, play and live in Charlestown with an approval of Wynn's application.

Thank you for your appreciation.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Coakley 31 Winthrop Street Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Lally, Tera Brereton <tlally@proskauer.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:19 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC)
No Wynn for Charlestown

Dear Commission Members & Staff:

Having lived in Charlestown the last ten years, I have seen first-hand how it has been working over the last two decades to become a thriving, safe neighborhood providing growing families the opportunity to stay in the City of Boston when they would otherwise flee to the suburbs at the first thought of raising a child. Children are staying in the city now, and schools and neighborhoods are improving as a result. With more people and better schools comes better companies and more jobs for all. With the invasion of a casino so close to the city, those same families will again start to retreat to the suburbs, and the thriving new companies will soon follow. The pendulum will swing right back to where it was. Why have a city move backwards? There is no benefit to that, tax revenue or otherwise.

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Thank you!

#### **Tera Brereton Lally**

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From:

Michele Simos <msimos@rcn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:22 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Charlestown residents oppose Wynn Casino

#### Dear Gaming Commission:

We are vehemently opposed to your granting Wynn Casino a gaming license, as it negatively impacts Charlestown residents in many ways. The following are only a handful of negative impacts:

- 1. Town's character -we are seeking to preserve the historic character of our very special community
- 2. Family Values—we are a close-knit family community with concerns about the safety of our children
- 3. Social injustice—A casino will prey upon people who inhabit the largest public housing project in New England
- 4. **Impacts on already stretched infrastructure**—Sullivan Circle experiences MAJOR traffic problems now and Everett's bridge construction has exacerbated this problem for years. We don't want more construction, and we don't want more traffic and congestion.
- 5. **Social issues**—We already have a very large problem with drugs and alcohol in Charlestown. We don't need a casino encouraging unhealthy lifestyles.

Let us be clear: Charlestown does not welcome Wynn Casino under any circumstances. It is an unwelcome intrusion to a neighborhood and a way of life we have come to cherish.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Simos

Michele Simos & Paul Weisman

E <u>msimos@rcn.com</u> p 781-844-4916 73 Chelsea St., #303 & 308 Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Phil Goelz <pgoelz@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:00 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Charlestown Opposition Everett Casino

To: Gaming Commission:mgccomments@state.ma.us

Subject: Applicant Suitability

Dear Commission Members & Staff:

It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. We believe that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's assumption is that Charlestown residents can live with a Wynn license award, as long as there is adequate mitigation of the negative impacts, when in fact, there is substantial opposition to the project moving forward at all.

We respectfully request that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Sincerely,

Phil Goelz 30 Monument Square #411 Boston, MA 02129 434-258-6810

From:

Debbie Bradlee < dbradlee@kw.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:05 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

'Applicant Suitability'

I am a long-time Charlestown resident and I am opposed to constructing a casino on many levels.

I do feel the traffic in the Sullivan Square area is already intolerable - and once Assembly Square is at full occupancy it is going to worsen again. Once a casino adds to the mix I am certain we will see grid-lock and traffic that will impact Charlestown in a very negative way.

We have all seen how Atlantic City was not a success for the community it resided in and is a failed operation - leaving the community in worse condition that it was originally. The few people who will gain big compared to the negative impact it will have on Everett and surrounding communities is frustrating.

I believe this should be stopped before it goes any further; it is not the place for added traffic. These roads already are taxed.

Debra Bradlee Charlestown Resident

From:

Sarah Porter-Braun <s.porterbraun@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:19 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Casino Applicant Suitability

Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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Nothing could be further from the truth.

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Now, numerous private conversations and public meetings have made it clear **there is very little support in Charlestown for the project**. Unfortunately, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is said to assume that Charlestown residents can live with a Wynn license award as long as there is adequate mitigation of the negative impacts.

Quite to the contrary, the opposition in Charlestown to a Wynn Casino is strong for the following reasons:

- 1) The project is too large for its densely urban site,
- 2) It lacks the ready transportation infrastructure to accommodate it,
- 3) It is uninspired in design and does not reflect or fit into the aesthetic character and culture of the surrounding area, particularly Charlestown, and
- 4) <u>Most Importantly</u>: It seriously imperils Charlestown's plans for a revitalized Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square which the Charlestown community has spent years to craft and, if executed, will have a significant and positive impact on the livability of the Charlestown community. We are unwilling to give up this park-like, pedestrian-friendly vision. The presence of the Casino and its traffic requirements will render this vision and improvement to our community impossible. No amount of mitigation (short of a tunnel that bypasses Charlestown all together) will solve this. For this reason, the Casino represents a real and long term loss for our community if it is constructed.

We ask the Commission members and staff to recognize substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

Sarah Porter-Braun Charlestown Resident 50 Monument Square Charlestown, MA

From:

Charlotte Hamill <charlotte.hamill@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:21 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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Many people have spent many hours imagining and designing an improved Rutherford corridor and Sullivan Square. Wynn could have easily offered support to those projects, but instead the company has chosen to provide support to Everett and only Everett - leaving surrounding communities to deal with the impact of this project with pathetically few resources.

I sincerely hope you will consider the Charlestown community's view when you take Wynn's application into consideration. Thus far, we have felt essentially ignored by the casino that plans to sit in our backyard - and it is a true shame Wynn could not find the time or energy to be considerate of our community.

Sincerely,

# **Charlotte Hamill**

From: madcapsquirrel@gmail.com on behalf of Lindsey MacDonald

<LindseyMac@uchicago.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:26 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Applicant Suitability- No casino in Everett!

#### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

My husband and I are young architects living in Charlestown MA. We feel privileged to live in a neighborhood that is quiet and neighborly, and such an important part of Boston's history. We both feel that placing a casino so In Everett will negatively impact our neighborhood in terms of traffic and congestion (and as any of us that has driven on 93 when Sullivan Square is backed up all the way up the ramp and on to the highway knows, it will cause traffic problems for Boston downtown traffic as well.)

Please, if we have to have gambling so close to our lovely and growing city of Boston, consider putting it at Suffolk Downs where there has been a horse-track for decades. By doing this, you could save Suffolk Downs and keep gambling in our city where it has always been.

Below see a message from our local neighborhood advocacy groups that I endorse:

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Thank you for your time, Lindsey and Keith Jones

From: Knapp, Laurie C < laurie.knapp@bnymellon.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:44 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Applicant Suitability

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As a twenty year resident of Charlestown who plans to remain and continue to raise a family here, I am strongly opposed to the casino license.

Sincerely,

Laurie Knapp 60 Soley St Charlestown, MA

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From: Toni Pollak <tonipollak2@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 9:46 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Everett Proposal

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

As a long term resident of the Sullivan Square section of Charlestown with a view over the Mystic River to Everett, I write to oppose the current proposal to construct a casino in Everett. Sullivan Square in particular and Charlestown overall, are already severely impacted by traffic at this critical intersection. As a resident and community gardener I have seen many accidents, road rage and traffic jams on the streets that intersect the rotary at Sullivan Square. Workers at the Schrafftt complex cannot enter or exit in their vehicles safely.

This is also a truck route and a critical link in bringing support goods and services to the City adding to the importance of this transit connection and its congestion. This is by far the worst pedestrian crossing area in the City. Hundreds of workers and residents each day try to cross these intersections with fear and trepidation to get to or from nearby Sullivan Square MBTA station or bus stops.

The "transit improvements" that the developer has proposed are simply not adequate to address an increase in an already dangerous intersection. With the additional proposed development around Sullivan Square, this existing condition will only be exacerbated.

Coordination by the MBTA, abutters, transit planners, property owners and residents should occur before any approvals are given or denied.

I do not oppose gambling but do oppose poor planning. I urge the Commission to call for a comprehensive transit planning process before any decision is made regarding this development.

Sincerely,

Antonia M. Pollak 114 Baldwin St. Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Susan Rippert <susanrippert@me.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:34 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC)
Applicant Suitability

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There is NO mitigation package that will suffice.

Susan Rippert Charlestown Resident

From: Guidi, Anthony J., M.D. < AGUIDI@mgh.harvard.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:44 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject: Casino Proposal

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Anthony and Tanya Guidi 197 8<sup>th</sup> St- unit 419 Charlestown, MA 02129

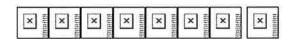
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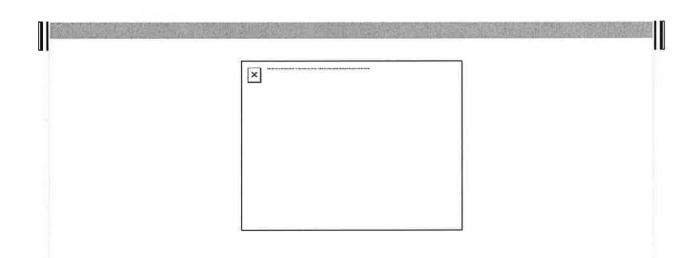
From: S Carroll <jacuser@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 7:50 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Casino





# **Background From Working Group**

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The people of Charlestown will become prisoners in this area as even now it is almost impossible to leave between the hours of 6 to 10:30 and 3 to 7:30. Sullivan square is a nightmare now!

Thank you! Sylvia Carroll 250 1st Ave # 718 Charlestown, Ma. 02129

P.O. Box 290201
Charlestown, MA 02129

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<u>info@charlestownpreservation.org</u> www.charlestownpreservation.org

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Colleen Campbell <wellesleypianostudio@gmail.com> Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:23 AM MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability</wellesleypianostudio@gmail.com>	
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I have raised two daughters and I am a grandmother. We all live in or near Charlestown and we love it. Please do not let a casino ruin our city!		
Sincerely,		
Colleen Campbell		
73 Chelsea Street, #2206		
Charlestown, MA 02129		

From: Jane Richardson < janetrichardson20@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:43 AM

To:MGCcomments (MGC)Subject:proposed casino in Everett

# Suggested Email To Send To The Gaming Commission

To: Gaming Commission: <u>mgccomments@state.ma.us</u> Subject: Applicant Suitability

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Thank you!

Janet B. Richardson 16 Cedar St. Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Nat Hennigar <nat\_hennigar@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:07 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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Furthermore, we, as parents with young kids, elected to stay in Charlestown in large part because of the community of families that has started to develop. It is one of the few remaining areas in and around Boston that could be considered "affordable" while also providing good schools, open space and playgrounds. A casino right over the bridge which would likely cause more congestion and traffic along Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square seems incompatible with all of the hard work and money the City has spent transforming itself into a family, pedestrian and bike-friendly area.

Regards,

Nat Hennigar Auburn Street Charlestown

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August 29, 2014

Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street 10th floor Boston, MA 02109

Re: Request to modify 205 CMR 4:11 Rules of the Race



### Dear Dr. Durenberger:

On behalf of the New England HBPA Board of directors and the owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses racing at Suffolk Downs, I am writing to formally request that the MGC modify "205 CMR 4:11 Rules of the Race".

The current regulation prohibits appeal of the Stewards' decision regarding disqualification of a horse during the running of a race. Since some disqualification judgments are very close calls that may be determined by a split vote of the Stewards, we believe that any first level adjudicatory disqualification decision must allow an appeal, as is otherwise consistent throughout the entire 205 CMR 4:00 regulation. The majority of horseracing states allow appeal of Stewards' disqualification decisions.

We suggest that the MGC consider establishing a pool of independent, experienced and unconflicted experts comprised of current or former Stewards, Trainers and Jockeys designated as a Race Review Committee. An ad hoc three-person panel would be selected from the pool and be authorized to make a final decision on all appealed disqualification judgments. We recommend that each three person panel selected from the pool shall consist of one experienced Steward, one experienced Trainer and one experienced Jockey.

Jockeys involved in the disqualification would be required to explain, in writing or on audio recording, what they observed during the race that the disqualifying action occurred. Race videos, jockey statements and voluntary written statements or observations of involved trainers shall be made available to each of the experts serving on the designated panel.

The appellant would be required to pay a reasonable fee along with a completed appeal form prior to selection of the panel.

Sincerely,

Cc:

Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission Gayle Cameron, Commissioner, Massachusetts Gaming Commission Rick Day, Executive Director, Massachusetts Gaming Commission

From:

Jeanine Farley < jeanine554@rcn.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 7:53 PM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability

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Thank you,

**Jeanine Farley** 



# BOB DELEO AND THE BOSTON CASINO LICENSE

# 2011

SPEAKER DELEO PUSHES THROUGH CASINO LEGISLATION FOR HIS CONSTITUIENT, SUFFOLK DOWNS.

# 2012

SPEAKER DELEO SITS IN ON MEETINGS WITH CAESAR'S AND SUFFOLK DOWNS TO FASCILITATE A DEAL.

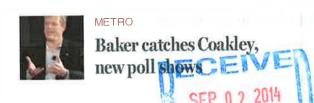
# **2013 (OCTOBER)**

WHEN CAESAR'S IS OUSTED AS A CONTENDER BY THE GAMING COMMISSION, DELEO, TO PROTECT SUFFOLK DOWNS AND THEREFORE HIS LEGACY, SCRAMBLES TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.

DELEO MEETS WITH AND FACILITATES A DEAL WITH SUFFOLK DOWNS AND MOHEGAN SUN.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT MOHEGAN SUN WAS IN AN EXCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH PALMER AND ITS PARTNER.

THEREFORE, THE MEETINGS COULD NEVER BECOME PUBLIC - 'A BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST'.





Garoppolo has earned Patriots' backup job



EDITORIAL

# Gaming Commission shouldn't skimp on background checks

AUGUST 28, 2014

As the Gaming Commission prepares to award a casino license for the Boston area early next month, it needs to look into the eleventh-hour <u>reports</u> that one of the bidders, Mohegan Sun, may have violated the terms of its agreement with a Palmer landowner last year. <u>The 2011 state casino law</u> requires the commission to ensure the suitability of potential casino operators, including their integrity.

Mohegan Sun passed its initial <u>suitability</u>
hearing last October. At the time, it planned to
build a casino in Palmer on land owned by
Northeast Realty Associates. When that plan
was narrowly rejected by Palmer voters in

# Related

Mohegan Sun may have broken pact with landowner

November, Mohegan Sun quickly struck a deal with Suffolk Downs racetrack to build a casino there instead. The Palmer landowners <u>allege</u> those discussions — which, as shown by emails obtained by the Globe's Mark Arsenault, began before the referendum's defeat was formalized — violated the terms of its contract. That contract forbade Mohegan Sun from "engaging in discussions or negotiations concerning the opening of any gaming facility in Massachusetts" other than the Palmer site.

The Gaming Commission has held applicants to the highest ethical standards, and shouldn't relax them just because the process is nearing the home stretch, with a final decision expected in September between Mohegan Sun's Suffolk Downs plan and a rival Wynn Resorts proposal in Everett. Luckily, the Palmer allegations should be easy

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:54 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Vinh Nguyen

**Email** 

vinhnguyenq@gmail.com

Phone

(617)259-0478

Subject

Why I Support the Wynn Project

**Questions or Comments** 

I'll be so proud to tell my friends and relatives that I live in Everett, MA where the Wynn Resort is. :)

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:56 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Maryjean Healey

### **Email**

maryjeanh74@comcast.net

### **Phone**

(617)394-9066

### Subject

Wynn

### **Questions or Comments**

Wynn is great is thing this side of the pike it right in the middle of everything Everett has to offer it is minutes to target Somerville mall downtown crossing just think of the revenue that would to surround towns like Boston revere Medford Malden

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:58 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Maryjane Gallucci

### **Email**

maryjanegallucci@yahoo.com

# Phone

(978)804-8513

# Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

I think it will be good and give a lot of people work, and it will help with cleaning up the water

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:00 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Paul Dobbins

### **Email**

pdobbins14@gmail.com

### Phone

(617)259-0047

### Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

Dear Commissioners

As you begin your deliberations for the awarding of the Region A license, I hope your decision will be the only viable one for long term success in the Region and for the Commonwealth as a whole. This has been a long and arduous process, but throughout that process, the Wynn Group and the City of Everett have met all the deadlines, followed all the rules and have gone above and beyond the required conditions set forth by the State Legislature in the Expanded Gaming legislation of 2011. I have been a supporter of this project since Day 1, because I believe that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for my City to become partners with the most successful SINGLE casino resort operator in the WORLD, Steve Wynn. Mr Wynn has shown his commitment to the customer experience, constantly inventing and re - inventing one of the most well known brands in the nation and also the world. No OTHER operator on the planet can make that claim. The most important factor in this process is pu! blic support, and the City of Everett overwhelmingly supported this project on June 22nd 2013 with an unprecedented 87%. In closing I would like to thank you, the Commissioners, for your time and diligence in making this process as open and transparent as possible.

SINCERELY, PAUL D. DOBBINS

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:02 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Nelson Ortega

### **Email**

nelsonet82@hotmail.com

### Phone

(412)657-9875

### **Questions or Comments**

Wynn is one of the best casino I've ever seen. I would like to see a Wynn casino in Massachusetts. It will bring more jobs to the area, and I want to be one of those new employees. You can't go wrong with Wynn. Wynn is a win with big wings.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:03 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

**Thomas Doherty** 

### **Email**

tdoherty111@hotmail.com

### Phone

(781)718-7546

### Subject

Pro Wynn

### **Questions or Comments**

A Wynn resort in Everett will be a game changer not only for Everett but for the state and region as well while sitting at the seaport in south boston the other day with a friend having lunch I said look at how beautiful it is around here compared to what it used to be now imagine being to be able to Jump on a boat or ferry to go to the beautiful Wynn resort by way of the beautiful mystic river made possible by Steve Wynn the most proven profitable name in the casino industry it will be something everyone can enjoy and be proud of I really do not see how the commission could see it any other way it will truly be a destination resort that will attract visitors from all over the world for years to come compared to Mohegan that I believe will only be a flash in the pan that will fizzle out in it to Wynn it so why can't it be our time sincerely Thomas Doherty li! felong Everett resident

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:04 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Catherine Mack

### **Email**

mack886@aol.com

### **Phone**

(617)387-2313

### Subject

Wynn Casino License

### **Questions or Comments**

Being a life long resident of the city of Everett, I think that this casino would be a great new beginning for us, and especially the surrounding area. We could see improvements to all of the areas that have not been dealt with, such as a clean-up of the old Monsanto site, better streets and access to all of the cities around the area because of what Mr. Wynn has promised to help us do in the areas surrounding Charlestown and Somerville...I don't believe we should ignore the great possibilities staring us in the face...please help us by saying yes to a Wynn Wynn situation.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Charles DiPerri

### **Email**

charlesincharge30@comcast.net

### Phone

(617)294-0571

### Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

# **Questions or Comments**

Lets get real, Mr. Wynn is a winner all over the world. He has all the tools also all his resorts are big time successes. all of mass will benefit from a casino in Everett.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:08 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Lorraine Leonard

### **Email**

Rainysach@comcast.net

### **Phone**

(978)664-0589

### Subject

Wynn in Everett!

### **Questions or Comments**

Everett has been a part of me for 55 years now. It was a great place to grow up in. Everett means so much to me. It is incredible that someone like Steve Wynn wants to come in to the City of Everett and help improve it. The Monsanto property has been a thorn in Everett's side for a long, long time. Having a 5 star resort there instead of a toxic waste site would do so much for the city. Steve Wynn has an unbelievable vision for our quaint city. Let's give him a chance to do something so positive for the city and the citizens of Everett and Massachusetts. Our city needs this. Please give him a chance.....I know he will do the right thing! Thanks, Lorraine Leonard

From:

Raffi Berberian <raffib@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 8:49 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Everett Site Unsuitable** 

To the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

As a 35-year resident of Charlestown, I write to let the Commission know of my profound concern that the Everett site proposed by the Wynn Group is a totally unsuitable location for the Boston-area casino. No amount of mitigation, traffic adjustments, or financial incentives can make such a choice acceptable to the vast majority in our neighborhood. If the Commission selects this site, I will do all in my power to repeal the Casino deal.

Sincerely,

Raffi Berberian 59 Monument Avenue Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Marlene Walch <marlenewalch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 8:18 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Do not approve the Wynn application

### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

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Sincerely, Marlene Walch 197 8th St., #624 Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Diane Valle <dianevalle@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 8:43 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

**Applicant Suitability** 

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I live in Charlestown, and since 1982 I have collaboratively worked to make Charlestown a wonderful residential neighborhood for residents of all ages and all demographics.

Wynn Massachusetts Casino is not a prospective asset for the Charlestown community, nor for the Everett community. The added traffic, social impact, congestion and related negative impacts do not make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino a benefit to the residents of Massachusetts, despite the enormous financial gain for Wynn Casinos.

Please vote against the Wynn Massachusetts Casino in Everett.

# The project makes no economic or social sense.

# Residents in Charlestown are OPPOSED to the Casino in Everett for obvious reasons.

In today's news, the fact that Casinos do not revitalize communities is evident in Atlantic City. According to Associated Press:

"By mid-September, four of Atlantic City's 12 casinos will have closed, but none will be a costlier failure than Revel," which cost \$2.4Billion, built just two years ago. Trump Plaza is scheduled to close in two weeks.

Obviously, casino economics is a fantasy that none of us can afford.

Sincerely,

Diane Valle Charlestown, MA

Diane Valle Boston Portfolio Properties, LLC 617-791-5663 dianevalle@gmail.com

From:

Duncan Donahue <duncandonahue@kw.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 8:56 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

### Dear Commission Members & Staff:

Speaking as a 20+ year resident of Charlestown, it has come to the attention of fellow Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

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I am completely opposed to the Wynn casino project plan (or any other casino proposal for that matter), due to the very negative impact it would have on my home neighborhood in Charlestown.

Sincerely, Duncan

Duncan A. Donahue, MBA VP/Broker, Keller Williams Realty Int'l 22 Monument Square Charlestown, MA 02129 617.967-6666 DuncanDonahue@kw.com

From:

Sent: To:

Subject:

Evie Scoville <escoville@comcast.net>

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:01 PM MGCcomments (MGC)

**Applicant Suitability** 

To: Gaming Commission:mgccomments@state.ma.us Subject: Applicant Suitability

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that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize just the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

I fear the future of the vibrant Charlestown community is at risk, if the plan goes forward as I understand many intend to move their families elsewhere. This would be a significant setback for the city.

Thank you for your attention!

Evelyn Scoville 8 Trenton Street Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

PETIE HILSINGER <petieh@verizon.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:04 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc:

Petie Hilsinger

Subject:

No to the Everett casino!

# o: Gaming Commission:<u>mgccomments@state.ma.us</u> Subject: Applicant Suitability

**Dear Commission Members & Staff:** 

Since 1986 I have lived in the Charlestown Navy Yard (for 26 years in Shipway Place and since then in Flagship Wharf) and been active as an early member of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and other initiatives and schools in my Charlestown community. My three daughters and all of my grandchildren have always loved spending time here enjoying the quality of life Charlestown and the Navy Yard offers and its strong sense of community. It has all the advantages of living in a small village while being part of the larger waterfront and Boston areas.

I strongly agree with the wording below and its concern for the idea of a gambling casino nearby, the number of transient visitors with no interest in the history or beauty of our area it will bring, and the increasingly obvious danger of casino overbuilding that is in our newspapers daily.

Please don't let this happen in our area!

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Thank you!

Emmy D (Petie) Hilsinger 197 8th Street, Unit 416 Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

christine eskilson <christineeskilson@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:10 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn casino--NO

Dear Members of the Gaming Commission, I am writing to express my strong objections to the proposed Wynn casino to border Charlestown. Although I am personally not a gambling fan, since the summer of 2013 I have attended multiple meetings with an open mind. I left all the meetings extremely concerned about the prospect of the casino being built on Charlestown's doorstep, practically a stone's throw from the Schrafft's Building. At least 50% of the traffic to the casino (if not more) is expected to go through Sullivan Square. We all know Sullivan Square is a mess right now but adding at least 1300 cars a day (1300 alone in the described peak hour between 7-8 pm) and 1700 cars on the weekends (again, in the peak hour as projected by the Wynn traffic consultant) will, I believe, virtually double the amount of traffic. Wynn has no answer to the Sullivan Square issue, only promises of a potential pot of \$. I'm not sure any amount of \$ can solve the doubling of traffic at Sullivan Square and I foresee huge charter buses lumbering through our residential streets in an attempt to outmaneuver the inevitable gridlock. I don't begrudge Everett for wanting to seize the opportunity to develop an area of industrial blight and reap significant revenues, but Charlestown is the community that will be most adversely affected.

Please do not vote to approve the Wynn casino.

Sincerely, Christine Eskilson 52 Park Street Charlestown MA 02129

From:

Joelle Silkman < jdsilkman@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:18 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Casino

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JD Silkman

From:

Carl Robert Blesius < carl@blesius.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:26 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

To: The Gaming Commission

I live in Charlestown and my neighbors have made it clear to me that the Gaming Commission may be under the false impression that there is popular support for the Wynn casino proposal in Everett.

I have reviewed the Wynn proposal and strongly object to both the choice of location and design. It does not work for our dense urban environment, would derail community improvement plans, and would have a direct negative effect on my family and my neighbors.

I know NO ONE in Charlestown that supports the Wynn proposal and am happy to supply names and contact information for verification if needed.

CRB

Sent from phone.

Carl Robert Blesius, MD 21 Cordis St Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

4julianne@gmail.com on behalf of Julianne Gearhart <julianne@alumni.rice.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:32 PM

To: Subject:

Everett suitability

MGCcomments (MGC)

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Thank you!

Julianne and Heidi Gearhart 40 Washington St Charlestown

www.juliannegearhart.com

From: Lauren Fortunato < lfortunato@colonial.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:56 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Please save the notion that Families can live in Boston!

# Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I am a resident of Charlestown and am committed to raising my family here, unlike others who leave the city when they have young children. I do believe there is so much to offer my two young girls by living in the city. A casino within miles of our house is NOT something I think will benefit the lives of my children, myself, my neighbors, and my community. If you have spent any time in Charlestown, you will see what a charming community it is; full of children and families unlike any other Boston neighborhood. You all know what a negative impact of having a casino nearby would be to life here, aside from just the traffic issue. There is so much more that will be affected. Please don't let a casino become our neighbor. Myself and many other families will find that to be just one more reason to leave the city and raise our families elsewhere.

As my other neighbors also point out... It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

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Thank you for your time and listening to my plea Laurie Fortunato and Family Charlestown Residents

From:

Erin Gowdy <eringowdy@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 9:59 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Proposed Wynn Casino

# **Dear Commission Members & Staff:**

I am a Charlestown resident and property owner and I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Wynn Casino in Everett.

The impact that this project will have on the traffic, congestion and quality of life is significant. I cannot see how the proposed mitigation will alleviate all of these issues.

The Everett site is completely inappropriate and unsuitable due to its location in a dense, congested urban environment, lacking the proper infrastructure to support it.

I hope that you will take into consideration the voices and opinions of the people of this community and not allow the proposed Wynn Casino in Everett to move forward.

Thank you, Erin Gowdy

From: Dan Payne <payneco@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:01 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Charlestown objections

### Commission members:

As a Charlestown resident, I object to the proposed casino site in Everett. If built, it will sit 1/2 mile from my home.

No technical reservations by the Charlestown Preservation Society, if met, should be seen as sufficient reason for the commission to vote in favor of the Everett site.

The casino would alter the character of our neighborhood making it adjacent to a 24-hour honky tonk establishment. Further, automobile traffic generated by the casino will disrupt day-to-day life in our neighborhood, regardless of what Steve Wynn has told you.

The mayor of Everett has demonstrated flagrant disregard for normal decent behavior toward female workers. He has forfeited his right to determine what is best for his city.

I urge the commission to reject the Everett site.

Daniel B. Payne 70 High Street Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Nancy Nichols Kearns < nancynichols1010@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:12 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Casino on Everett

Dear Gaming Commission,

I am totally opposed to the casino in Everett. I think it is insane to put this in a high density population.

Sincerely,

Nancy Nichols Kearns Charlestown Residennt Sent from my iPhone

From:

georgia.cady@comcast.net

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:19 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Quite to the contrary, the opposition in Charlestown to a Wynn Casino is strong. The project is too large for its densely urban site, lacks the ready transportation infrastructure to accommodate it, is uninspired in design, and seriously imperils Charlestown's plans for a revitalized Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square. We see a real and long term loss for our community if it is constructed. We ask the Commission members and staff to recognize substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

I strongly oppose the Wynn Casino proposal/project and fully support the above comments made by the The RA/SS Advocacy Working Group (Evelyn Addante, Nick Kraman, Bill Lamb, Jen Rossi, Ivey St John & Annette Tecce)

Sincerely,

Georgia Cady / 48 Monument Ave / Charlestown

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Renee Bushey <renee@vanish.net> Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:29 PM MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability</renee@vanish.net>	
Dear Commission Members & Staff	f:	
My husband and our two elements	ary school aged children own a home near Rutherford Ave. in Charlestown.	
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Thank you,		
Renee Bushey		
35 Union St.		
Charlestown		

From: DEBORAH A FAIR <d.fair@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:29 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Applicant Suitability / Prevent Casino in Everett

# Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I have lived in Charlestown for over 15 years and am completely against a casino in Everett. It has come to my attention that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

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I have loved living in Charlestown and am against any casino in Everett, which will negatively affect the quality of my life in Charlestown. I am not sure how things have gotten this far or why we have not been heard, since every Charlestown person I have spoken to is also against this casino in Everett. Please do all you can to act on our clear plea to stop the casino in Everett.

Thank you very much for doing whatever you can to stop the casino from being built in Everett.

Thank you,

Deborah Fair

96 Bunker Hill Street,

Charlestown, MA

From:

Patti Fine <pf@pattifine.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:48 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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# Make it a great day,



pf@pattifine.com PattiFine.com

Click to view an update on the Boston Market

If you know of anyone who is buying or selling real estate, I would consider it the ultimate privilege to be referred to them by you. Your vote of confidence is appreciated.

From: Mary Fahey <maryfahey927@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:18 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Object to Wynn Casino

As a charlestown resident I strongly object to the Wynn Casino proposal in Everett. It will overwhelm us with traffic and it will negate years of work to make Ruth erford avenue a neighborhood street again. Please reject the Wynn proposal as detrimental to our urban environment Mary Fahey

35 Shipway Pl Charlestown

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Jesse MacDonald <jmacdonald@hammondre.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:48 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

Dear Commission Members & Staff:

I'm a lifelong Charlestown resident with the exception of my college years and I currently also work here in the neighborhood.

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Thank you,
Jesse MacDonald

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Bridget Nyhan <bgnyhan@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:51 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn casino

I know that next week you will be making a decision that could effect a lot of people's lives. People who don't live "in my backyard" are very excited about having a casino come into the Boston area. They love to spend an occasional night losing some cash in exchange for a good time, I've lost some cash myself on a trip or two out to Vegas and had plenty of fun memories to live off of. But that's just it my friends and myself spent one week every so often at a resort and we all went home and lived our lives.

I am a resident of Charlestown,ma. I own a home, am raising 3 children who all attend Boston Public Schools, I am a local pre-school teacher, go to Sunday Mass at a local church etc etc. I am invested in my town and my community and I am 100% against a casino in my back yard. I of course, don't get a vote and have to rely on a very small group of people making a decision that My family, not yours, will Have to live with!

Vegas was the desert, still is, when out of nothing rose a gambling city. Everett and Boston are major cities chock full of people, cars, pollution, not an empty playing field waiting to be transformed. You know, as well as I, that the people of Everett are living with their heads in the sand thinking this Casino will transform their lives (I mean have they ever been to/heard of Atlantic City?) Casinos bring in crime, drug use increases, poverty not riches to the community, more traffic which means more smog which means more health problems, more alcoholics... Go to where the residents of Vegas live and see how much "wealth" there is. The most crowded church I ever went to was in Vegas....

I beg of you to not put the casino in "my back yard"!!! Bridget Nyhan

Bresilla, Colette (MGC)	
From: Sent: To: Subject:	Harry Ostrander <harryostrander@gmail.com> Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:52 PM MGCcomments (MGC) Applicant Suitability</harryostrander@gmail.com>
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Best regards-	
Harry M. Ostrander	
19 Union St	
Charlestown, MA 02129	
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617-510-9526 harryostrander@gmail.com

From: Sent: To:	Brian Thomas <bri> Tuesday, September 02, 2014 6:00 PM  MGCcomments (MGC)  Applicant Suitability</bri>
Subject:	Applicant Suitability
Dear Commission Men	nbers & Staff:
the evidence is overwh	arlestown community, I am throughly against the Wynn proposal for a casino in East Boston. I think nelming (Atlantic City, Connecticut, etc.) that casinos do not bring benefits to the areas they are built ing benefits to one group - the casino owner and in the case of the Everett site perhaps some shady
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Thank you for your	time.
Brian Thomas	

From:

Gowri Nagaraj < gnagaraj@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:39 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Gowri Nagaraj

99 Pearl St

Charlestown, MA

From:

Mark Rosenshein < MRosenshein@architecturalteam.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:52 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Casino

As a Charlestown Resident I am opposed to the proposed Wynn Casino based on an inadequate traffic management plan in Charlestown's Sullivan Square, too dense of a development on the site, and the likelihood of significant negative impact in Sullivan Square and the balance of Charlestown without any real mitigating benefits to our community.

Mark J. Rosenshein 32 Green Street Charlestown, MA 02129 617 331 4281

From:

Blythe Robertson <br/>
<br/>
blytherob@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:52 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

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Blythe Robertson 197 8th Street Charlestown, MA

From:

Robert.Pelychaty < rpelychaty@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:00 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Applicant Suitability** 

Dear Commission members,

Our family lives in Charlestown Massachusetts we are deeply troubled by the Gaming Commission's review and the potential award of a Gaming License to Wynn Casino in Everett.

To say that this Casino proposal is in Everett is a gross mischaracterization of the geographical situation. Charlestown is a small densely populated living community. The proposed site of Wynn would dramatically impact our landscape and Charlestown residents did not get a chance to vote. Our family is not interested in having a casino, a large commercial enterprise with most of it patronage on nights and weekends in our community. We are a family community, that plays softball and visits local playgrounds with our kids on the weekend.

If Everett wants a Casino, perhaps they could locate the Casino in the Town center of Everett, , not on the border of Charlestown.

Please consider the impact of the Casino on Charlestown.

Thank You

The Pelychaty Family 84 Washington Street #2 Charlestown, MA 02129

From:

Mark Parker <mep03110@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:21 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) Everett is the Right Choice

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I write to encourage you to select the Wynn application for Everett for the state casino license in the Boston area. I have looked at both proposals, and believe the choice is not even close when it comes to how a resort casino will benefit the metropolitan Boston region and the entire state.

The jobs that will be created by the Wynn project are just what this state needs. There will be 4,000 long-term jobs at the Wynn, well-known as the best jobs in that industry. With Wynn's expertise and track record in the business, surrounded by loyal employees who want to go the extra mile for his customers, and with over \$2 billion dollars in the bank, his promises to deliver are completely backed up, in my opinion. To my mind, there is no other option than the Wynn. The Wynn puts the other guys to shame. This is exactly what Massachusetts needs!

As a resident here in Yarmouthport I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Mark Parker 89 Pompano Road Yarmouthport, MA 02675

From: Patricia McSweeney <patmcs5@verizon.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 1:45 PM

**To:** MGCcomments (MGC) **Subject:** Applicant suitability

As long time Charlestown residents, we are writing today to express our firm opposition the Wynn plan for a casino in Everett. We believe that a casino on the proposed site will only exacerbate existing traffic problems, many of which have and will continue to disproportionately affect Charlestown. Residents of our community have worked tirelessly over the last several years to understand and develop solutions to the congestion in Sullivan Square and on Rutherford Avenue. It is our belief that no mitigation plan could deal effectively with the increased traffic that a casino would bring to our dense urban community and that no economic benefits we may receive would offset the negative impact on our neighborhood. In all of my conversations about the casino with friends and neighbors - and there have been many - I have never heard anyone express support for a casino in Everett in general or for the Wynn proposal in particular. We hope that the Gaming Commission will agree with the citizens of Charlestown that the Everett site is not an appropriate place for a casino.

Sincerely,
Patricia McSweeney and Raphael DuBard
21 Prescott Street, Charlestown
617-242-1054

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Heather Taylor < hhtgoblue@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Monday, September 01, 2014 10:37 PM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC)
Applicant Suitability

Dear Commission Members & Staff:

PLEASE LET IT BE KNOWN....CHARLESTOWN IS AGAINST THE WYNN CASINO IN EVERETT. PERIOD.

It has come to the attention of Charlestown residents that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has misinterpreted the goals of Charlestown's campaign to make the Wynn Massachusetts Casino accountable for its is impact on traffic, congestion and on our quality of life. In most of the Charlestown letters and testimony, the emphasis has been on protecting Charlestown from the negative impacts and influences that a casino in Everett will bring to our community.

From the very beginning of our advocacy, we have focused on the technical issues raised by Wynn's application, DEIR and FEIR, because we felt that a strategy raising issues and concerns about the impacts on Charlestown was the most viable approach. Unfortunately, that technical strategy approach has resulted in what we understand to be a Massachusetts Gaming Commission assumption that Charlestown residents can live with a Wynn license award as long as there is adequate mitigation of the negative impacts.

Nothing could be farther from the fact! Charlestown affirms that the Everett site is completely inappropriate and unsuitable due to its location in a dense, congested urban environment, lacking the proper infrastructure to support it. We insist that the Commission members and staff correct their assumption and recognize just the substantial Charlestown opposition to a Wynn license award.

There is no part of this development that we want. The added traffic and congestion, proposed flyovers, are all bad! AIA Massachusetts made it clear from a design standpoint, this proposal is severely lacking in comparison to the Revere Project. As an architect and member of the AIA, I whole heartedly agree with and support their comments. As a resident of Charlestown, and a leader in the community, having served on boards and worked to improve the quality of life in Charlestown, this goes against all we have worked for!! I have lived in Charlestown since 1999, it is my adult home. Charlestown is a very special community - and Sullivan Square is very much a part of it. We have been working on a plan to improve Sullivan Square - and the plan and newly proposed street layout, does NOT accommodate for a Casino in Everett. Please consider the voice of the people closest! - In many cases, we are closer than many of the residents of Everett!!! And we are certainly in the path the public and workers will take to such a facility in Everett.

Thank you for your consideration!. Heather Taylor 6 Hancock Street, Charlestown.

From:

Elie Balesh <elie.balesh@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 30, 2014 3:12 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Greetings! My name is Elie Balesh and I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The benefits this project will bring to all of Massachusetts will be tremendous.

The jobs that will be created by the Wynn project are just what this state needs. There will be 4,000 long-term jobs at the Wynn, well-known as the best jobs in that industry. With Wynn's expertise and track record in the business, surrounded by loyal employees who want to go the extra mile for his customers, and with over \$2 billion dollars in the bank, his promises to deliver are completely backed up, in my opinion. To my mind, there is no other option than the Wynn. The Wynn puts the other guys to shame. This is exactly what Massachusetts needs!

As a resident here in Medford I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Elie Balesh 28 Ninth Street, Apt. 805 Medford, MA 02155

From:

Alexander Fuller <aj.fuller2015@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 30, 2014 11:03 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

### Dear Commissioners:

As the Gaming Commission prepares to make its decision on awarding the state casino license for the Boston area, I wish to express my strong support for the Everett plan and respected resort operator Steve Wynn.

The Wynn project will offer not just jobs but careers with a company recognized as the No. 1 Large Employer in Las Vegas by its employees in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's Top Workplaces Survey. It's no surprise since thousands of team members at Wynn are long-time employees who have been with the company for years, far longer than the industry average.

I hope I can count on your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Fuller 800 David Ross Road West Lafayette, IN 47906

From:

Nelson Ortega <nelsonet82@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 30, 2014 10:59 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

My Opinion on Gaming License for Region A

## Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you as a resident of Bethlehem to urge your support of the Wynn Resorts project.

The Wynn project will offer not just jobs but careers with a company recognized as the No. 1 Large Employer in Las Vegas by its employees in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's Top Workplaces Survey. It's no surprise since thousands of team members at Wynn are long-time employees who have been with the company for years, far longer than the industry average.

Please make the best choice when selecting the casino developer and operator for the Boston area. The Wynn Everett plan is the better one by every standard set by your regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Nelson Ortega 412 West 4th Street Bethlehem, PA 18015

From:

Bruce J Higgins <bjmhiggi@msn.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 29, 2014 3:51 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Public Comment Regarding The Wynn

### Dear Commissioners:

I write to encourage you to select the Wynn application for Everett for the state casino license in the Boston area. I have looked at both proposals, and believe the choice is not even close when it comes to how a resort casino will benefit the metropolitan Boston region and the entire state.

The Wynn proposal consists of building a magnificent hotel and resort casino on the former Monsanto plant along the Mystic River. This project would not only clean up a contaminated site but would serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the entire waterfront and surrounding communities.

I hope I can count on your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce J Higgins 14684 Dixon Road Dundee, MI 48131

# Terry Baldwin-Williams

323 Main Street - #1 Everett, MA 02149 Ph: 617/381-9261

E-mail: TerryB323@gmail.com

August 26, 2014

Commissioner James McHugh
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
84 State Street - 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Region A - Category 1 Casino License

Dear Commissioners:

Before you commence your final deliberations regarding the award of the Region A/Category 1 casino license, I would like to take this opportunity to commend each of you, and Chairman Crosby as well, for the manner in which you have conducted this process. I have read the transcripts from each and every meeting, several of which I personally attended, and it is my belief that you have acted admirably in the enthusiastic and forthright discharge of the duties vested in you by the Expanded Gaming Act. I applaud you for your service (and your ability to stay awake through all those meetings!).

That being said, I would like to voice my support for the plan proposed by Wynn Mass. LLC for the City of Everett. You've already heard so many reasons why the Wynn project is good for Everett, but it is my belief that Wynn is the better project for the Commonwealth as a whole, as well.

First of all, allowing the Wynn organization to clean-up the environmental nightmare at the Monsanto property will immediately save the state's taxpayers the \$50 million authorized by the legislature to remediate this site.

Secondly, it never ceases to amaze me how vehement the residents of Charlestown/Boston can be regarding the traffic problems at Sullivan Square, especially considering that this problem: (a) was originally created by Boston; and (b) has been allowed by Boston to continue to exist without improvement for more than 20 years. And now they expect the Wynn organization to pick up the tab to fix it even though Boston's mayor has opted to effectively abandon his own constituents' interests by waiving his city's rights as a surrounding community? You must agree that this should not and can not be held adverse to the Wynn application. Nonetheless, the Wynn plan calls for a hefty contribution towards mitigation of the Sullivan Square traffic problem, thus once again providing significant savings to the Commonwealth's taxpayers.



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While I'm on the subject of our Charlestown neighbors, I do wish to recognize their concerns about the potential health implications caused by the Monsanto remediation efforts, but I believe one should take into consideration the fact that the environmental mitigation will be conducted according to regulations set forth by the federal EPA and adopted by MEPA which will minimize exposure issues. Certainly, residents will experience far less hazard than they did while the Monsanto plant was actively emitting its sulfurous fumes and offloading its chemical waste, prior to the existence of any environmental guidelines. Undeniably, this benefits all of Massachusetts by protecting its inhabitants' health.

I'd also like to speak to the financial qualifications of both applicants, Mohegan Sun Massachusetts, LLC and Wynn Mass., LLC. I have grave doubts regarding the solvency of Mohegan Sun's backers and their ability to see the Revere project through to fruition. The use of a hedge fund such as Brigade, and the Machiavellian corporate structure Mohegan Sun must utilize for ownership of the land, the hotel, the racetrack, etc., portends a shell game that can come to no good end. In addition, Mohegan Sun has had successive mass layoffs from their Connecticut facility as a result of the 9.1% drop in gaming revenues in the past year. Contrast that with the Wynn organization's gaming increase of over 12% for the same time period. Moody's has downgraded Brigade's value, while Steve Wynn and his group have raked in one award after another for their business, gaming and hospitality acumen. And isn't it true that the casino that makes the most money will provide the most benefit for the Commonwealth?

Lastly, I would also like to address the architectural design of the Wynn Everett resort. In all the meeting transcripts, in all the public testimony, I have never heard one Everett resident complain about the design of the complex. The layout of the awkwardly shaped property has been optimized to its highest and best use. The plans for development of the shoreline is inspired. And, while I must admit I originally found the hotel tower a bit overpowering, I have lovingly come to think of it as Everett's *first* skyscraper—much as the Custom House Tower was Boston's first. To me, it signifies that "things are looking up" for Everett and the rest of the Commonwealth as well.

Thus, I ask that you select the Wynn Mass, LLC plan as the Category 1 licensee for Region 1, simply because the Wynn plan is the right plan for the Commonwealth and its citizens.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Terry Baldwin-Williams
Terry Baldwin-Williams

From:

Juan Vaquerano <vaquerano.juan@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 7:59 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn all the way!

### Dear Commissioners:

I hope the gaming commission will consider all of the facts closely and approve the Everett plan by Wynn Resorts for a state casino license. Wynn's application to build a world-class resort in Everett is the best choice to benefit Massachusetts - by far.

There are a lot things to be said about Steve Wynn and the Everett casino plan - all the jobs and the taxes and other economic benefits, not to take away from those things at all - but the one that I'm most excited about is the way it will one, clean up the utter disaster that is that Monsanto site, and two, open up the waterfront for people to use and enjoy again. To think that visitors will be able to come to the Wynn by water taxi or their own boat, that we'll be able to walk by the river again, and to have such a beautiful complex there for the benefit of Everett, Somerville, Medford, Charlestown and all the visitors from Massachusetts and around the world, well, that's reason enough to support this plan 100%.

Therefore, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Juan Vaquerano 506 broadway Somerville, MA 02145

From:

Karen Williamson < karen\_110@icloud.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 7:09 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

I support Wynn

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

Greetings! My name is Karen Williamson and I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The benefits this project will bring to all of Massachusetts will be tremendous.

The Wynn proposal consists of building a magnificent hotel and resort casino on the former Monsanto plant along the Mystic River. This project would not only clean up a contaminated site but would serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the entire waterfront and surrounding communities.

As a resident here in Hamburg I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Karen Williamson 110 jalappa rd Hamburg, PA 19526

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com >

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:32 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

Joseph Caloggero

#### **Email**

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### Phone

(781)254-7180

### Subject

Please bring WYNN to MA.

#### **Questions or Comments**

Hello.

As a 10 year veteran of going to Las Vegas, there is really one casino that seperates themselves from the rest, and that casino is the Wynn and Encore Las Vegas. The more i have learned about Mr. Wynn, the more i feel that his commitment to excellence is every reason why he should be here in MA. My family grew up in Everett, and would love it if my younger cousin could benefit from the Wynn's great benefits if he could somehow become employed there. I am excited about the improvements the Wynn is promising the area, and i just can't wait to sip a dirty martini and play some poker!

-Joe Caloggero

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:37 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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Stephen Martorella

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### Subject

Wynn for Mass is a NO BRAINER!

### **Questions or Comments**

It just makes sense! Wynn for Massachusetts is clearly the best decision we can make. Clean up of a hazardous site, waterfront development badly needed, very easy water access to alleviate traffic, ability to build a ramp off 93, clearly the best casino leader in the United States, if not the WORLD! I don't think I have seen such a clear common sense solution than to choose WYNN!

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:38 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

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### Name

Timothy Shea

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#### Subject

WYNN CASINO

#### **Questions or Comments**

The addition of a Wynn Resort on Lower Broadway will be a GAME CHANGER for us. It will put Everett on a worldwide map and immediately make Steve Wynn the LARGEST EMPLOYER in the City.

Nobody is thought of higher than Steve Wynn and his properties. He does things right and with class.

Having been a life long resident of the area I think this is the best thing that could happen. The whole surrounding area could use the help and the people could use the jobs. I find it to be a WYNN WIN situation.

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:39 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

Alfred Porcaro

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**Phone** 

(617)387-4050

Subject

Casino in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

The proposal to build the Casino in Everett is the one that makes the most scene. The Wynn group has all its money and ready to go with a first class resort. It will save the state millions in clean up. It was a unanimous vote by Everett voters, the first election and well thought out plan.

Unlike our competitors Everett has always going it alone with this project.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:40 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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### Name

Joanne Derrico

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(508)757-8888

### Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

Wynn is a 5 star resort but what is more important for Everett is the clean up of the area. Wynn will designate \$\$\$\$\$ to improve the infrastructure and polluted waters. He will bring revenue to Everett and the water ways of Boston.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:41 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

Michael Rowan

#### **Email**

michael.rowan@sbdinc.com

#### **Questions or Comments**

Wynn Resort - A good idea, A good Plan and a true partner with the city!

As a 25 year resident and home owner in Everett I can't think of one project that has had the complete support of the city residents, elected officials and commercial business owners! This is the perfect place for a world class casino facility and a great start to a long lasting community and business relationship that will help the economy, environment, city and state. The jobs created by the casino coupled with the additional business for the local community in construction, local shops, retail and the infrastructure improvements make this a win for everyone involved.

We want the casino, the city wants the casino and the people of Mass want to gamble...whats the problem? Do we continue to let our dollars go to CT or ME? LETS GET THIS DONE!!!!

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 11:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

Tom Fiorentino

#### **Email**

Teamwork24@comcast.net

#### Subject

Support for Wynn in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

My name is Tom Fiorentino. I am currently a member of the Everett Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club Board of Directors. Additionally I am the President and CEO of Teamwork Cleaning, an Everett based sanitation and janitorial company.

Please allow me to explain my support for the Wynn Project. If you are not aware before this proposal Everett was left with 30+ acres of wasteland. Today we have the opportunity to develop this blight.

While growing up in Everett I was always aware of Monsanto and the number of Everett people employed but never was aware of what was taking place at that location. Today we know too well. We are left with a heavy contaminated site. This proposal addresses the need for clean up and revitalization.

Beyond the clean up I have devoted my adult career to the Everett Kiwanis. While a small part of the community, we support education which is the future of the community. During my years of involvement we have supplied \$100,000 in scholarships to Everett children. The Wynn group supplemented the host agreement with \$250,000 of community support for organizations like the Everett Kiwanis. The effect of what we have been able to supply on our own will only be magnified by this project.

Our children are our future. If we can't as a community and service organization come together to support a project to change the future of our community we have lost our way.

The legislation that enabled Casino gambling was drafted and passed with the future in mind. The Wynn proposal compliments and completes the intent, cleans the property, creates growth and supports the economy.

I respectfully request that you support the Wynn Everett proposal.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:44 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

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### Name

Helen Wells

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mayor2009@aol.com

### **Phone**

(617)327-7824

### Subject

Wynn for ALL

### **Questions or Comments**

They would clean up the poluted landfill

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:43 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

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#### Name

**Daniel Skeritt** 

#### **Email**

www.skerittb@aol.com

#### **Phone**

(617)513-5231

### Subject

Wynn for a Better State Economy

### **Questions or Comments**

Wynn/Everett Resorts & DeMoulas Market Basket share a similar employee culture, just what is needed for a better and more vibrant Massachusetts economy and workplace. Employee job security and secure profitable corporate finances.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:42 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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Name

Linda Shedden

**Email** 

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Phone

(617)413-1404

Subject

Wynn for Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Being a life long Everett resident, this resort will be our crowning jewel and make us a city no longer considered home to junk yards and LNG tanks and that polluted water front. It will improve our roads and keep our taxes low. The jobs it gives to the entire area will help our economy and attract visitors from all over the US and the world. A 5 star Wynn resort is a place everyone dreams of visiting and having one so close to Boston only comes along once in ones lifetime. No need to get on a plane and go all the way to Las Vegas. The East Coast deserves to enjoy what Las Vegas has had for decades. A 5 star destination Wynn resort right here in Massachusetts.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 7:42 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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### Name

Ed Poste

#### **Email**

eposteman@aol.com

### Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

Mr. Wynn will be accountable 100% for all the good things that will happen on that sight with 100% of his money.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:05 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### **Subject**

Support for Wynn in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Dear Gaming Commission,

Why should the tax payers of Massachusetts pay for the clean up of the former Monsanto site in Everett? Wynn is willing and able to afford to clean up the site, and the result will far exceed our expectations. The development of Wynn Resorts will bring much needed revenue and jobs to our city and the surrounding communities, and the entire state of Massachusetts. Wynn is the only choice and chance for an opportunity of a lifetime.

As for Mohegan Sun, they should stay where they are. Why let them create a monopoly in the region? Mohegan Sun will most likely not benefit the entire state like Wynn would. I am one of the 87% that voted YES on June 22, 2013. Everett is the best place for this to happen. So please, make your decision on September 12th for the best choice, Wynn Resorts. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Mackenzie

From:

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### Subject

I support Wynn.

### **Questions or Comments**

I am a lifelong resident of Everett. I am proud of this city and the community that contributed to the person I am today, professionally and otherwise. I support the Wynn for Massachusetts because Steve Wynn's presentation to you resonates loud and clearly: In hard times, Wynn and senior management took pay cuts and saved jobs for employees. During the same hard times, competitors laid people off. With a 2.9 billion cash minimum, Wynn is the ONLY contender with a financially sound business plan. He guarantees our future. Other competitors, unfortunately, cannot do the same, and have proven so in places like Connecticut.

I support Wynn for this reason and I hope you have the foresight to do do the same.

Rosemary A. Hughes Everett

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I want to see Everett grow...

#### **Questions or Comments**

Having been a life long resident of the area I think this is the best thing that could happen. I have a business on the river, which will make us neighbors. We would love to partner with WYNN and we are all very excited for all the improvements that this project will produce to the area. The whole surrounding area could use the help and the people could use the jobs. I find it to be a WYNN WYNN situation!"

From:

Tom Cuddahy <tomcuddahy@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:08 AM

To:

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Subject:

Wynn all the way!

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#### Dear Commissioners:

If only all of life's choices were so easy and clear! There is no doubt in my mind that the Wynn Everett is the right casino for Massachusetts. There are just too many factors in Steve Wynn's favor to even have to think about the choice.

The construction jobs from this development are important. But it is even more important for the gaming commission to weigh the long-term results of this major decision. Year after year, Wynn has been named the best casino resort employer in Las Vegas, where it has scores of competitors. The permanent jobs created by Wynn in Everett will be jobs Massachusetts resident really want and will enjoy. That is an important factor for you to take into account.

I hope you will make this transformative project a reality! We want the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Tom Cuddahy 717 Reservoir Rd Lunenburg, MA 01462

From:

Maria Ramirez <mbenaoui@hotmail.com>

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Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:08 AM

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**Subject:** 

Public Comment Regarding The Wynn

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Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I am writing to respectfully urge the gaming commissioners to approve the Wynn Everett application for the casino license in the Boston region. The Everett location and the Wynn plan are clearly superior.

The Wynn proposal consists of building a magnificent hotel and resort casino on the former Monsanto plant along the Mystic River. This project would not only clean up a contaminated site but would serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the entire waterfront and surrounding communities.

As a resident here in Everett I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Maria Ramirez 38 Highland Avenue Everett, MA 02149

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(617)947-8049

### **Subject**

Wynn for Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

East Boston voted against Revere.
That should end it for Revere.
Every one bordering Everett is in favor of project.
It will improve the area, the environment..

From:

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#### Subject

Win by selecting Wynn

#### **Questions or Comments**

First of all thank you for your work and efforts. This has been a challenge to all but more so to you. Regardless, no matter what you select you will never make anyone happen, especially Mayor Walsh. Just look at how he changed his mind about a casino but a motor race track in Boston is better right? Well clearly looking at the location in Revere, the City of Revere will have plenty of hard times with Boston. Already questions on what the cities would receive from proceeds is an issue. I know going with Mohegan is the worse mistake and in the end Revere cannot handle the cost associated. If not true look at the conditions of Suffolk Down. How long has this establishment needed work and neither Boston or Revere did anything to repair this problem? Because they honestly were not interested until the people voted approval, which will happen again in November.

My question to Boston and Revere if the casino idea was not at play what was the plan for Suffolk Down? What ever the answer I would ask then why didn't we care before to do anything until now?

But let us look at Everett. The location needs work and needs help to clean contamination. Everett does not hide the fact and claim false ideas. The reality is this place to clean up need financial support and then comes a winning idea, what I call "The Wynn Projject" where Mr. Wynn guarantees the property, surrounding environment and even the river it self would become clean. Soil replaced, water clean, work on Sullivan area? It seems he is committee, not just to Everett, but to Boston and Somerville. As you know Sullivan is horrible in the mornings and if he can improve conditions not only will surrounding communities benefit but I am such there will be an economic impact the he new Assembly Row. And I mean Assembly Row, the mall and business will make massive projects.

Access to Boston's Charlestetown and Government Center and businesses will only boost profits which these cities get to keep without giving to Everett . Bit they is fine because Wynn will ensure our \$20,000,000, jobs for Everett residents and even offered work for Sufflok Down Employees too.

Mohegan Sun, based on reports and facts they are losing money and are not making much profit. Why? Because why would one want to go to a three star location when up the road you can go to a four star casino at Foxwoods.

Mohegan want to build this grand casino with all this wonderful verbal ideas but only offer a three star hotel. Are you kidding? This is support to be a grand project and all they can offer is a three star Holiday Inn. I believe in Somerville the main Holiday Inn is tree star. Wynn is offering a 5 Star Resort which that in it self is a profit. Wynn is a supporter of Union works and that is a plus.

20,000,000 to Everett, 5 Star Resort, Union Supporter, work not just for Everett Residence by also Suffolk Down employees. Environmental clean up on land and waters costing with little to no cost to Everett or surrounding cities near the river. Financially Wynn has no financial issues and can afford all he offers. Reorganizing the Sullivan area that will benefit Somerville, Everett, Malden and yes Boston. A plan that will boost the Everett economic and surrounding communities. And yes a 5 Star Casino Resort that will be the most amazing place to enjoy and relax.

So once again I ask that you vote for a winning plan The Wynn Project, the Wynn Casino in Everett Massachusetts. Let us now stand out and prove our abilities to become one of the greatest cities. Thank you. DM

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### Subject

Wynn in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

A 5\* star resort in Everett? Definitely with Mr.Wynn building it! According to the specifications pointed out, with all the cleanup, new road infrastructure, jobs created, this will be a FIRST-CLASS act as only Mr.Steve Wynn can do. And, a bonus, he has the money to back up "his mouth!" Any project with the Wynn name on it will be something of which the city of Everett and surrounding towns will be proud. So wake up Massachusetts, and get the show on the road! It can only help to bring revenue into the state instead of going to nesr-by states.

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### **Subject**

Win with Wynn

### **Questions or Comments**

Living in the neighboring City of Medford. I appreciate that Wynn will clean the Monsanto site, which they have the ability to do, thereby saving me money as a taxpayer. It will be great to see the beautification of the site.

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## Subject

Wynn Casino

### **Questions or Comments**

I think the Wynn project would be the best thing for Everett and the Mystic waterfront which is good not just for Everett but for all communities that would frequent the waterfront. I have a Brother-in-law that I visit in Revere and I dread going there now because of traffic. I can not imagine what it would be like with all the added Traffic to the area and the impact on the poor folks of Winthrop one way in one way out. Everett is the best choice.

Robert Hunter 27 School St Everatt

One more minor detail Mohegan failed to mention, they promise many jobs but do not disclose many are low paying and part time positions with zero benefits. Wynn is the only logical choice.

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## **Subject**

Improving Everett and surrounding areas

## **Questions or Comments**

Wynn Resort not only will bring jobs for Everett, but also the surrounding area. We need this and it will improve the economy in the area and bring other business with it. I was against it at first .but after a lot of thought I realized this is the best idea I've seen for Everett in many years. I've lived in Everett all my life and it's about time we put Everett back on the map.

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### Subject

Support for Wynn

### **Questions or Comments**

To The Gaming Commission

Having lived in Medford and Somerville for most of my 75 years I think this is the best thing that could happen for the City of Everett. I think Steve Wynn is the best. He is so smart financially and really knows how to run a a casino and hotel. I stay at his property every other year when I go to Vegas. I will not stay any where else. It is such a classy hotel and casino and the finest restaurant are there. My son and I have eaten in a few of the restaurants there and the Buffet is also wonderful. You cannot go wrong when you stay at his properties. If you have any kind of a problem it is fixed right away. He is known all over the world and people from many countries want to stay at his properties. How could you want to put someone else in that is losing money. It makes no sense to me to want to do that. Everett water front will be a beautiful place for many people to visit. Who would want to go to Suffolk downs from other countries. I wouldn't go there and I live very clos! e to it. Please consider the long term results if Wynn comes to Everett. It would not be a mistake to chose Wynn.

Thank You

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## Subject

Wynn casino Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

Let's bring a wold class 5 star visionary to Mass. Everett and the Boston area. "Mr. Steve Wynn." Let us continue to strive to be a world class destination. And stop playing second best to other cities, because of blow hard narrow minded corrupt politicians who ran and still run this area and stifle this area's potential. Let's elevate the area as a first class destination, where only a few cities or areas in the world are deemed. Visionaries are what we need and it gets no better than Mr. Steve Wynn. "Do your magic Steve."

Chuck Luongo

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## Subject

Win/Wynn/Win/Wynn

## **Questions or Comments**

A long time has come and gone. Meeting after meeting. Hearing after Hearing. Do you know we now have 5 flights directly from foreign countries, TOKYO,PANAMA CITY,ISTANBUL,DUBAI,BEIJING. New fresh money coming to Everett, to the Wynn 5 Stat count them \*\*\*\*\*. Do you really think these people want to go to a 3 star with little reputation or a 5 star count them \*\*\*\*\*. Put Everett on the MAP not just for Everett but for MASSACHUSETTS.

## **Everett United**

From:

Salvatore Laface <salvo.laface@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 22, 2014 11:14 AM

To: Subject: mgccomments@state.ma.us Everett is the Right Choice



## Dear Commissioners:

Hello! My name is Salvatore Laface and I would like to tell you that I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The project will benefit all of Massachusetts in much greater ways than what the other proposal can do. From my point of view, it's simple: Wynn's proposal is the only real choice for the people of Massachusetts.

The Wynn Everett plan not only is strongest based on finances, aesthetics, corporate reputation, local community commitment and regional benefits, but it will get built soonest. That means the tax and other benefits will be greater. Wynn, unlike the other applicant with multiple ownership, will not build the Everett resort in 'phases.' I just seems to me that Wynn is the obvious choice on every criteria.

Therefore, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Salvatore Laface 111 high street Everett, MA 02149

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### Name

Debbi Green

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## Subject

WYNN all the way

## **Questions or Comments**

I truly believe Wynn Resorts in Everett would be a very big asset to the community and surrounding areas. the water transportation would be a big relief, auto traffic would be cut down some what. I also feel the location is better than Suffolk Downs. Wynn has proven to be a great business man, very good to his employees. he shows profits . so please Let's Wynn together.

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## **Subject**

Wynn

## **Questions or Comments**

By granting the license to Wynn a major environmental clean-up will occur that other wise would not happen. A 5 star resort hotel will bring international visitors to the Boston area on a year round basis. Water transportation to the Convention center and other locations around Boston will bring regional benefits to the greater Boston area. There will be a tremendous amount of jobs both tempory and permanent associated with the project

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## **Subject**

Wynn for MASSACHUSETTS

## **Questions or Comments**

I am a 35 year resident of the Lynde (now referred to as lower Broadway). I can not express how badly the neighborhood needs to be redeveloped and Steve Wynn is the man to do it. The awarding of the license to Wynn MA, LLC will bring thousands of jobs to the region. It will redevelop an area that is decaying. All the retail in the surrounding cities will benefit. A contaminated land site gets cleaned! Sullivan Square, Wellington Circle, Route 99, Sweetser Circle will all have improved roadways. They will all get upgraded. This is a Wynn for all. Lets not forget about Forbes Magazine and the fact that Steve Wynn is FINANCIALLY SOUND and the number 1 man in the business. Thank you EDWARD J LUCAS JR

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## **Subject**

Vote for Wynn!!!

## **Questions or Comments**

We voted for Wynn in Everett on June 22, 2013, and we still support Wynn! He will do more for this city and surrounding communities than Mohegan Sun could ever do. His plans for building a green resort and all the environmental issues he is planning to undertake add up to a very beneficial resort for the City of Everett and Boston Harbor as well. We hope you will give Wynn the thumbs up and let him get moving on this project, the sooner the better!!!

Jerri & Michael Longo.

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Kimberly Cifra

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## Subject

Bringing Wynn to Everett, MA

## **Questions or Comments**

I think bringing Wynn to Everett, MA is going to be a huge WIN for the city of Everett. It'll bring so much to our City. I for one would love to have such a high class resort to go to whenever I wanted. It'll be beautiful and a lot better looking than what we have to look at now in that area.

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## **Subject**

Wynn Resort in Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

It will be wonderful to have Wynn Resort in Everett. The roads will be done over, He would beautify our city, it would lower our taxes. more monies for schools,police and fire Lots of jobs for local people

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#### Subject

Wynn Everett

### Questions or Comments

Wynn runs a first class resort. Having stayed at their resort in Las Vegas I can attest to that. They have the money and expertise to build and run a fabulous place that will enhance the area. And they have no local interest to worry about unlike Mohegan to preserve their Connecticut interests. A 5 star resort is what this area needs along with shopping and lifestyle enhancements. Location wise, Everett is a much better location with the 93 infrastructure right there and not having to deal with the airport traffic congestion of East Boston/Revere.

Wynn will contribute \$20,000,000 to Sullivan Square infrastructure improvements over the course of the first licensing period alone.

Wynn is going beyond what it needs to be doing with regard to Sullivan Square and is also tackling longtime traffic headaches at Wellington Circle, Santilli Circle, Sweetser Circle and Rt. 99 in Everett.

Unlike the 3-star Mohegan Casino proposal, the Wynn 5-star resort will be wholly owned and managed by Wynn.

Wynn's financial strength is a key differentiator between itself and Mohegan. Recently, Wynn Resorts announced its 6th consecutive positive quarterly earnings. Mohegan? Kevin Brown, the chairman of the Mohegan Sun Tribal Gaming Authority, called their quarterly results "less than stellar" with a 5.2 percent decline in net revenue to \$326 million and a 19 percent drop in adjusted net earnings to \$69 million.

Wynn's Las Vegas operations brought in an incredible \$451.4 million in revenue during the second quarter, up 12.5% from a year ago.

Wynn's plan to pay for the clean up the Monsanto site. Why not allow them to do it instead of the taxpayers of Massachusetts as outlined in a bill that recently passed the legislature.

Wynn Resorts plans to use 250,000 live oysters to help clean the contaminated Mystic River if it receives a license to build its proposed \$1.6 billion Everett casino. Oysters can consume over 40 gallons of water a day and act as natural water filters, removing nitrogen and bacteria from the water. This is a smart and safe way to clean the Mystic River.

Wynn Resorts recently announced that it had reached a Project Labor Agreement with all major local trade unions. This agreement covers all aspects of construction, work rules and hours and was unanimously endorsed by the Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

The construction of the 5-star Wynn Resort will require more than 10 million man hours of labor and generate 4,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs and drive more than \$4 billion in revenue to other local businesses over 5 years.

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**Edward Gilbert** 

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## Subject

Wynn Resorts Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

I believe that the proposed casino planned for Everett is the best choice for this area. Thank You Ed Gilbert

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## Subject

Wynn Resort in Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

I am an entrepreneur. In the pass 10 years, I have traveled to Vegas more than 100 times. You could say I have stayed at all the luxury hotels in Vegas. That includes Bellagio, Aria, Cosmopolitan, Mandalay Bay; until two years ago when I gave Wynn Hotel a try. The experience was exceptional! It would take a day for me write all the good things about the Wynn Resort. I have stayed at many luxury hotels over the world in the Bahamas, Hawaii, Mexico, and the Caribbean Islands. Nothing compares to Wynn Resorts. I sometimes wish Steve Wynn would build a hotel at all the travel destination in the world. Of course, I have also stayed at the Mohegan Sun in CT. There is NO comparison. It's like comparing a Steve Wynn's Bentley to Mohegan Sun's Ford. I will definitely boycott Mohegan Sun if they are awarded the license.

Please let Mr. Wynn use his money to clean up the chemical site. I don't want my tax money to be paid for that parcel of land. Please award the license to Wynn so everyone around the world can enjoy true luxury and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Don Vu

30 years massachusetts residence.

A Vietnamese refugee that became very successful because of beautiful USA.

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## **Subject**

Wynn Resorts Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

Please look at the pros and cons for each casino project leaving politics out. I don't know how you could not give this License to Wynn. Just look at the financial books for both projects and you will see which one should be the license winner. I understand Mohegan Sun will not even have control as there are 5 venture capitalists involved; also they supposedly do not have the finances for the hotel and someone else will be running that. Wynn will be in charge of everything and will bring clientele from around the world to stay at a world class resort in the Boston area. In my opinion, the most important thing is his investment of willing to clean up an eyesore and in turn save MA a ton of money. Look at the facts: who is hiring and who is laying off. There should be only one obvious option. Thank You

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### Subject

Wynn Resort

## **Questions or Comments**

Prestige, revenue, employment, financial stability, site clean up and much more --sounds like a no-brainer. Obviously a 5-star resort brings much more to the area than the 3-star complex proposed by Mohegan Sun. Wynn's financial success and growth overshadows Mohegan's struggling enterprises. Why gamble with a possible failed effort when a proven success model is available. Again, Wynn seems to be the most logical choice.

Sincerely, Frank Foley 26 Clifton Ave. Everett, MA 02149-4122

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### Subject

Wynn Casino

### **Questions or Comments**

Living in the Wellington area of Medford, all my life, we are extremely excited to see Wynn go to Everett. We welcome their entertainment possibilities for us, but more importantly, we can't wait to see the area improvements Wynn will make. Wellington circle has been a hazard for walkers for my entire life and to see Wynn fix that problem and many more they are proposing will make my neighborhood, not even in Everett, but closer to the casino property than some Everett homes, an even better place to live!

We support WYNN!

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### Subject

Wynn Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

Good Day,

I am contacting you today as a show of support for Wynn Everett. The addition of this Wynn enterprise will bring a much needed economic, emotional and cosmetic initiative to the city. As someone who has been laid off from a career position, the thought of all the jobs Wynn Everett would create is tantalizing. You have a north shore population lined up and ready to work. Additionally, the buzz from the general public, about having this complex close to home, ensures the success if thus venture. I cannot express strongly enough how important securing Wynn Everett is for the future if this whole area and sincerely hope that you will support the Wynn organization.

Thank you for your time.

Patricia Doyle

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:33 PM

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Rosemary Hughes

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### Subject

I support the Wynn in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

My name is Rosemary Hughes and I am a lifelong resident of Everett.

I am also a career woman who would like to remain an Everett resident, and see more professional success for our city. Wynn can do this for Everett and for greater Boston.

Wynn has the means to bring a profitable and sustainable resort business to this state. Wynn's financial strength is a key differentiator between itself and Mohegan. Recently, Wynn Resorts announced its 6th consecutive positive quarterly earnings. Mohegan? Kevin Brown, the chairman of the Mohegan Sun Tribal Gaming Authority, called their quarterly results "less than stellar" with a 5.2 percent decline in net revenue to \$326 million and a 19 percent drop in adjusted net earnings to \$69 million.

Steve Wynn's presentation to you should resonate with us all. "When other casinos laid off in hard times, Wynn executives took pay cuts and saved employee jobs." With 2.9 billion in cash, in addition to other assets, failing financially is not an option for Wynn. We have yet to see this proven with our contenders from Connecticut.

Not much else matters in this case.

Thank you. Rosemary Hughes 111 Malden Street Everett, MA

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:23 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Michael Durkin

### **Email**

mikedurk@comcast.net

## **Subject**

Wynn for Everett!

## **Questions or Comments**

Having lived in Everett for most of my life and with relatives still living in Everett, I think this is the best thing that could happen. I am very excited for all the improvements that this project will produce to the area. The whole surrounding area could use the help and the people could use the jobs!

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:27 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Mary Bacci

**Email** 

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(617)791-3015

Subject

Wynn for Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

I have been a resident in Everett for the past 17 years. I have volunteered my time to the community and watched as the city came together to support the children. In this time of economic issues, the Everett community would benefit substantially with the Wynn Casino. The employment opportunities alone will provide much needed income for families currently struggling to make ends meet. The opportunity for the city to be revitalized is second only to it's citizens.

The impact for Everett and the surrounding areas are positive and will bring Everett up to the standard it deserves.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:30 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

Damain Allen

### **Email**

damainallen1@gmail.com

### **Phone**

(617)981-3492

## Subject

**Everett Gaming License** 

## **Questions or Comments**

As a resident and homeowner in Everett I have looked on with great concern as the casino process has played out and soon will become a reality for several communities. I believe Everett with the support of Steve Wynn has put together the best proposal for the Boston area, one whose benefit extends into Somerville, Medford, and will provide positive infrastructure improvements that will greatly benefit Revere and Boston as well. Revitalizing the Monsanto site provides the greater Boston area with another piece of prime real estate that will be boon for the local economies of several communities and provide critical revenues to improve local municipalities. The import of scores of new well paying jobs will further provide increased tax revenue opportunities for the state and give more families access to the middle class.

I encourage the MA gaming condition to approve the Wynn proposal for Everett.

Damain Allen 141 Estes Street Everett, MA 02149

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 25, 2014 11:40 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

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### Name

Norina Schirripa

### **Email**

norina23@gmail.com

### Phone

(781)307-2934

## Subject

Want the Wynn in Everett

### **Questions or Comments**

I support Wynn and vow if they do not get the license, and Revere does I will vote for no casinos all together! Wynn is by far the better company, the casino will be beautiful. I know it will be a place I could see myself enjoying, on the water no less. The crowd it will draw in will be better then Revere. Think about it....Wynn was voted yes 87% in Everett. Revere has a surrounding community that voted no,N and putting a casino there is a slap in their face...and no i do not live in East Boston. I just think that is wrong! Thank you.

Norina

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 25, 2014 11:45 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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## Name

Diane Taylor

### **Email**

gueens4463@aol.com

### **Phone**

(617)381-7076

## **Subject**

My support for Wynn in Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

There are so many obvious reasons to support Wynn coming to Everett....Just to name a few: the creation of sustainable JOBS, not only for Everett residents but for surrounding communities as well; the dramatic change in the area (having a cleaned up area from what it is right now); the rise in the economy for Everett and once again for surrounding communities. And, of course the amazing complex which Steve Wynn and his staff would bring to Everett....absolutely amazing....never been done before in the history of Everett. What an incredible vision for Everett for so many reasons!!!

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 25, 2014 11:44 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Charlene Finos

## **Email**

rfinos@comcast.net

### Phone

(617)387-6079

## Subject

Wynn Resorts Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

Wynn will create jobs for Everett, also will help with the traffic problems, also lowing taxes for residential and commercial properties. This will make for a better Everett.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 25, 2014 11:43 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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### Name

Joseph Tutalo

### **Email**

itutalo@hotmail.com

### Phone

(401)369-2614

### Subject

Wynn simply is the only choice

## **Questions or Comments**

Mohegan is awful and to even consider them in Mass is terrible. In the past 2 months Mohegan has fired two of the best managers; two hard working leaders who opened Mohegan Sun who had been there 18 years. Two true tested workers that have been in the casino business for 50 years. Mohegan is a very bad company to work for and it doesn't belong in Massachusetts. This is what Mohegan Sun is all about and you DON'T want this in Mass. Again we don't want Mohegan in Mass ... the choice it's simple Wynn Wynn Wynn more than ever.

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2014 11:33 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

## Name

Sean Gallagher

**Email** 

seano5811@comcast.net

**Phone** 

(617)381-9854

Subject

Wynn Resorts Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

I just want to say that this will help Everett and the area around the city. Plus I love the idea about the water way for boats. I have lived in the city well over 30 years.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 25, 2014 11:35 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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### Name

Daniela Diflumeri

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### Phone

(781)231-4545

### Subject

Wynn Resorts Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

This is why we vote YES for Wynn...recently announced that it had reached a Labor Agreement with all major local trade unions. Agreement covers all aspects of construction, work rules and MBT Council.The 5-star Wynn Resort will require more than 10 million man hours of labor & generate 4,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs & drive more than \$4 billion in revenue to other local businesses over 5 years.

From:

Joseph Fallon < jfallon@falloncompany.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 22, 2014 12:45 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc:

Graceann Cirame

Subject:

Comments to Wynn Application

**Attachments:** 

img-822122959-0001.pdf

Please see the attached letter.

August 22, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02109

Dear Commissioners,

The 'new' Boston waterfront that everyone had envisioned and planned for decades is here, in full glory, and the promises of the expanded and revitalized Boston Harbor front has turned into reality.

The proposed 5-star Wynn Resort in Everett could bring this vision to an even higher level of enjoyment.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has an opportunity to activate and expand the Boston waterfront that would impact our region for generations to come. It would effectively extend the reach and use of Boston Harbor and connect it to millions of international and domestic visitors who instantaneously associate Boston with the water. A Wynn waterfront casino could link and engage current residents of the region to our spectacular and shared harbor.

To cite one example, the Volvo Ocean Race and Extreme Sailing Race held at Fan Pier attracted tens of thousands of spectators—visitors and residents alike. Both races have continually expressed interest in returning to Boston again (the only North American stop over for the races). *Unfortunately, Fan Pier is no longer able to accommodate the race village requirements of these races*. If the Wynn Resort were to open and accommodate the race village, Boston could continue to host this world-renowned competition.

Beyond special events, the use of water transportation in Boston Harbor is becoming an increasingly more desirable alternative to car, bus or train. Fan Pier has supported this effort with the introduction this summer of the 'Cultural Connector'. We welcome Wynn's proposed Harbor Ferry Program and have offered the Fan Pier Marina Transportation dock as a regular stop.

Connecting, utilizing, engaging and expanding Boston Harbor is what creates true urban waterfront success. Done right, the Boston Harbor will be both a resource and attraction to use and enjoy for residents, guests, workers and all who live, work or pass through Greater Boston. True waterfront activation isn't about getting to or keeping people at the water—it's about moving people and having them experience all that's on the water.

The water features of a Wynn Resort could bring Boston Harbor to an entirely new level of use and exposure. Its positive impact will provide greater opportunities to expand the benefits of a tremendous resource to Greater Boston and the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Fallon

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 22, 2014 9:17 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Judy Saler

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Phone

(617)372-4737

Subject

Do I support Wynn Resorts in Everett

**Questions or Comments** 

Yes!!

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 22, 2014 9:19 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

**Edward Carlson** 

### **Email**

e.carlson@snet.net

## **Subject**

Wynn's reputation

## **Questions or Comments**

As someone who has worked in the casino business, I can honestly say that nobody is thought of higher than Steve Wynn and his properties. He does things right and with class. There is never any mention of the Mohegan poker scandal from years ago that included sales of drugs and prostitution-it was all swept under the carpet. Also, the incident on New Years Eve involving a few New England Patriots beating a bouncer badly because he was doing his job. That also was swept under the carpet. The Sun needs to be more forthcoming in these matters if they want to show their sincerity.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 22, 2014 9:22 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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### Name

Phyllis LaMarca

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phyl806@hotmail.com

### **Phone**

(781)272-2661

### **Subject**

Everett casino

## **Questions or Comments**

Having been a life long resident of the area I think this is the best thing that could happen. I have a business on the river which will make us neighbors. We would love to partner with WYNN and we are all very excited for all the improvements that this project will produce to the area. The whole surrounding area could use the help and the people could use the jobs. I find it to be a WYNN WYNN situation! :)

From:

MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:24 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

Name

Maryjean Healey

Email

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**Phone** 

(617)394-9066

Subject

Wynn

Questions or Comments

Wynn is a WIN for all residents of Massachusetts.

From: Marty Herman <martyherman@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:22 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 100% with Wynn!

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Greetings! My name is Marty Herman and I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The benefits this project will bring to all of Massachusetts will be tremendous.

This project would place Wynn Resorts among the Top 5 private employers in Boston. Moreover, this project would generate \$267 million in annual, recurring and local taxes. It also would provide \$183 million in one-time state and local taxes during the resort development.

As a resident here in Canton I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Marty Herman 8 Hubbard street Canton, MA 02021

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:22 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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## Name

Rosanna Fantasia

#### **Email**

rosannafantasia@yahoo.com

#### Phone

(617)699-0903

#### Subject

Wynn

## **Questions or Comments**

Cleaning the Mystic River would be amazing. Having a beautiful area to go relax, shop & find entertainment in Everett would be Awesome. Right next door to Boston, Everett would be a perfect fit. Thank You

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:21 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Lorraine Benjamin

#### **Email**

lben@att.net

#### **Phone**

(989)922-3134

#### Subject

Wynn Casino

#### **Questions or Comments**

I would love to see Steve Wynn in Everett. I am originally from Everett, and I would come to Everett to the Wynn Casino. I lived in Vegas for almost 20 years, I also worked in the casino's I never worked for Mr. Wynn, but I heard he was a wonderful person to work for. He is very good to work for.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Benjamin

From:

Gerald Robbins < gmrobbins@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:13 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn Proposal

RE: Wynn Casino Proposal

To the Massachusetts State Gaming Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Wynn Casino. I have reviewed their proposal and have attended community meetings on the Casino

I believe that the Wynn Casino proposal does not adequately use effective mass transit to access the site. Located near to the Sullivan Orange Line MBTA Station, adjacent to the Rockport Commuter Rail Line, close to the Amtrak Rail Line to/from Maine, and in close proximity to hundreds of buses at Sullivan Station, I believe that the proposed Wynn Casino could do a much better job at reducing the traffic impact to/from the site by promoting and investing in mass transit connections to/from the Casino. The proposed ferry plan seems inadequate also because the system would handle only a small number of patrons and access points are limited due to limited dock space, boat capacity, and transfer points.

In addition, the adjacent communities in Charlestown in Boston as well as Somerville have been working for many years to craft a proposal for Rutherford Avenue which connects the North End in Boston to Somerville and Everett. The agreed upon Rutherford Avenue plan, which was endorsed by the Menino Administration, is now in danger of not being realized because of the Wynn Casino proposal. I believe that the Wynn Casino can work, and surrounding communities would be a lot happier, if the proposal had a significant investment in mass transit and promotion of tranportation alternatives while reducing parking capacity at the Casino.

I am not against casinos nor am I against one near to where I live. However, I am against a deficient transportation proposal in an urban area that does not use mass transit adequately and does not commit to significant capital improvements in the mass transit system. I urge you to recommend a significantly more robust mass transit plan so that the proposed Wynn Casino can better fit into the urban context.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gerald Robbins 63 Pearl Street, Charlestown, MA 02129 617-241-7717

From:

am22b@yahoo.com

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:53 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Category 1 Gaming license for Region A

Dear Commissioners,

We are in the final stretch for awarding a Category 1 gaming license for Region A. I have attended or watched most of the Commission's open meetings regarding the Region A licensing process and wonder what more can be said? For me the answer is simple.

On January 22, 2014, at the MGC Region A Applicant Presentation, Mr Wynn gave a masterful presentation for a Wynn Resort in Massachusetts. Together with Mr Maddox and Mr Desalvo it is clear they believe a Wynn Resort can be successful wherever they choose to build a resort.

As mentioned in some of the Commission's open meetings, Region C has its challenges. It is going to take the right applicant to apply for this region to succeed. A Wynn Resort is the answer.

There can be no debate that the Wynn brand stands alone in the industry. BUT all the awards and smart talk cannot change the fact that hundreds of jobs at Suffolk Downs will be lost if Mohegan Sun is not awarded a Category 1 gaming license for Region A. These are MASSACHUSETTS jobs Both Wynn Resorts and Mohegan Sun have submitted impressive applications. I believe the loss of Massachusetts jobs has to be a deciding factor

Please save Massachusetts jobs and award Mohegan Sun the Category 1 gaming license for region A and save the WOW factor for Region C.

Mrs Anne M Bowen 22 Green Street Revere, Ma. 02151

Sent from my iPad

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 5:56 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Lew DiTommaso

#### **Email**

middaysun34@yahoo.com

#### Phone

(603)292-5229

#### **Subject**

Why Wynn Casino is good for New England

#### **Questions or Comments**

Having been raised in Everett, knowing that part of town as well as I do, and also knowing the proposed Revere location, there's NO QUESTION that the Everett site is far superior for a number of reasons, most of which can't be matched by the Revere location.

The Everett site is located at the intersection of major arteries, both by land and water. The infrastructure is basically in place to be improved upon. Access to 93 connects Wynn Casino to neighbors coming from all directions.

Water taxi/ferry service is easily accessed by both the Mystic River and Malden River.

Railroad. Both MBTA and commuter rails fall within the site. Both water and rail will alleviate road traffic to a great extent. In my opinion, this casino isn't just a place for folks living in and around Everett. It's for New Hampshire, Maine and points south.

The Revere site makes zero sense, absolutely none. How on earth will a major highway be accessed from the area adjacent to Suffolk Downs? It's a nightmare to travel as it is. The 93 area is congested beyond belief. Adding a casino there will not help. At least with the Everett site, 93 can run down to the casino from a point farther north of where the traffic bottlenecks.

From: MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 5:19 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Rick McGregor

#### **Email**

rickmcgregor26333@gmail.com

#### **Subject**

Wynn Resorts Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

I grew up locally, and the proposed site has always been a major eye sore to the community. The site clean up would bring many jobs, and would also help the State as well as local communities with added revenue. The State of Massachusetts would be in a win-Wynn situation! Let's start working for positive changes that will help bring Everett, and the State Massachusetts in a positive direction.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:06 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Marty Herman

#### **Email**

martyherman@msn.com

#### Subject

I support the Wynn in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

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Yours sincerely,

Marty Herman 8 Hubbard street Canton, MA 02021

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:00 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Name

John Cerulli

#### **Email**

jcerulli@acumentrics.com

#### Subject

I support the Wynn in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Dear Commissioners:

Hello! My name is John Cerulli and I would like to tell you that I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The project will benefit all of Massachusetts in much greater ways than what the other proposal can do. From my point of view, it's simple: Wynn's proposal is the only real choice for the people of Massachusetts.

Steve Wynn is going to make a 5 star resort and casino. Those fellows across Route 16 are going to make a 3 star resort and casino. Why is this even a debate? Is Massachusetts a three-star state? Are we three-star people? Do we want three star tourists and humble three star vacationers here, or do we want those 5 star people and their five star wallets coming here and spending their time and money? I know what I want! Are we so foolish as to pass this opportunity by? Steve Wynn could have gone to New York City or to Philadelphia or to Chicago, or to wherever he wanted - and he chose to come here. To Boston, to Massachusetts. We need to grab this opportunity with both hands!

For these reasons (and more), I ask that you award the casino license to the Wynn Everett plan. It is time to get this facility built and open. Thank you for taking my recommendation under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

John Cerulli 34 Lamoine Street Dedham, MA 02026

From:

JUDITH HANLEY < judithehanley@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

What's Best for Massachusetts

#### Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully urge the gaming commissioners to approve the Wynn Everett application for the casino license in the Boston region. The Everett location and the Wynn plan are clearly superior.

The Wynn plan is without doubt the superior choice. The resort in Everett will have a five-star hotel and world-famous retailers, unlike the other application before you. These factors are huge in ensuring that the Boston region casino you approve is successful - and Massachusetts residents cannot risk that this is not major success. Wynn is clearly the right choice for our state.

Respectfully, I urge you to support the Wynn proposal for all of its positive benefits. They can back everything they say to us and I know this is the smartest choice of all. Wynn has more money in his pockets than the other casino company, and people from all over the world will be traveling to his 5 star resort, ready to spend their money, money that will go to our cities and our state. Also the fact that these small businesses in the surrounding area will not be hurt by this attraction is huge. This is a deal that should not be passed up, so please support the Wynn! Thank You!

Yours sincerely,

JUDITH HANLEY 1117 CRANE BROOK WAY PEABODY, MA 01960

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:03 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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Name

Rachel Parisi

**Email** 

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**Phone** 

(857)258-7253

**Subject** 

Pro for Casino

#### **Questions or Comments**

There is no downside. Jobs, revenue, city improvements. Property values up..use of unused plans.this is not Wynn s first day at the rodeo, they have the answers before you think of thewquestions. This is a miraculous unexpected opportunity.YES YES YES

From:

Tocco, John < John.Tocco@wynndevelopment.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 21, 2014 2:52 PM

To:

Greg John

Cc:

MGCcomments (MGC); gcirame@falloncompany.com

Subject:

RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Hi Graceann,

Greg forward this to me. Can I please ask a big favor, given the deadline that is fast approaching? Could you please scan a copy and email it to: <a href="mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us">mgccomments@state.ma.us</a>

Please have the subject of the email read: Comments on Wynn MA Application

They should reply with a confirmation that the letter was received. You can then mail or fed-ex the original to the address.

Thanks so much! We really appreciate your help. Please bcc me on the email. I would love to see the letter.

Best, John

From: Greg John [gjohn@khj.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 2:45 PM

To: Tocco, John

Subject: Fwd: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Graceann Cirame

Date: 08/21/2014 1:26 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Greg John

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

ONE Marina Park Drive

15<sup>th</sup> Floor.

From: Greg John [mailto:gjohn@khj.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:14 PM

To: Graceann Cirame

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Which building/address are you in?

Greg John KHJ Brand Activation 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210 Phone: 617.241.8000

Mobile: 617.306.8964

www.khj.com

From: Graceann Cirame [mailto:gcirame@falloncompany.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:13 PM

**To:** Greg John **Cc:** Tocco, Stephen

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Ok, it's ready.

It will be at our front desk.

Thanks.

From: Greg John [mailto:gjohn@khj.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:11 PM

**To:** Graceann Cirame **Cc:** Tocco, Stephen

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Let me know when it is available. It may be tomorrow pick up.

Greg John KHJ Brand Activation 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210

Phone: 617.241.8000 Mobile: 617.306.8964

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From: Graceann Cirame [mailto:gcirame@falloncompany.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:11 PM

To: Greg John
Cc: Tocco, Stephen

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

I am waiting to get in with him and have him sign it then you can pick it up this afternoon if you'd like.

From: Greg John [mailto:gjohn@khj.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 12:09 PM

**To:** Graceann Cirame **Cc:** Tocco, Stephen

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Is Joe Ok with letter, Graceann? Deadline is tomorrow.

Greg John **KHJ Brand Activation** 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210

Phone: 617.241.8000 Mobile: 617.306.8964

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From: Graceann Cirame [mailto:gcirame@falloncompany.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 12:40 PM

To: Greg John Cc: Tocco, Stephen

Subject: RE: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Hi Greg,

Who does this get addressed to so that I can have the letter ready for you to pick up.

Thanks. Graceann

From: Greg John [mailto:gjohn@khj.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:51 AM

To: Graceann Cirame Cc: Tocco, Stephen

Subject: Wynn Support Letter from Joe Fallon

Graceann,

Steve Tocco forwarded your input to me which I used to draft a letter for Joe in support of Wynn. This is a first pass only—of course, Joe can change or rewrite to his liking.

Deadline for submissions to the Gaming Commission is this Friday, end of day.

You can send the final letter to Steve or me via email to ensure it gets to the Commission by the deadline. Or, I can pick up a hard copy of the letter (my office is in the Seaport).

If you need me to rewrite or do anything else, please let me know.

Thank you,

Greg

Greg John KHJ Brand Activation 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210 Phone: 617.241.8000

Mobile: 617.306.8964

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From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 11:58 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Subject

Wynn Resorts Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Giving people who are unemployed or underemployed an opportunity to work for Wynn Resorts in Everett would be life changing. Wynn Resorts is an employer that not only provides good wages and benefits - it respects its workforce. AND, Wynn Resorts has the loyalty and respect from its workforce- stability, diversity and longevity is the result. Over the year's Wynn Resorts has provided for its workers in good times and also during economic downturns. Wynn Resorts has been voted Best Employer in Las Vegas by its employees.

Good paying jobs with benefits will affect the quality of life for Wynn Everett workers and their families and will have a positive economic effect on this region. The intent of the Mass Gaming legislation is to award a license to the applicant who will be the best not only for Region A, but also for the Commonwealth. The relationship Wynn LLC enjoys with its workfworce will translate into a very, very successful Gaming and Resorts experience for tourism, surrounding communities, businesses. Region A and most importantly the Commonwealth of Mass. I respectfully request you award the Region A Mass. Gaming License to Mr. Steve Wynn, Wynn Resorts, LLC. (The only OWNER, BUILDER, FINANCIER AND EMPLOYER of Wynn Resorts Everett)

Thank you,

LouAnne Zawodny

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#### **Subject**

Want the Wynn in Everett

## **Questions or Comments**

Everett needs a 5 star resort to bring jobs and revenue to the city and surrounding area. This would also be a major clean-up for property that has been a wasteland.

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#### **Subject**

Wynn

#### **Questions or Comments**

There is only one choice, WYNN!! The community wants it. The environment needs it. The infrastructure will benefit from it. This man, this company is 100% first class all the way. Everett, Massachusetts, Boston deserves first class gaming, construction, employment, and hospitality. Bring Wynn here, he can show us how it's done!!

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## **Subject**

Wynn Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

I truly believe that Everett is the place for a new casino. Wynn is the way to go. Why go for a three star casino in our area when five stars is sooo much better? Revitalize the area. New jobs.

Come on. Let's get the casino here in Everett!

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#### Subject

**Destination Massachusetts** 

#### **Questions or Comments**

I recently took my children on a tour, the local drive was themed the historic wonders of Metro Boston its where tourists conveniently gather when visiting Boston and surrounds. We left Everett Ma driving along Rte 99, and into the North End, onto Hanover St from there past the TD "Boston Garden", Faneuil Hall Market place, Haymarket, the Sea port district, the Historical burial sites in downtown, the commons and china Town, into the Theatre District, then off to Newbury st. I then drove to Fenway Park, the Charles River then into Cambridge Ma. Driving past MIT then Harvard University. I was not through and the kids were enjoying the drive. I then drove past the Science Museum and into Charles town towards the Bunker Hill Monument then back toward the Constitution and the old Military Barracks. The children were excited by all they had seen and could not be!! ieve all of these sites and all in their back yard connected to route 93, the excitement of the duck boats and trolley cars on the river were frequent sites as the drove along the roadways filled with visitors and locals. Back to Everett I drove with on hope that the Wynn Mega opulent destination and Gaming establishment will be added to the place of Massachusetts wonders to become a must visit place for the tourist to dine, shop, ride a segway, relax on the well designed floral landscapes, ride or walk along the Mystic River or enjoy 5 star atmosphere in a form of live entertainment inside or outside. This will be destination place to visit, tour and photograph by visitors from around the world. A financial Wynn for Massachusetts and stable employment for its citizens. Sounds good for a Lobstah Roll Sandwich while riding on the Mystic River at Wynn/Everett in Massachusetts, can't beat the vision of A Stable Wynn "The wonder of Massachusetts".

Thank you in advance.

Daniel Skeritt

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#### Subject

Wynn is the Won for Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

Everett has hard working people who deserve to see the city have improvements. If you look at the plans the casino is the smallest part of what will be built. It will add to the up and coming Loft apartments in and around lower Broadway as well as the newly developing area in Somerville. The water vessel are a great way to connect us to Boston. Wynn has had extensive research done on traffic patterns, it will improve Santilli and Sweetser Circles so that we may drive safely with out getting killed. The influx of added revenue would allow this city to become stronger and more productive. It would support our schools and roads not to mention the added jobs once it is complete. Wynn has the financial backing to continue support for however long the property is in Everett. The other proposal by Mohegan isn't as strong. They are having hard times in Mohegan monetaril! y. Laying off people and their situation is tenuous at best. This should be about longevity not who can build a better casino. Wynn Resorts has a better track record and the staying power to keep it all going into the far reaching future of Everett. This to me is a no brainier. Do the comparisons people come on. Stop just saying no and really read the reports and you too will realize this truly is a Wynn-Win situation for the people and the City of Everett.

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Subject

Casino in Everett

#### **Questions or Comments**

I must say, that after all that Mr Wynn has been put through by the state of Massachusetts, and all the delays and stop tactics that have gone on. For Mr Wynn to have met every single deadline without fail, that the state has mandated, for him and his company to be treated so badly is appalling. I am really surprised Mr. Wynn is still in the race for the Casino, but I guess I should not be surprised, because it really shows the character of Mr. Wynn and his company.

The state should do what it right, and give me Mr. Wynn his license for a casino in the city of Everett, and not wait for a vote or some other city to decide that want to be considered a host city, or they want to vote on having it so close to their city. Stop the games, stop changing the rules as you see fit or the state sees fit, to allow others to get in on this one time event. Mr. Wynn has proven, over and over he is the best choice for building and running a casino not only in the city of Everett, but in the state of Massachusetts.

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#### Subject

**Progress** 

#### **Questions or Comments**

Allowing the Wynn project would set Everett up for success .I was a lifelong resident of Somerville and was no longer able to afford to live there. Somerville has become an extension of Cambridge with rents sky high no longer the blue collar worker able to make it Everett still has a strong middle class willing to fill the jobs a project like this brings. Without this boost this city could be doomed high taxes and lest than average services. We need this for another slice of the region to grow to bring the right class of tourist to Mass. With the proper infrastructure improvements it is a good location none better.

From: Barry Hock <barry.hock@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 2:19 PM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc: Ellen Wallace

**Subject:** UAW testimony on Mohegan Sun

**Attachments:** UAW testimony at Mohegan Sun host comm hearing 7-15-14.doc

For the record, we are submitting the attached testimony presented by Ellen Wallace, UAW Region 9A Sub-Director, on July 15 at the Mohegan Sun host community hearing.

Thank you,

Barry

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Barry Hock, Director UAW Massachusetts Gaming

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# STATEMENT OF ELLEN WALLACE, SUB-REGIONAL DIRECTOR, UAW REGION 9A, TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE MOHEGAN SUN APPLICATION FOR A RESORT CASINO July 15, 2014

I'm Ellen Wallace, the Sub-Regional Director of Region 9A of the United Auto Workers. Our region includes New England, eastern New York State, including New York City and Long Island, and Puerto Rico. As you may know, in the gaming industry, the UAW represents more gaming dealers than any other union in the country. with workers at facilities in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Atlantic City, Ohio, Detroit, Indiana and Las Vegas. We represent about 1,800 dealers at Foxwoods and all of the workers at Newport Grand Slots in Rhode Island.

In March, we testified at the surrounding community hearing in support of Mohegan Sun's application for a resort casino in Revere because of its strong commitment to labor harmony. I'm pleased to testify today to re-affirm our support for this application.

On June 25, we testified at the Everett host community hearing about Wynn's approach to the gaming statute's requirements, generally, and to labor relations, in particular. Their approach is to figure out how they can do less than the statute requires. Here are just three examples that are of concern to future employees: They proposed a repeal of the on-site day care requirement. They want to weaken the pooled tip provision. And, they have refused to discuss labor harmony for gaming dealers.

In deep contrast, Mohegan Sun's approach to the statute and to labor relations is to ask: "how can we do more" to meet and exceed the goals of the statute. This is so with its focus on the entire region, not just its host community; with its more than 300 partnerships with local businesses; with its inclusive surrounding community agreements; and, with its signed labor harmony agreements with many unions that will protect 100% of its permanent non-supervisory employees.

Mohegan Sun is the only casino applicant that submitted these agreements with its application. It has also committed to a unionized workforce in its Host Community Agreement with the city of Revere. And, it has Project Labor Agreements with unions for the construction of the facility.

Labor harmony agreements help achieve the three goals of the expanded gaming act: revenue for the state, regional economic development, and job creation. With its positive approach to labor, to local businesses and to the community at large, Mohegan Sun will give us the best chance of achieving the aspirations of the statute.

Mohegan Sun has worked hard to become integrated into the community and a good corporate citizen, even before the license is awarded. They have done extensive outreach and we know who they are. This bodes well for the kind of collaboration we can expect if you award them the Region A license. For all of these reasons, we urge you to award the license to Mohegan Sun.

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#### **Subject**

Wynn ing benifits for all

#### **Questions or Comments**

First of all The Wynn reputation for a quality place to relax, and live in the moment speaks for itself. The outstanding connection to the community would benefit so many lives. The economic growth and creation of jobs are certainly needed. Losing out on revenue that is definitely needed in this state is something that most people choose to ignore. Our ignorance has a price in the long run. Opponents of having Wynn here consume their time focusing on a small percentage of individuals who may struggle with addiction but the bigger picture should focus on those who struggle from the ability to feed their families without jobs. Wynn has created successful economic growth and their spirit behind offering quality entertainment has already been accomplished. On a personal level to have the ability to step outside the stresses of life and enjoy going somewhere of q! uality without having to travel to the Wynn in Las Vegas is a plus for me. I also wouldn't mind spending my hard earned money on fun rather than projects of infrastructure and clean up that Wynn has committed to doing. The whole state of Massachusetts should be jumping at that offer considering what we as tax payers have already put out. I have great difficulty wondering why any other choice would be considered. When an employer interviews a potentially new employee it is a no Brainer to pick the most qualified competent one. It is about time we made a smarter choice for our children's future and go with a company that we don't end up carrying. One that will work towards improvement knowing that in supporting the community they will benefit as well. A company that gets the whole take care of those that stand in the background and they in turn will take care of you. Casinos are going to happen in Massachusetts so let's be smart and do it right! Pick the most qualified and look forwar! d to enjoying the benefits of living in the moment.

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Financial Stability

#### **Questions or Comments**

In comparing Wynn Resorts vs Mohegan Sun in regards to their financial stability, I think Wynn Resorts clearly demonstrates that they are currently, and have been for many years a very well run company. Wynn Resorts will attract so many visitors to this region, which will in turn be a major boost to state tourism, as well as to local businesses.

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#### **Questions or Comments**

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The Wynn Resorts project offers us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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As a resident here in Malden I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

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Wynn in Mass

#### **Questions or Comments**

I worked for Mohegan sun and they are all for there own Indian preference , I feel this is not fair especially in Mass it should be the best person for the job gets the job not so with Mohegan .. Mohegan is laying off workers every month cutting back on everything with customers and loosing money in all area's . Wynn is by far the best employer the best company the best for Mass .. Wynn will give its employee's a part of there profits ,Wynn will build a masterpiece casino and fix an area that is doomed , Wynn will work with Boston businesses . NECDA spoke to Mohegan they wouldn't even talk to our business Wynn sat down and met with us .. Ask any casino employee any casino dealer Wynn is a million time the company the Mohegan is remember Mohegan lost in Palmer is loosing money and has hedge fund money behind them Wynn is profiting all over the country and use! s his own money .. Mohegan lost in Mass let them stay in Conn we don't need them . Suffold downs workers have already been guaranteed a job by Mr Wynn who needs a casino on a part of land in Revere that will never look anything like the masterpiece Wynn is putting up .. This is a no brainer. Wynn is superior to every casino in the world and to have them in Mass is a once in a life time chance be smart and Wynn ..

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**Drive Time** 

#### **Questions or Comments**

I won't need to drive 2 hours once a month and can save on gas. I could walk to Everett in 10 minutes.

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#### **Questions or Comments**

My sister and I just got back from the Wynn Las Vegas. It is by far the most elegant property on the strip. The hotel staff was superior. As a result of our wonderful time,we could never stay at any other property in Vegas! If a similar property is built in Everett, it would be a Wynn win for everyone!

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#### Subject

Wynn casinos

#### **Questions or Comments**

Everett is my home town. I've sadly watched it deteriorate over the past 20 years. It has no future but more crime and degradation. Please breath life back into what was once a thriving, hard working proud community. Industry is gone and not coming back. If any city needs this break, it's everett. Please make it the destination it could be and make it a place to be proud of once again. Do it for the people that still live there that struggle with what their wonderful city has turned into. It would be a major boost not only for Everett but all the surrounding communities. Don't let this opportunity slip through your hands to actually transform a whole way of life for the better. Please do the right thing and give this area the shot in the arm it deserves.

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Wynn-Win!

#### **Questions or Comments**

Just the revitalization of the waterfront down there alone is huge, and Wynn is going to do so by being environmental friendly about it too! A casino in Everett would be tremendous for unemployment in this area, and would be a nice boost to the tourism of this area.

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#### Subject

Wynn

#### **Questions or Comments**

As a gaming professional and a gaming professor, our future in gaming depends solely on this very big decision that is to be made in the upcoming weeks. Please for the sake of our future managers and employees of the gaming world, choose the Wynn. You have heard how much the Wynn outperforms Mohegan Sun in every way across the board hands down, what you haven't heard is that Mohegan Sun's lobbyists, are pushing for the repeal bill in Novemeber. They KNOW they can't compete with the Wynn, so their mind set is if they can't have it no one can. They are trying to slow the process of decay down which is Mohegan Sun rather than adapt and try to improve their company. If everything in life there are winners and losers. Mohegan Sun track record, unfortunately is a loser and the Wynn is undefeated and will remain a winner.

Please do not be ignorant when making this choice. Horse Racing is declining, Suffolk downs is declining, Mohegan Sun is declining. There is no need to breath life into something that is already dead.

Sincerely, George Agganis Bachelor of Science in Gaming Management (UNLV) 07

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**Progress** 

#### **Questions or Comments**

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WYNN IS THE BEST !!!!

#### **Questions or Comments**

I am in favor of the Wynn Industries for all of the above reasons. The greatest reason is that the contaminated site will be cleaned up without any taxpayers money. 2nd that the roadways surrounding the cite will get some much needed fiances to ease the local congestion.

# JOHN F HANLON

## 173 Main Street

Everett, MA 02149



August 13, 2014

**Massachusetts Gaming Commission** 

84 State Street

10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for granting myself and many others an audience at the August 12, 2014 Public Hearing held at the Connolly Center in Everett.

I hoped I explained the traffic coming out of Everett was not all Everett based vehicles but at least seventy five percent of vehicles are from many communities and even other states.

I had intended to speak more but have never seen four minutes go by so fast. So I would like to complete my remarks in writing regarding the traffic patterns to Wynn Casino in Everett..

Based on my knowledge of the area and the fact that I have visited Twin Rivers, Foxwoods and Moheghan Sun, each many times, I can state the following information:

- 1. After one visit to any casino during heavy traffic periods you will never travel during that time period again. Therefore one visit to Wynn Casino during heaving traffic patterns and it will not happen again
- 2. Traffic coming from the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 16 will be traveling East along Revere Beach Parkway (Rt. 16). Wynn's proposal to construct a Rt.16 "flyover" at Santilli Circle in Everett will allow a through way for East and West bound traffic. Traffic heading for Everett and also the Wynn Casino will exit the "flyover" and continue to Sweetster Circle and will never enter Sullivan Square in Charlestown.
- 3. Traffic coming from Revere, Chelsea, Winthrop, Lynn will be traveling West along Rt. 16 and exiting to Broadway in Everett and along to the Wynn Casino and will never enter Sullivan Square in Charlestown.
- 4. Traffic coming from the north shore area Rt.1 and Rt.95 will exit at Rt. 16 and follow the same route as in "3.".
- 5. Traffic coming from other north and west communities will pass through Everett along Main Street and Broadway and continue along Broadway to the Wynn Casino.
- 6. Traffic coming from the south shore along Rt. 95 and western areas of the state along the Massachusetts Turnpike will travel through the O'Niel underpass and over the Zakim Bridge and at the first exit will proceed to Somerville and one block to Sullivan Square. The traffic will circle the Sullivan Square rotary and head directly to Everett and the Wynn Casino.
- 7. Traffic coming from Somerville and the Cambridge area will arrive at the Washington Street and Sullivan Square junction and proceed around the rotary and exit directly to Everett and the Wynn Casino.
- 8. Traffic from Logan Airport will come by taxi, bus, rental vehicles, limousines and by boat. I'm not sure about bus travel. I don 't think there is a bus route from the airport to Everett. However there is MBTA travel through Boston to Sullivan Square and then by bus to Everett and the Wynn Casino. Taxi's will travel through Revere or Chelsea to Rt. 16 in Everett and then to the Wynn Casino. Taxi's drivers do not like to pay the tunnel tolls and do not like to drive through Boston if they can help it. The rental companies will supply maps avoiding Boston to keep their vehicles out of high accident

areas. Limousines will travel the way of taxies. The boat travel will avoid all street and highway traffic and will have a direct route to the Winn Casino along the Mystic River.

All the above traffic patterns (1. Thru 8.) will travel on the streets and highways mentioned but not one will travel along any part on Rutherford Avenue on any other streets in Charlestown.

So I guess we have to say some traffic will need to travel along Rutherford Avenue and all I can think of is vehicles from Charlestown and Boston that want to visit the Wynn Casino. I am also sure that visitors to the Casino that are not from the Greater Boston area will want to travel to Boston for the sight and entertainment in and about the Boston locations thereby traveling on Rutherford Avenue.

In summary I do not foresee any traffic problems from the Wynn Casino that will effect the residents of Charlestown.

Thank you for the time and effort you have placed in this project. If you need me for any reason I can be reached at:

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Sincerely yours,

John F Hanlon

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Sent:

Monday, August 18, 2014 2:47 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Please Approve The Wynn In Everett

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

If only all of life's choices were so easy and clear! There is no doubt in my mind that the Wynn Everett is the right casino for Massachusetts. There are just too many factors in Steve Wynn's favor to even have to think about the choice.

Steve Wynn is recognized worldwide as a time-proven luxury resort operator. His name is his brand, and he would never risk damaging his brand by building anything but the best possible resort casino in Massachusetts. Wynn Everett will attract customers from Massachusetts and beyond - which will ensure success for Massachusetts taxpayers. The other applicants? Not so much, with a three-star facility quickly slapped together.

Please make the best choice when selecting the casino developer and operator for the Boston area. The Wynn Everett plan is the better one by every standard set by your regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Jeneane Hill 7400 mako drive Hudson, FL 34667

# Everett is the Right Choice

# Joyce Ceres < JCRS11A@aol.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:47 PM

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#### Dear Commissioners:

I hope the gaming commission will consider all of the facts closely and approve the Everett plan by Wynn Resorts for a state casino license. Wynn's application to build a world-class resort in Everett is the best choice to benefit Massachusetts - by far.

There are a lot things to be said about Steve Wynn and the Everett casino plan - all the jobs and the taxes and other economic benefits, not to take away from those things at all - but the one that I'm most excited about is the way it will one, clean up the utter disaster that is that Monsanto site, and two, open up the waterfront for people to use and enjoy again. To think that visitors will be able to come to the Wynn by water taxi or their own boat, that we'll be able to walk by the river again, and to have such a beautiful complex there for the benefit of Everett, Somerville, Medford, Charlestown and all the visitors from Massachusetts and around the world, well, that's reason enough to support this plan 100%.

In closing, I simply ask that you take into account not only the fine reputation and financial strength of Wynn, but Steve Wynn's ability and commitment to get the Everett resort built and open without endless delays. Please approve the best plan and best operator when making this major decision for our state.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Ceres 6 Doris street Groveland, MA 01834

# Wynn all the way!

# Joanne Haynie < Joanne Haynie @G-Mail.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:48 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us <mgccomments@state.ma.us>;



Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

I am writing to request your support of the Wynn Resorts project as it is the best proposal for the region.

This project would place Wynn Resorts among the Top 5 private employers in Boston. Moreover, this project would generate \$267 million in annual, recurring and local taxes. It also would provide \$183 million in one-time state and local taxes during the resort development.

I unequivocally support this project and hope you will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Haynie 123 Playstead Rd. Medford, MA 02155

# I support Wynn

# Sarah Marrero <sarahmmarrero@yahoo.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 4:38 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us < mgccomments@state.ma.us >;



Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I want the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to know my family enthusiastically supports the Wynn Resorts plan for a spectacular destination resort and casino in Everett. The residents of Everett overwhelmingly supported the Wynn plan and it far exceeds the competition, which keeps changing its proposals.

This project would place Wynn Resorts among the Top 5 private employers in Boston. Moreover, this project would generate \$267 million in annual, recurring and local taxes. It also would provide \$183 million in one-time state and local taxes during the resort development.

For these reasons (and more), I ask that you award the casino license to the Wynn Everett plan. It is time to get this facility built and open. Thank you for taking my recommendation under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Marrero 49 Jefferson Ave Everett, MA 02149

# I believe in Steve Wynn

# Richard Thompson < richard-thompson@comcast.net>

Tue 8/12/2014 4:38 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us < mgccomments@state.ma.us >;



Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Hello. My name is Richard Thompson and I live in Medford. I'm sending this letter to mark myself down as one more person who wants to see that Wynn tower rise over the Mystic River. They've got a great plan, and I think it should be approved.

Steve Wynn is recognized worldwide as a time-proven luxury resort operator. His name is his brand, and he would never risk damaging his brand by building anything but the best possible resort casino in Massachusetts. Wynn Everett will attract customers from Massachusetts and beyond - which will ensure success for Massachusetts taxpayers. The other applicants? Not so much, with a three-star facility quickly slapped together.

Please approve the Wynn! Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Thompson 70 Adams Street Medford, MA 02155

# I support Wynn

# Paul Jowett <pjo454a@aol.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:56 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us < mgccomments@state.ma.us >;



Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Hello! My name is Paul Jowett and I would like to tell you that I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The project will benefit all of Massachusetts in much greater ways than what the other proposal can do. From my point of view, it's simple: Wynn's proposal is the only real choice for the people of Massachusetts.

Wynn Resorts holds more Forbes Five Stars than any other independent hotel company in the world. Forbes Travel Guide's Star rating designations are the gold standard for hospitality excellence. This is the type of destination resort that we need to attract national and international tourism to the area.

For these reasons (and more), I ask that you award the casino license to the Wynn Everett plan. It is time to get this facility built and open. Thank you for taking my recommendation under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Jowett 6 Doris St Groveland, MA 01834

# I believe in Steve Wynn

# Holly Dow < hadow1@gmail.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:47 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us <mgccomments@state.ma.us>;



Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I am writing to respectfully urge the gaming commissioners to approve the Wynn Everett application for the casino license in the Boston region. The Everett location and the Wynn plan are clearly superior.

The jobs that will be created by the Wynn project are just what this state needs. There will be 4,000 long-term jobs at the Wynn, well-known as the best jobs in that industry. With Wynn's expertise and track record in the business, surrounded by loyal employees who want to go the extra mile for his customers, and with over \$2 billion dollars in the bank, his promises to deliver are completely backed up, in my opinion. To my mind, there is no other option than the Wynn. The Wynn puts the other guys to shame. This is exactly what Massachusetts needs!

I hope you will make this transformative project a reality! We want the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Holly Dow 52 Everett St. Everett, MA 02149

# 5 stars, not 3 stars!

# Shawn Goodman <shawn@shawngoodman.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:47 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us < mgccomments@state.ma.us >;



#### Dear Commissioners:

As the Gaming Commission prepares to make its decision on awarding the state casino license for the Boston area, I wish to express my strong support for the Everett plan and respected resort operator Steve Wynn.

The Wynn plan is without doubt the superior choice. The resort in Everett will have a five-star hotel and world-famous retailers, unlike the other application before you. These factors are huge in ensuring that the Boston region casino you approve is successful and Massachusetts residents cannot risk that this is not major success. Wynn is clearly the right choice for our state.

This is one of the most important decisions to be made for the people of Massachusetts in generations. I am certain that the Wynn plan is the best, and respectfully ask that you award the Boston region license to Wynn Everett.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Goodman 69 High Street Everett, MA 02149

# WE WANT WYNN!

# Sue Niddrie <santosan@yahoo.com>

Tue 8/12/2014 3:47 PM

To:mgccomments@state.ma.us <mgccomments@state.ma.us>;



Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

Good Day! I am a citizen of Cherry valley and I am writing this to share my support for, and opinion of, the Wynn Everett proposal. This would be so beneficial to this region of Massachusetts, far beyond what the other proposal can do. The Wynn proposal is the best and only choice.

The applicant you select will have a gaming monopoly in this region, so it is important that Massachusetts protect itself. The Wynn corporation has tremendous financial resources to fund and operate a first-class resort. It will not be asking for bailouts or secret investors, or special tax breaks should the economy dip. This state cannot afford to put taxpayers at risk in any conceivable manner, Wynn has a proven track record.

Please approve the Wynn! Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Niddrie 96 willow hill rd Cherry valley, MA 01611

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 15, 2014 12:23 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Paul Grady

#### **Email**

paulrgrady@verizon.net

#### Phone

(781)899-0198

#### Subject

Eastern Mass. License

#### **Questions or Comments**

You have all the facts; there is no need for me to argue them. So, I'll merely express my opinion. The Mohegan proposal is New England friendly and player friendly. The Wynn proposal promises "high-class", which translates to a sterile and aloof environment that won't attract the volume of patrons it needs to succeed. Please allow Mohegan Sun to replicate their Connecticut casino in Revere.

From:

Mike Nunn <mnunn@windstream.net>

Sent:

Friday, August 15, 2014 8:10 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Massachusetts deserves 5 Star Treatment

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

The Wynn Resorts project will provide numerous benefits for the people of Greater Boston.

Wynn Resorts holds more Forbes Five Stars than any other independent hotel company in the world. Forbes Travel Guide's Star rating designations are the gold standard for hospitality excellence. This is the type of destination resort that we need to attract national and international tourism to the area.

Therefore, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Nunn 1739 Rowe road Lexington, NC 27295

From:

Deb Doherty <ohyesssssss@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Massachusetts deserves 5 Star Treatment

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I am writing to request your support of the Wynn Resorts project as it is the best proposal for the region.

The applicant you select will have a gaming monopoly in this region, so it is important that Massachusetts protect itself. The Wynn corporation has tremendous financial resources to fund and operate a first-class resort. It will not be asking for bailouts or secret investors, or special tax breaks should the economy dip. This state cannot afford to put taxpayers at risk in any conceivable manner. Wynn has a proven track record.

As a resident here in Barrington I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Deb Doherty 44 Old Concord Turnpike Apt 4 Barrington, NH 03825

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 3:52 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

#### Name

Patrick Fox

#### **Email**

fox@tscg.biz

#### **Phone**

(781)385-9433

#### **Subject**

Mohegan Sun MA

#### **Questions or Comments**

Please do not give Mohegan Sun a license to operate a casino in Massachusetts. Doing so would violate the intent and spirit of the law as it was intended. Mohegan is simply trying to protect their CT casino and it will lead to a great conflict as the difference in tax structure will encourage Mohegan to send the big money players to CT where they pay less tax. I am also concerned about the ownership structure of the Suffolk Downs/Brigade/Mohegan Sun deal. It appears to be a convoluted mess.

The intent of the law as I understand it was to generate economic development opportunities with out of state revenue. Mohegan is unlikely to attract any players from outside of our region. It is not the WOW factor destination resort casino the legislative authors intended.

I am highly skeptical of the revenue projections Mohegan is putting forth that claim they will have the highest grossing casino in the western hemisphere. They will need to do that to pay for all the mitigation they promised. Their track record of falling revenues and layoffs does not bode well.

Thank you for your diligence and patience throughout this long process. Good luck with your deliberations.

# Revere faith leaders unite against proposed casino

By Donis Tracy Pilot Correspondent

REVERE — Hoping to draw on the success of neighboring East Boston, faith leaders from Revere gathered for a press conference Feb. 3 to voice their opposition to a proposed casino at the Suffolk Downs site that will go before voters this month.

In December, East Boston voters struck down a casino proposal after faith leaders came together and urged their flocks to oppose the initiative.

The original plan called for a casino that would have been built by Mohegan Sun, a Connecticut casino company, on Suffolk Downs property lying both in East Boston and Revere. According to the law allowing for resort casinos in the state, that proposal was required to be approved by voters in both cities.

On Nov. 5 voters in East Boston turned down the project by a vote of 4,281 to 3,353, while voters in Revere accepted the project 6,566 to 4,232, effectively killing the original plan.

Shortly following the East Boston defeat, Revere officials, Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun announced their intention to develop a new proposal situating the casino solely on Revere land. On Dec. 10, Massachusetts Gaming Commission allowed Suffolk Downs and Mohegan Sun to request a waiver from the commission rule that would have required the new pro-

posal be put before voters by the end of December.

The Revere-only casino proposal will now go before voters Feb. 25.

Although each of the seven faith community leaders who spoke at the press conference came from differing perspectives, all were unanimous in their hope that Revere voters will reject the proposed casino.

Representing the local Muslim community, Imam Sherif Shabaka said, "It's about time that all monotheistic religions come together to fight (materialism)."

"We are in the same trench together. What we need to do is to have each other's back here," he added

"I want you not just to vote 'No' for yourself. I want you to bring 100 people with you," Shabaka added, as the audience broke into applause.

Rev. Tim Bogertman of the First Congregational Church

of Revere said, "God has something better in store for Revere than the casino" and urged voters to visit the religious coalition's website. FriendsofRevere.com. He added that the coalition also supports the work of the organization DontGambleRevere.com.

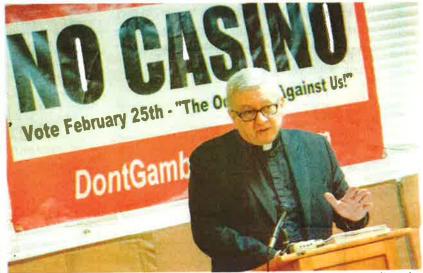
Rev. Bogettman said those who oppose the casino have felt pressure to change their views.

"We have received stories from minority store owners who have been bullied by city counselors and told to remove signs, anti-casino signs, from their store and told to put 'yes' signs up," he said.

"We will not put up with the culture of fear in this community," he declared.

"Although this casino is promising many things, there are some things that are guaranteed," said Rev. Nick Granitsas, also of the First Congregational Church, noting the projected rise in crime, compulsive gambling and traffic that would accompany a new casino.

"Gambling is destructive — not just of individuals but of families and of communities," echoed Father



"Gambling is destructive — not just of individuals but of families and of communities," said Father George Szal, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Revere.



Imam Sherif Shabaka and Rabbi Joseph Berman speak following the press conference

George Szal, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, "It's short-term gain, long-term pain."

"(Casinos) don't produce anything...One person may come out with a pocket full of money, but it's at the expense of all those who have lost millions," he said. "Predatory gambling is immoral."

Father Felipe Gonzalez, parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, spoke of his personal experience with a family member who became addicted to gambling. He said that family member almost lost his family and, even his life, because of compulsive gambling.

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"That experience shows that it affects everyone. If it affects one, it affects all," Father Gonzalez said.

He also read from a 2001 letter written by Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, when he was Bishop of Fall River, in which he strongly voiced his opposition to casinos.

"There is no doubt that gambling victimizes the poor," Cardinal O'Malley wrote.

"We all want what is best for our people, and there can be legitimate differences of opinion. I simply wish

to urge caution lest we open the doors of our cities to what will be a "Trojan Horse' that might contain many unpleasant surprises and unwanted baggage. Let's not take this gamble. The stakes are too high," the letter said.

Nelly Esteban, pastor of Betel Chürch, said, "I want peace for the city of Revere. Let me tell you why — I love my kids; I love my city; and I don't want to bring about the destruction of my city."

Rabbi Joseph Berman, speaking on his own behalf, said, "A casino will create more brokenness in our community."

"Jewish tradition is virtually unambiguous in its opposition of gambling," he added.

Rev. David Martinez, pastor of Tabernaculo Evangelico church, noted the battle to defear the proposed casino is quickly upon them.

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"We have only 22 days," he said emphatically. "Do we want

a casino? No!"

Pilot photo/Gregory L. Tracy

"My dear friends of Revere, think about Revere," Rev. Martinez added.

Speaking after the press conference, Father Szal expressed his optimism at the impending vote.

"I thought it (the casino) was a done deal," he said.
"But then I began speaking with my parishioners and almost half of them are opposed to the casino. It's not a done deal at all."

The faith leaders said they will be urging their congregations to oppose the Revere casino during the next two weeks leading up to the vote, and another interfaith meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16.

"This is a bit like David and Goliath," said Rev. Granitsas, "But as we all know, Da/id won in the end."

Please read.
We pray the casino does not come to our city.

From:

Rita Eliseo <ritameliseo@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) Everett is the Right Choice

#### Dear Commissioners:

Good Day! I am a citizen of Everett and I am writing this to share my support for, and opinion of, the Wynn Everett proposal. This would be so beneficial to this region of Massachusetts, far beyond what the other proposal can do. The Wynn proposal is the best and only choice.

The Wynn project will offer not just jobs but careers with a company recognized as the No. 1 Large Employer in Las Vegas by its employees in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's Top Workplaces Survey. It's no surprise since thousands of team members at Wynn are long-time employees who have been with the company for years, far longer than the industry average.

I hope you will make this transformative project a reality! We want the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Rita Eliseo 78 sycamore Everett, MA 02149

From:

Deborah Davies <dsdavies3@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Please Approve The Wynn In Everett

#### Dear Commissioners:

If only all of life's choices were so easy and clear! There is no doubt in my mind that the Wynn Everett is the right casino for Massachusetts. There are just too many factors in Steve Wynn's favor to even have to think about the choice.

The Wynn plan is without doubt the superior choice. The resort in Everett will have a five-star hotel and world-famous retailers, unlike the other application before you. These factors are huge in ensuring that the Boston region casino you approve is successful - and Massachusetts residents cannot risk that this is not major success. Wynn is clearly the right choice for our state.

Respectfully, I urge you to support the Wynn proposal for all of its positive benefits. They can back everything they say to us and I know this is the smartest choice of all. Wynn has more money in his pockets than the other casino company, and people from all over the world will be traveling to his 5 star resort, ready to spend their money, money that will go to our cities and our state. Also the fact that these small businesses in the surrounding area will not be hurt by this attraction is huge. This is a deal that should not be passed up, so please support the Wynn! Thank You!

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Davies 43 Beacon Street Everett, MA 02149

From:

Dennis Donnelly <donnellymldn@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Please Support Wynn Plan

#### Dear Commissioners:

As the Gaming Commission prepares to make its decision on awarding the state casino license for the Boston area, I wish to express my strong support for the Everett plan and respected resort operator Steve Wynn.

This project would place Wynn Resorts among the Top 5 private employers in Boston. Moreover, this project would generate \$267 million in annual, recurring and local taxes. It also would provide \$183 million in one-time state and local taxes during the resort development.

I hope I can count on your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Donnelly Malde Malden, MA 02148

From:

Jacquelyn Sabella < jacquelynharper@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

**Everett is the Right Choice** 

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

Hi! I'm writing today to respectfully ask you to support the Wynn plan. I think that on a strictly rational basis, there's no real debate between the two proposals.

The Wynn Everett will create 4,000 long-term jobs in this region of Massachusetts, jobs where people will be working directly at the Wynn. These jobs are well known as being the best jobs in the industry due to the fact that Wynn genuinely cares about his employees' well-being and job security. It couldn't be any clearer than that, considering how he, along with his executives, took pay cuts during rough times so that his employees would still have work. During that time Wynn's casinos actually made the industry's leading profits due to his smart business choices. I don't know what person wouldn't agree with backing this proposal 100%. This is the exact kind of employer Massachusetts should be looking to bring on board.

I hope you will make this transformative project a reality! We want the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

Jacquelyn Sabella 20 Parlin St Everett, MA 02149

From: Joanne Scalesse <jt31168@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: I believe in Steve Wynn

#### Dear Commissioners:

Hello! My name is Joanne Scalesse and I would like to tell you that I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The project will benefit all of Massachusetts in much greater ways than what the other proposal can do. From my point of view, it's simple: Wynn's proposal is the only real choice for the people of Massachusetts.

There are a lot things to be said about Steve Wynn and the Everett casino plan - all the jobs and the taxes and other economic benefits, not to take away from those things at all - but the one that I'm most excited about is the way it will one, clean up the utter disaster that is that Monsanto site, and two, open up the waterfront for people to use and enjoy again. To think that visitors will be able to come to the Wynn by water taxi or their own boat, that we'll be able to walk by the river again, and to have such a beautiful complex there for the benefit of Everett, Somerville, Medford, Charlestown and all the visitors from Massachusetts and around the world, well, that's reason enough to support this plan 100%.

Please make the best choice when selecting the casino developer and operator for the Boston area. The Wynn Everett plan is the better one by every standard set by your regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Scalesse 150 Bow Street Everett, MA 02149

From:

Lenny Donnarumma <lennyd@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

I am writing to respectfully urge the gaming commissioners to approve the Wynn Everett application for the casino license in the Boston region. The Everett location and the Wynn plan are clearly superior.

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For these reasons (and more), I ask that you award the casino license to the Wynn Everett plan. It is time to get this facility built and open. Thank you for taking my recommendation under consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Lenny Donnarumma 50 Floyd Street, Apt 12 Everett, MA 02149

From:

Sandra Gardner <sgardner6121@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

5 stars, not 3 stars!

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

The Wynn Resorts project will provide numerous benefits for the people of Greater Boston.

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Please approve the Wynn! Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Gardner 18 Henry Street Everett , MA 02149

From:

Joseph Tutalo < itutalo@outlook.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn all the way!

#### Dear Commissioners:

Good Day! I am a citizen of Cranston and I am writing this to share my support for, and opinion of, the Wynn Everett proposal. This would be so beneficial to this region of Massachusetts, far beyond what the other proposal can do. The Wynn proposal is the best and only choice.

The applicant you select will have a gaming monopoly in this region, so it is important that Massachusetts protect itself. The Wynn corporation has tremendous financial resources to fund and operate a first-class resort. It will not be asking for bailouts or secret investors, or special tax breaks should the economy dip. This state cannot afford to put taxpayers at risk in any conceivable manner. Wynn has a proven track record.

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Yours sincerely,

Joseph Tutalo 245 Beechwood dr Cranston, RI 02921

From:

paul howard <ph0730@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 14, 2014 8:06 AM

To: Subject: MGCcomments (MGC) WE WANT WYNN!

Dear Commissioners:

We have the chance to make a difference in many people's lives with the Wynn Resorts project.

The construction jobs from this development are important. But it is even more important for the gaming commission to weigh the long-term results of this major decision. Year after year, Wynn has been named the best casino resort employer in Las Vegas, where it has scores of competitors. The permanent jobs created by Wynn in Everett will be jobs Massachusetts resident really want and will enjoy. That is an important factor for you to take into account.

I unequivocally support this project and hope you will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

paul howard 29 glendale ave everett, MA 02149

From:

williamlagorio < williamlagorio@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 10:29 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Concerned horseman

Commissioner's Cameron, Zuniga, McHugh, and Stebbins. I spoke before you at Revere High on Monday night. I speak for the horseman at Suffolk Downs and am gravely concerned about the future of thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts. Although it seems the major push for the casino at Suffolk involves saving our Industry, we on the backside have a much different view. Without a mandated plan by the commission for a barn area next year, we are in jeopardy of losing racing all together and the uncertainty of not having a plan in place will keep people from planning to race here in the spring. This will allow management to deem next years race meet a failure due to the lack of horses. We will have additional purse monies available in 2015 thanks to the racehorse development fund and can certainly work around construction. Management here at Suffolk has not met with the horseman and openly discussed with us the plans for the rest of this season and the plans for next season if their lucky enough to be awarded the region A license. We need the commission to protect our Industry and implement section 24 of 23k as part of the conditions of their license as well as asking both Mohegan and Suffolk where we we be stabled next year and beyond. If we aren't stabled somewhere on the property our Industry will fail, that's a guarantee. I would love the opportunity to talk to you again in person and share with you the concerns of myself and my fellow horseman. Sincerely Bill Lagorio.

(617) 593-2982

Sent from my Galaxy S®III

From:

James Linthwaite <jaly2k@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Wynn all the way!

#### Dear Commissioners:

I hope the gaming commission will consider all of the facts closely and approve the Everett plan by Wynn Resorts for a state casino license. Wynn's application to build a world-class resort in Everett is the best choice to benefit Massachusetts - by far.

The construction jobs from this development are important. But it is even more important for the gaming commission to weigh the long-term results of this major decision. Year after year, Wynn has been named the best casino resort employer in Las Vegas, where it has scores of competitors. The permanent jobs created by Wynn in Everett will be jobs Massachusetts resident really want and will enjoy. That is an important factor for you to take into account.

Thank you for reading my message. I respectfully submit that when you evaluate all aspects of the competing applications, the choice is not even close. Please award the important Boston Region casino license to Wynn Everett.

Yours sincerely,

James Linthwaite 155 Cowper Street East Boston, MA 02128

From:

Liana DiBenedetto < ldibenedetto@partners.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Public Comment Regarding The Wynn

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Hello. My name is Liana DiBenedetto and I live in Everett. I'm sending this letter to mark myself down as one more person who wants to see that Wynn tower rise over the Mystic River. They've got a great plan, and I think it should be approved.

This project would place Wynn Resorts among the Top 5 private employers in Boston. Moreover, this project would generate \$267 million in annual, recurring and local taxes. It also would provide \$183 million in one-time state and local taxes during the resort development.

I hope I can count on your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Liana DiBenedetto 23 Dean Street Everett, MA 02149

From:

Mary LeRay <whiterabbit334@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

**Subject:** 

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

## Dear Commissioners:

Good Day! I am a citizen of Everett,ma and I am writing this to share my support for, and opinion of, the Wynn Everett proposal. This would be so beneficial to this region of Massachusetts, far beyond what the other proposal can do. The Wynn proposal is the best and only choice.

The Wynn Everett plan not only is strongest based on finances, aesthetics, corporate reputation, local community commitment and regional benefits, but it will get built soonest. That means the tax and other benefits will be greater. Wynn, unlike the other applicant with multiple ownership, will not build the Everett resort in 'phases.' I just seems to me that Wynn is the obvious choice on every criteria.

Please make the best choice when selecting the casino developer and operator for the Boston area. The Wynn Everett plan is the better one by every standard set by your regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Mary LeRay 138 bradford st. Everett,ma, MA 02149

From: Antônio Camargo <aecamargo@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Everett is the Right Choice

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Hello. My name is Antônio Camargo and I live in Malden. I'm sending this letter to mark myself down as one more person who wants to see that Wynn tower rise over the Mystic River. They've got a great plan, and I think it should be approved.

The jobs that will be created by the Wynn project are just what this state needs. There will be 4,000 long-term jobs at the Wynn, well-known as the best jobs in that industry. With Wynn's expertise and track record in the business, surrounded by loyal employees who want to go the extra mile for his customers, and with over \$2 billion dollars in the bank, his promises to deliver are completely backed up, in my opinion. To my mind, there is no other option than the Wynn. The Wynn puts the other guys to shame. This is exactly what Massachusetts needs!

Respectfully, I urge you to support the Wynn proposal for all of its positive benefits. They can back everything they say to us and I know this is the smartest choice of all. Wynn has more money in his pockets than the other casino company, and people from all over the world will be traveling to his 5 star resort, ready to spend their money, money that will go to our cities and our state. Also the fact that these small businesses in the surrounding area will not be hurt by this attraction is huge. This is a deal that should not be passed up, so please support the Wynn! Thank You!

Yours sincerely,

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From:

kathleen prizzio <k.prizzio@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I hope the gaming commission will consider all of the facts closely and approve the Everett plan by Wynn Resorts for a state casino license. Wynn's application to build a world-class resort in Everett is the best choice to benefit Massachusetts - by far.

Wynn was named the number one large employer in Vegas by his own employees, which to me is evidence of how great this proposal is compared to the others. He's created a culture of excellence and loyalty by treating his employees well and creating the kinds of jobs that people consider themselves lucky to have. This is exactly the kind of company we need here in Massachusetts. I want to know that I, or my friends, or my kids or my neighbors could have an opportunity like that, to work for this company. When the industry - including the ones from Connecticut - were laying people off by the thousands, Wynn was keeping his folks employed. That's a rare quality, one we could use here in the Commonwealth!

As a resident here in everett I urge you to support the Wynn proposal. He has the money, expertise and track record that these other guys do not have, and a business model that promises to deliver. The 5 star resort will bring tourists from all over the world to this attraction along with their dollars that will benefit the whole state. This is too good to pass up - please support the Wynn!

Yours sincerely,

kathleen prizzio 8 fleet court everett, MA 02149

From:

Rafael Panos <rafaelpanos@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Please Support Wynn Plan

Dear Commissioners Crosby, Cameron, McHugh, Zuniga & Stebbins:

Greetings! My name is Rafael Panos and I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The benefits this project will bring to all of Massachusetts will be tremendous.

The Wynn Everett will create 4,000 long-term jobs in this region of Massachusetts, jobs where people will be working directly at the Wynn. These jobs are well known as being the best jobs in the industry due to the fact that Wynn genuinely cares about his employees' well-being and job security. It couldn't be any clearer than that, considering how he, along with his executives, took pay cuts during rough times so that his employees would still have work. During that time Wynn's casinos actually made the industry's leading profits due to his smart business choices. I don't know what person wouldn't agree with backing this proposal 100%. This is the exact kind of employer Massachusetts should be looking to bring on board.

In closing, I simply ask that you take into account not only the fine reputation and financial strength of Wynn, but Steve Wynn's ability and commitment to get the Everett resort built and open without endless delays. Please approve the best plan and best operator when making this major decision for our state.

Yours sincerely,

Rafael Panos 37 Kenmere rd Medford, MA 02155

From:

eligies@comcast.net

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 1:56 PM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Cc:

Rodrigues, David; Murphy, Melissa

Subject: Attachments:

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Wynn MA LLC

# Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

My name is Robert Behenna, residing at 66 Thurman Street, Everett MA. I wish to offer my thoughts on the award of a Class A gambling license to the Wynn MA LLC of Everett MA. I am strongly in favor of the Wynn MA LLC proposal. The Wynn proposal will provide a significant economic boost to the City of Everett and also the State & surrounding communities. I have attached a more in depth review and reasoning for this. I believe that the Wynn MA LLC proposal provides significant benefits to a significant broader community base than that of Suffolk Downs\_Mohegan Sun.

Attached please find for your review thoughts to consider.

Please consider favorably the Wynn MA LLC proposal for the Class A license award.

Respectfully

Robert Behenna 66 Thurman Street Everett MA eligies@comcast.net

# Wynn MA LLC

I have been a resident of Everett MA since 1973, a home owner since 1977. I believe that the WYNN MA LLC proposal for a resort casino at the vacated Monsanto Chemical site would provide not only the City of Everett, but also the State of Massachusetts with a first class destination for worldwide travelers. I have looked at and tried to analyze the pros & cons to this proposal and that of the Mohegan Sun, Revere without seeming to be vested in the 'hometown' benefits. I will try to provide some insight of my thought process to the Commission in the hopes that this Commission comes to the same positive selection on awarding the Class A license to the Wynn MA LLC proposal in Everett.

Taking the attributes which appear to be of concern (or topical in the media) here is my review:

JOBS: Although both proposals have stated that with construction and operation, there will be many new jobs available, both short term construction, long term operations, and ancillary jobs with support from neighboring businesses, only the Wynn proposal does not eliminate positions with the proposal. Mohegan Sun's proposal, on the other hand, will be forced to eliminate the present horse barns and those associated jobs to accommodate the construction proposal. This in turn will require the shutting down of the Suffolk Downs race schedule until such time as there is found suitable stabling facilities. As you are aware, Suffolk Downs has asked to eliminate several live race dates in the current August live schedule because of a lack of race horses available for race dates. I believe that under the rule, Suffolk Downs must maintain a minimal number of live race dates in order to provide simulcast racing on non-live race dates, or season, annually. Suffolk Downs has a written agreement (or promise) with Boston, to maintain the live racing if a Class A license is awarded to Mohegan Sun. I am at a loss as to how that will occur and the promise kept, if the stables are demolished. (I may be off base here as I am under the impression that there can be no construction on the Boston side of the Suffolk Downs site to accommodate the casino construction, unless Boston was granted HOST status). Thus, I see the continuation of racing not happening. The Wynn MA LLC proposal on the other hand does not put existing jobs in jeopardy, but only increases the area work force opportunities throughout the project.

**DESIGN:** Both designs appear to have very good aesthetic qualities and as we know beauty is in the eye of the beholder. There are those who will appreciate or dislike either design. So it is with all art. However, there is another aspect of DESIGN which seems to be pushed aside (in the name of art) and that is the aspect of UTILITY. Given the limited areas afforded the Suffolk Downs site, the bordering Boston portion and Parkway, the rendering of the Mohegan Sun proposal present a tight and crowded venue, with limited space for crowd movement. There is direct competition with an existing shopping plaza which would detract from the scenic view aspect. Wynn MA LLC on the other hand, has shown with both renderings and model, that the Monsanto site would be transformed into a waterfront venue, with views not now accessible to the general public. The openness of the area, the distancing of the retail from the casino, the open areas proposed along the new waterfront enhance the hotel experience. The public can enjoy the water, associated activities, retail and restaurants without stepping into the gaming hall.

FINANCIAL: The nitty gritty of the financial aspects are not my strong suit. However, I do have business knowledge of Capital funding and offer this. The Wynn MA LLC will be the sole owner, financier, builder, and operator of the WYNN MA LLC resort casino. As I understand there is a least three parties, (maybe four), involved with the Suffolk Downs proposal, Suffolk Downs, as landowner-landlord, a financial group, financing Mohegan Sun to a major degree for construction funds, Mohegan Sun, as operator of the casino operations, and possibly a fourth party to oversee the hotel and sundry operations outside of the casino. (I might be wrong I am sure of at least three). The financial risk of the Mohegan Sun proposal is much greater than that of the Wynn LLC MA proposal. I am aware of Mohegan Sun's involvement with other entities in New Jersey and in Pennsylvania.. All of which require capital funding to either maintain operations or fund improvement. Wynn MA LLC on the other hand undertakes fiscal control on its own properties, ensuring adequate funds, without a third party source. I am sure that the financial reports to be provided to your commission will allow the financial benefits to be clearly viewed.

MARKETING: Being a world class operation, Wynn is recognized on a global basis. Mohegan Sun on the other hand is known mostly in the Northeast. It is my understanding that in order to secure the financial backing, an agreement was made NOT to market the Connecticut location in this area. Would this cause Mohegan Sun to minimize the marketing a casino in Revere in the CT, NY, PA, NJ markets to avoid a conflict with those facilities? (I see minimal marketing {other than mailed print} of the PA NJ facilities here in MA as they want MA residents to go to CT). The Wynn MA LLC proposal has stated that their marketing would be worldwide, all markets they have established to enhance the Wynn experience to their gaming patrons. I foresee a lacking in the ability of the Mohegan Sun to compete in the global market as they are presently a small player when compared to the Wynn Resorts Group.

TRAFFIC CONCERN: Both proposals present unique traffic issues which will need mitigation. However, when the history of the traffic issues is brought to light, it becomes most apparent the Wynn MA LLC proposal doses more to assist in mitigation than the Mohegan

Sun proposal. In reviewing the traffic situation along the Everett MA Broadway corridor, the two circles, and along the Parkway (Route 16) one finds that these state controlled roadway & interchanges have been long neglected. The influx of traffic attributed to the casino – hotel operation may have been exaggerated due to 4 years of construction at the Alfred Street Bridge, Tobin Bridge, the elimination of a fly-over at Sullivan Square and other factors. Expecting the Wynn MA LLC to mitigate these in total is asking too much. The State has neglected these issues, especially the Sullivan Square situation. As for the Route 1A & Parkway issues at the Suffolk Downs site rush hour & beach traffic contribute to that situation. Wynn MA LLC has offered to provide some serious investment for traffic improvements, some of which the State tabled because of lacking funds. (After the Big Dig fiasco, the Federal programs have been off limits to 'big' roadway projects in MA). This is an opportunity to provide some relief to commuters. (The concerns of the residences groups from Charlestown need to know that their recourse for major traffic mitigation should be their Mayor & the State) Since the Alfred Street Bridge is reopened, a Boston sludge processing facility (on the border of Everett) will become operational, requiring heavier trucks to travel through that community (nothing to do with the casino proposal but should be a cause for concern to them.)

The Everett Broadway corridor from Route 1 to the Boston Line is a commuter bypass route to avoid the Tobin Bridge toll and will continue to be. Since the removal of the Sullivan Square flyover (which avoided the rotary) traffic diverts off route 93 south, through Wellington Circle, again to avoid the rotary, coming onto Broadway at the Route 99/Route 16 interchange – circle. The opening of the bridge should alleviate somewhat the backup as 4-2-1 lane merge now is 4-2 lane merge. In the evening the Sullivan Square underpass northbound should take traffic out of the rotary (or down Main Street Charlestown). As, long as the underpass at Sullivan Square is open (both North & South), traffic is diverted beneath the rotary avoiding the significant bottleneck at the rotary and into the residential areas of Charlestown.

The options for traffic mitigation on Rte1A and the Revere Parkway are limited and any traffic mitigation option would probably more costly than beneficial.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This is the information I used in analyzing the two proposals, Wynn MA LLC & Mohegan Sun-Suffolk Downs, The best option, where the local community, the State, the neighboring communities reap the best is the, in my view, Wynn MA LLC proposal. More net jobs, better site utilization and opportunities, less financial risk, broader marketing opportunities and broader brand recognition, and larger traffic mitigation benefits to more commuters and local residences.

<u>On a personal not</u>e: I am a Northeastern University Graduate ('BA76) and worked as a Facilities Engineer for 25 years collecting data for financial capital investments. Although retired I still believe I have the ability to review known facts and develop a review for alternative comparison & selection.

**QUESTIONS of CONCERN:** Although I have questions on issues of both proposals, I have some concerns relative to aspects of the Mohegan Sun – Suffolk Downs Proposal.

- 1. As stated, the area on the Suffolk Downs site for the casino is presently occupied by the horse barns used for stabling during the live racing season. The construction requires the demolition of these facilities which will require the relocation of the racing stables. How is this being addressed in order to maintain live racing at the Suffolk Downs Track either during the Construction or after? How has this been explained for the Simulcast racing operation or the Live racing operations which has been promised to Boston?
- 2. How is the financial package arranged with the third party? Their Operation in CT I believe had a balloon payment scheduled at the end of a set term with a renegotiation clause at the term end to set a new rate (like a remortgage). Since there are multiple parties involved how is the repayment written.
- 3. Given that the Mohegan Sun is making a 'grandstand public' notice of the multiple community agreements it has signed, does this not remind one of the Broadway show 'The Producers'? (That's a tongue in cheek but worth a look).

Respectfully Robert Behenna 66 Thurman Street Everett MA 02149

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August 12, 2014

James McHugh, Acting Chairman Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02109



Dear Chairman McHugh,

I am writing to express the strong support of UNITE HERE for the Wynn Resorts casino proposal in Everett.

UNITE HERE is the largest union in the gaming industry, representing more than 100,000 gaming service workers. Our members are the cooks, dishwashers/stewards, bartenders, food and beverage servers, and hotel housekeepers who keep large resorts casinos running. We currently represent workers at both the Wynn and Encore, and have had a cooperative relationship with Wynn Resorts for over 25 years.

Wynn Resorts is an excellent employer as evidenced by low employee turnover. Through strong union contracts, Wynn provides middle class wages and benefits. With other union employers, Wynn Resorts funds the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas. The Culinary Academy uses the same model as the Hotel Training Center affiliated with UNITE HERE in Boston. Job seekers can obtain free vocational skills and job readiness training, and current hospitality workers can retrain for higher paid positions.

As resort casinos began to incorporate celebrity chef and other branded restaurants, Mr. Wynn recognized that not only would it be unfair if workers doing the same jobs across the resort did not enjoy the same high standards, but also that different standards could threaten his overarching goal of providing excellent customer service. Consequently, Wynn Resorts has taken the same approach to neutrality at subcontracted and non-subcontracted restaurants.

If the promise of good jobs is to be realized in Massachusetts, we need a gaming employer with a long history of working cooperatively with labor to ensure that gaming jobs are stable with middle class wages and benefits. Wynn has the

right record. We encourage you to select Wynn Resorts for Eastern Massachusetts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Lang President

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August 9, 2014

Massachusetts Gaming Commission 84 State Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02109 AUG 1 3 2014

Dear MA Gaming Commission,

We are writing to request your support of the Wynn Resorts project as it is the best proposal for the region.

The Wynn Everett plan not only is strongest based on finances, aesthetics, corporate reputation, local community commitment and regional benefits, but it will get built soonest. That means the tax and other benefits will be greater. Wynn, unlike the opposition, will not build the Everett resort in 'phases. Wynn is the obvious choice in every aspect.

In closing, we simply ask that you take into account not only the fine reputation and financial strength of Wynn, but Steve Wynn's ability and commitment to get the Everett resort built and open without endless delays. Please approve the best plan and best operator when making this major decision for Massachusetts.

Best regards, Your friends at Ging Gaming

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:11 PM

To:

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Subject:

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#### Subject

Everett/ Revere

#### **Questions or Comments**

I will say here what you can delete.

I received the final EIR that Wynn produced and I will give him credit for the effort. It took a lot of work.

In spite of your role in "The law", I expect you have reasoning powers to judge consequences.

Wynn would have to have countless balls falling into place to make this unsufferable for greater Boston. Too many random events and too many opportunities for heavy burden to the communiy.

That is a sound conclusion from a person who understands technical planning quite well.

Locating a resort in Everett or Revere in an externely bad idea.

I do suspect it was one of those "obvious" decisions, ususally not thought through, usually by people who shouldn't be allowed to participate at the time they did.

I will never support either location. MMore the glamour elsewhere. This is not an off the cuff "Nimby". I understand what is on the report.

Someome more competent than your precedents should be hired to find maybe one location elsewhere, less destructive to trying to live in Boston.

Yes, the stakes are that high.

I assure you, this is no ordinary conclusion. I assure you that your community meetings are entirely inadequate. "Meeting with others" is a learned experience for humans, in order to become valuable, useful.

From:

Steve Phillips <stdelphi@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Please Support Wynn Plan

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

Hello. My name is Steve Phillips and I live in Everett. I'm sending this letter to mark myself down as one more person who wants to see that Wynn tower rise over the Mystic River. They've got a great plan, and I think it should be approved.

The Wynn project will offer not just jobs but careers with a company recognized as the No. 1 Large Employer in Las Vegas by its employees in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's Top Workplaces Survey. It's no surprise since thousands of team members at Wynn are long-time employees who have been with the company for years, far longer than the industry average.

Thank you for reading my message. I respectfully submit that when you evaluate all aspects of the competing applications, the choice is not even close. Please award the important Boston Region casino license to Wynn Everett.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Phillips 19 beacon st apt#1 Everett, MA 02149

From:

Eileen King < cung1081@msn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Public Comment Regarding The Wynn

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

As the Gaming Commission prepares to make its decision on awarding the state casino license for the Boston area, I wish to express my strong support for the Everett plan and respected resort operator Steve Wynn.

Steve Wynn is recognized worldwide as a time-proven luxury resort operator. His name is his brand, and he would never risk damaging his brand by building anything but the best possible resort casino in Massachusetts. Wynn Everett will attract customers from Massachusetts and beyond - which will ensure success for Massachusetts taxpayers. The other applicants? Not so much, with a three-star facility quickly slapped together.

I unequivocally support this project and hope you will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen King 96 forest st Danvers, MA 01923

From:

Karen Manning <a href="mailto:kmanning3@partners.org">kmanning3@partners.org</a>

Sent:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:20 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

Mass should be Wynners, not Losers

#### Dear Commissioners:

Greetings! My name is Karen Manning and I am in full support of the Wynn Everett proposal. The benefits this project will bring to all of Massachusetts will be tremendous.

The Wynn proposal consists of building a magnificent hotel and resort casino on the former Monsanto plant along the Mystic River. This project would not only clean up a contaminated site but would serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the entire waterfront and surrounding communities.

I unequivocally support this project and hope you will do the same.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Manning 15 hall avenue everett,ma, MA 02149

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1:26 AM

To:

MGCcomments (MGC)

Subject:

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#### Subject

Revere Casino License

#### **Questions or Comments**

To: The Mass Gaming Commission From: David O'Shea, Boston Resident

I write this letter to show support for the selection of Revere and Suffolk Downs for the sole East Coast Casino License. Here are in my view the undeniable benefits gained with the selection of Mohegan Sun as the site;

- 1. Gaming Dollars will remain in the state with less competition, Mohegan will not be competing against itself in neighboring CT.
- 2. Saving thoroughbred horse racing in the state as well as the many current jobs that are associated with the industry.
- 3. Close proximity to Boston (minutes away) and a current "T" stop similar to what is enjoyed by Belmont Park in NY City. This would greatly reduce the traffic concerns at all times of the day and night.
- 4.A casino that also has horse racing is trendy, exciting and will elevate itself from that out of date Atlantic City type of gambling facility that are continually disappearing from New Jersey's boardwalk.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit this email letter

Sincerely,

David O'Shea, resident of Boston and self employed business owner.

From:

MGC Website < website@massgaming.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 3:23 PM

To:

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Subject:

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#### Subject

RE: Casino at Suffolk Downs

#### **Questions or Comments**

I have lived in Revere for 53 years (my whole life). I lived off Revere ST. and dealt with the dog track and Suffolk Downs and never was bothered by traffic or vandalism. Revere is a great place to build a Casino. WE have the beach which is another great place that will bring many people coming. They will have the both of best worlds relaxing in the day and a little gambling or dinner in the evening. Everett is in the middle of no where and very difficult to get to even from Revere.

I am in the travel business and everyone loves the beach and a casino will make it even better for nightlife. I go to Mohegan Sun maybe once every two months to have dinner, watch the band in the Wolf Den for free and then Gamble for an hour of two. I think Revere is the best place to build it and it is easy access to Boston and the Airport. Everett has none of the above except for close proximity to Boston, but did you ever try to get there from Boston what a nightmare. Please let Revere have glory and shine it has come along way.

Regards, Carolyn