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GAMING, INC.

November 26, 2018

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal St, 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Request for Public Comments: Request to Reconsider Region C

Dear Commissioners:

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (“PGR”) submits this letter in response to the Commission’s Request for Public Comment: Request to Reconsider Region C. The Commission asked for comments on a number of issues arising out of the request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (“MGE”) that the Commission reconsider its 2015 application for a category 1 gaming license in Region C. Specifically, PGR responds below to the Commission’s request for comments on: (A) a request to re-open Region C for the award of a Category 1 gaming license; (B) whether the Commission should revise its application process for Region C; (C) the status of the gaming market in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (including the expected demand for gaming and the value of the overall gaming market in Massachusetts, the status of online gaming, sports betting, and daily fantasy sports and their potential impact on casino gaming), and the status of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe’s litigation regarding land in trust and proposed federal legislation on the issue; and (D) the role of horse racing in considering a Region C application.

PGR respectfully submits that its comments, summarized below, demonstrate that MGE’s request to reconsider its application should be denied, and that any request to reopen the Region C application process at this time is premature given the continued uncertainty in the market.

- A. MGE’s request for reconsideration of the denial of its application is expressly prohibited by G.L. c. 23k, section 17(g), which states that “[a]pplicants have no legal right or privilege to a gaming license and *shall not be entitled to any further review if denied by the commission.*” (Emphasis added.) As the Commission previously has noted, even if the statute permitted reconsideration, it would be necessary to promulgate regulations governing the process by which reconsideration may occur before MGE’s request could be considered.
- B. In asking that the Commission reconsider its application without reopening the RFA process to other applicants, MGE ignores both the letter and the spirit of the competitive process set forth in G.L. 23K sections 8 and 9 as well as the governing regulations promulgated by the Commission. MGE inexplicably insists that entities which did not file Region C applications in 2015 should “not get a second bite at the apple,” while insisting that *it* however is entitled to a second bite at the apple despite the Commission having already rejected its proposal on the merits. If the Commission *were* to reopen Region C

(which PGR does not believe it should do at this time given the significant and continuing uncertainty in the regional gaming market), the statute and regulations mandate an open, robust competitive process to ensure that the Commonwealth receives the highest quality proposals.

- C. The continued uncertainty in the regional gaming market strongly militates against MGE's rush to reopen Region C. MGE speculates that the prospect of further competition from a Mashpee tribal casino is "dead," and dismisses the proposed federal legislation as "futile." To the contrary, the proposed legislation has garnered support from twenty cosponsors, including seven members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation, and from the National Indian Congress. Further, the legislation may have a greater likelihood of success given the imminent change in control of the House of Representatives. MGE acknowledges that the Mashpee issue will likely not be resolved for another 2-3 years, yet urges the Commission to rush to judgment before it receives clarity on that issue, based solely on MGE's own opinions regarding the strength of the Mashpee's legal and political prospects.

Even setting aside the Mashpee issue, there remains significant uncertainty in the regional gaming market given (1) that only two of the three current licensees are currently operating in the Commonwealth (one of which has only been open for a few months), (2) the uncertain market effects of legalization efforts with respect to online gaming, sports betting and daily fantasy sports; and (3) that the Commonwealth already faces fierce competition from neighboring states, including the newly-opened Twin Rivers in Tiverton, Rhode Island, just minutes over the Massachusetts border. Despite these many variables, MGE asks the Commission to pursue the short-term revenue from a licensing fee without first determining whether the market can actually sustain another casino in the long term, and is thus contrary to the statutory objective of "maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth." G.L. c. 23K, § 18(11) – all in lieu of a patient wholistic approach.

- D. A fourth casino threatens to cannibalize revenues from existing licensees including PGR, the main generator of purse revenues to the state's horse racing industry and one of only two remaining horse racing facilities in the Commonwealth, undercutting a key legislative objective of preserving the horse racing industry.

**A. Chapter 23K, Section 17(g) Prohibits Reconsideration of MGE's Application.**

PGR respectfully submits that the Commission lacks statutory authority to reconsider the denial of MGE's application. Section 17(g) provides that:

The Commission shall have full discretion as to whether to issue a license. Applicants shall have no legal right or privilege to a gaming license and shall not be entitled to any further review. Applicants shall have no legal right or privilege to a gaming license and **shall not be entitled to any further review if denied by the commission.** (Emphasis added.)

MGE's request for reconsideration amounts to nothing more than a request for "further review" of the denial of its application and thus contravenes the plain meaning of § 17(g).

MGE is not the first entity to seek reconsideration of the denial of an application. In all prior cases, the applicant was advised that the Commission may lack authority to reconsider applications after

a denial and that, even were it otherwise, the Commission would be required to promulgate regulations governing the reconsideration process before any reconsideration request could be processed. MGE has not demonstrated why it is entitled to special treatment not afforded other unsuccessful applicants. It had a full and fair opportunity to develop and present its application to the Commission, yet failed to “articulate a clear vision or provide any well-developed plans as to how it would achieve the same quality of results in Brockton as it has at its properties in other jurisdictions.” Under these circumstances, giving MGE a second bite at the apple would be contrary to the governing statutes and regulations and fundamental principles of fairness.

**B. Any Consideration of Applications for Region C Must Follow the Open, Competitive Process Set Forth in Chapter 23K and Governing Regulations.**

MGE does not just seek reconsideration of the denial of its application. It also asks the Commission to consider what it says will be a new and improved application outside of the competitive process set forth in the statute, free of competition from other applicants. In its August 13, 2018 letter, MGE stated that it is fully prepared to make changes to its original application, has studied the Commission’s concerns about its initial application, and is working with its architects and local government to improve the overall design of the project. Allowing one applicant to improve its proposal while excluding all others from the application process is both inequitable and plainly contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the statute and the regulations that the Commission has promulgated. G.L. c. 23k, § 8 expressly provides that “the commission shall issue a request for applications for category 1 and category 2 licenses[.]” There is no mechanism by which the Commission can simply invite a single applicant to (re) apply for a license. The public, competitive process set forth in the statute and regulations advances the overriding statutory objective of “maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth” by ensuring that the Commonwealth receives the strongest possible proposals from the strongest interested applicants. G.L. c. 23K, § 18(11); *see also* 205 CMR 110.02. These statutory and regulatory requirements are not optional, and prohibit the relief requested by MGE.

This competitive process is all the more important given the uncertainty surrounding Region C and the regional gaming landscape. As just one example, the level of interest from other applicants might reflect an informed judgment about the sustainability another casino under the current market conditions. In addition, as the Commission Staff clearly noted in its July 26, 2018 memorandum, MGE’s application suffered from considerable deficiencies, receiving merely “sufficient” ratings where other applications had received many “very good” and “outstanding” ratings. *See* July 26, 2018 Staff Memo at p.3, n.3. Those ratings demonstrate a need for *more*, not less, competition in order to maximize revenue for the Commonwealth and achieve the highest and best value to create a secure and robust gaming market in Region C and throughout the Commonwealth.

**C. Economic Uncertainties in the Regional Market Strongly Militate Against Prematurely Reopening the Region C Application Process.**

MGE initially contended that “the principal reason, if not the only reason, for the denial of MG&E’s application was the Commission’s belief at the time of its vote that the Mashpee would retain land-in-trust status, and would be able to build a casino in Taunton.” June 6, 2018 Request at p. 9. But as several Commissioners noted in their public comments at the July 26, 2018 meeting, and as General Counsel Blue noted in her September 27, 2018 letter to MGE, the Commission’s written decision held that MGE’s application:

failed to demonstrate that the proposed project would maximize revenue to the Commonwealth (citation omitted) or that it would offer the highest and best value to create a secure and robust gaming market in Region C and the Commonwealth. (citation omitted). Ultimately the Applicant did not articulate a clear vision or provide any well-developed plans as to how it would achieve the same quality of results in Brockton as it has at its properties in other jurisdictions.

September 27, 2018 letter to MGE, at p. 2 (citing Commission's written denial of MGE's application).

Although MGE subsequently acknowledged that the Commission did in fact have "other concerns with MG&E's application in 2016," the only purported change in circumstances cited as justification for its request remains its speculative predictions about the future of a Mashpee casino in Region C. MGE's request is replete with conclusory assertions that the Mashpee's current legal and political strategies are "futile" and "doomed to failure," and that the prospect of a tribal casino in Taunton is "dead." *See, e.g.*, June 6, 2018 request at p. 4. But MGE's confidence in its ability to divine future legal and political developments does not, and cannot, eliminate the continued uncertainty about the future of the Mashpee casino, uncertainty which will continue as long as the Tribe pursues legislative and political remedies.<sup>1</sup>

For example, MGE expresses confidence that "[a]s a practical and political matter, there is little chance that federal legislation will be passed this term or any time in the near future," because "[n]either the Republican-controlled House or Senate, nor the Trump Administration is likely to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Democratic delegation, particularly in an election year." *Id.* at p. 5. Even in the months since MGE submitted this request, its predictions have been disproved by the midterm elections, as the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives.

MGE baldly speculates that "the legislation is unlikely to garner support, because it will be seen [as] a bill that would not so much help a Native American Tribe, as it would protect and fund the interest of the Genting Corporation, a multinational corporation and casino developer based in Malaysia." *Id.* Contrary to MGE's speculation, however, the legislation has received support from twenty cosponsors, including seven members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation. It also has garnered support from the National Indian Congress, reflecting the judgment of one of the leading advocates for Native American interests that the legislation would in fact "help a Native American Tribe."

The prospect of a Mashpee casino is not the only element of uncertainty in the regional gaming market. Of the three gaming licensees in the Commonwealth, only two are currently operating,

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<sup>1</sup> As the Commission is well-aware, and as PGR has emphasized in prior comments on the Region C process, awarding a Category 1 Region C license could have significant tax consequences for the Commonwealth. Under the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe-Commonwealth of Massachusetts Tribal-State Compact, a tribal casino would pay a 17% tax on gross gaming revenue if a category 1 licensee has commenced operations in either Region A or Region B (as MGM already has and as Encore plans to do). Compact, §§ 9.2.1.2, 9.2.1.3. If a category 1 licensee commences operations in Region C, however, the tax rate is reduced to zero percent. *Id.* § 9.2.1.4.

Given the terms of the Compact, a decision to license a Category 1 facility in Region C would not just provide the tribal casino with a significant competitive advantage against the other gaming facilities in Massachusetts. It also would permit the tribal casino to dramatically cannibalize revenues from tax-paying licensees. This would lead to a significant decrease in the Commonwealth's overall tax collections, a result at odds with the statutory objective of "maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth." G.L. c. 23K, § 18(11).

with MGM Springfield, the Commonwealth's first Category 1 licensee, having just opened its doors in late August of 2018, and the Encore not scheduled to open until June of 2019. There is no reason to rush to reopen the process for a fourth casino before the Commonwealth has had an opportunity to assess whether the market can sustain the three that have already been licensed.

These existing licensees also face fierce competition from neighboring states, including the newly-opened Twin River Casino in Tiverton, Rhode Island, just across the Massachusetts-Rhode Island border. MGE speculates that it will be able to compete with Twin River Tiverton, but only if it is able to open its doors in the immediate future. *See* June 6, 2018 request at pp. 8-9. But fast-tracking the application of a previously-rejected applicant amidst such uncertainty in the market would put the long-term health of *all* of the Commonwealth's gaming facilities at risk, and jeopardize the long-term revenue for a potential short-term gain. PGR respectfully submits that it makes far more sense to delay any decision on whether to reopen Region C until the Commission has collected and analyzed the data to needed to assess the viability of a fourth casino in the Commonwealth.

Finally, there is additional uncertainty in the market given developments and legalization efforts around sports betting, online gambling, and daily fantasy sports. These developments may cannibalize revenues from brick-and-mortar casinos, and caution against opening a fourth casino in the Commonwealth, which may prove to be an oversaturated market. The impact of these forms of gaming remains to be seen, and could play a significant role in the Commission's determination regarding the value and potential success of a fourth casino.

**D. Prematurely Re-opening Region C Before Assessing Whether the Market Can Sustain a Fourth Casino Could Endanger Horse Racing in the Commonwealth.**

The potential for cannibalization of revenues from existing licensees also undercuts a key legislative objective behind the Expanded Gaming Act: the preservation of horse racing in the Commonwealth. If a fourth casino is opened prematurely and begins to cannibalize revenues from PGR, the current revenues generated from slot machine revenue at PGR for the Race Horse Development Fund (totaling \$14.2 million in FY2017) and benefiting both Standardbred and Thoroughbred purses, breeding funds and horsemen benefits would significantly suffer. If this occurs, PGR will be in a compromised position in supporting and sustaining its horse racing facility, which is one of only two remaining in the Commonwealth and the only one conducting a live racing meet of any significant duration (108 live racing dates are scheduled in 2019.). The Commission should consider that any risk posed to PGR's financial health also risks endangering the overall health of horse racing in the Commonwealth.

**Conclusion**

The Gaming Act provides that the Commission may award a license in a given region only if it is convinced that the applicant, besides meeting the eligibility criteria, will provide "value to the region in which the gaming establishment is proposed to be located" and "create a secure and robust gaming market in the region *and the commonwealth.*" G.L. c. 23k, §§ 18(13), 19 (emphasis added). The Act also requires that the Commission "take into consideration the physical distance in selecting the locations of the gaming establishments as they relate to each other and how they

maximize benefits to the commonwealth.” *Id.* at § 19(d).<sup>2</sup>

The plain meaning of these statutory and regulatory requirements is that the Commission must carefully consider all of the relevant facts and circumstances as they exist at the time a licensing decision is made. Nevertheless, MGE’s now requests that the Commission (a) assume that the Mashpee’s legislative efforts to open a tribal casino will fail, (b) reopen the Region C process for the exclusive benefit of MGE without sufficient data to assess market saturation, run afoul of G.L. c. 23K and 205 CMR 118.06(2), and (c) not wait to measure and assess the impact of new competition. The status of the Tribal process, the evolving regional gaming market, the impact of sports betting, online gaming, and daily fantasy sports, and the need to preserve racing deserve meaningful analysis and study prior to considering a request to reopen the Region C application process. The Commission repeatedly has informed applicants (and the public) that it is under no obligation to issue *any* license in *any* Region.<sup>3</sup> The absence of any obligation to issue a license (let alone any deadline by which a license must issue) underscores the wisdom of considering all information available at the time a licensing decision is made.

Because there is no statutory or regulatory authority for the Commission to reconsider MGE’s application, and because there is no permissible mechanism other than the open, competitive process set forth in the statute and regulations, PGR respectfully requests that the Commission deny MGE’s request. PGR further urges the Commission to defer any consideration of new applications for a Region C license until such time as the Mashpee casino proposal has been resolved and the existing licensees have been operating long enough to allow the Commission to fully assess whether the market can sustain a fourth casino.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,



Carl Sottosanti  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> See also 205 CMR 118.06(2) (“Within any region, if the commission is not convinced that there is an applicant that has both met the eligibility criteria and provided convincing evidence that the applicant will provide value to the region in which the gaming establishment is proposed to be located and to the commonwealth, no gaming license shall be awarded in that region.”).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Transcript of August 18, 2015 Public Meeting at 202:12-19; 202:16-203:9; 203:11-20; 204:7-12; 204:14-24; 205:4-7.



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November 27, 2018

Interim Chair Gayle Cameron  
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RE: Region C Category 1 License

Dear Interim Chair Gayle Cameron:

On behalf of the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), please accept this letter of support for the Reconsideration by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission of Mass Gaming & Entertainment, (MG&E) Application to construct a \$650 million hotel and destination resort casino on the Brockton Fairgrounds in the City of Brockton, Massachusetts. Old Colony Planning Council fully supports the MG&E proposed hotel and destination resort casino and encourages the awarding of the Region C Category 1 License to Mass Gaming & Entertainment (MG&E).

With backing from Rush Street Gaming, MG&E proposes to construct a destination resort casino that will complement the ongoing economic growth and revitalization occurring in the City of Brockton and beyond. Old Colony Planning Councils believes that the project is a tremendous economic development opportunity not only for the City of Brockton, but also for southeastern Massachusetts and the Commonwealth as well. The project will catalyze economic development in the greater area, as it is very likely that the surrounding area will attract additional businesses who seek to draw upon the business of the large number of patrons who will visit the casino.

Furthermore, the resort casino is expected to create thousands of new jobs. In particular, construction of the resort casino is expected to create approximately 1,500 construction jobs and provide approximately 1,500 permanent jobs. MG&E will provide hiring preference for construction and permanent jobs first to qualified Brockton residents and then to qualified residents of Surrounding Communities.

Importantly, in the Host Community Agreement between the City of Brockton and MG&E, MG&E has committed to making Annual Payments to the City in a total amount equal to the greater of \$10,000,000 or 2.25% of the Project's annual Gross Gaming Revenue. In addition, MGE has committed to funding Impact Studies to address traffic and public safety concerns.

In closing, the Old Colony Planning Council extends its complete support for the Mass Gaming & Entertainment resort casino, and the awarding of the Region C Category 1 License to MG&E. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 508-583-1833 Extension 202.

Sincerely,



Pasquale Ciaramella  
Executive Director

cc:

Mayor Bill Carpenter, City of Brockton



THE ARGUMENT

# Should the state Gaming Commission issue a license for a casino in Southeastern Massachusetts?

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

**YES****Dennis Eaniri**

*Brockton City Council President, former School Committee member*

As a lifelong Brockton resident and a longtime city official, I believe it is high time that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission moves forward with issuing a casino license for the Southeast region.

A resort casino would provide a much-needed economic boost to a region that needs it. We hear a lot about how well the economy is doing, but I



Dennis Eaniri

am not seeing that boom in this region. Some of our cities and towns — mine included — continue to struggle. A new casino would bring potentially thousands of jobs, business opportunities, and for financially-strapped municipalities — new revenues.

Like everywhere else, there are also people in this region who like to gamble. Why not give them the opportunity to do it in a place where they can also enjoy a nice meal and if they so choose, stay overnight, without having to travel a long distance?

This is also a matter of equity. Let's face it: Southeast Massachusetts has always been shortchanged by the state. Just look at how long the New Bedford area has had to wait for a restoration of train service to Boston. Or look at how difficult it is to go by public transit from Brockton to Plymouth. Allowing this region to enjoy the benefits of a casino is one way to redress that unfairness.

I understand the Gaming Commission has wanted to proceed slowly in licensing a casino in this region while Mashpee Wampanoag tribe continues its battle to open a casino in Taunton. But we've waited a long time. If we can make a decision now to move forward with a casino, why not do it?

Along with other city leaders in 2015, I fully supported the proposal to build a casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds. And I would again support that plan if the developer is able to bring it forward again. The proposal was and remains attractive to me because of the needed revenue it would bring our city.

But whether Brockton lands the casino or not, I believe as a region we would all benefit from a casino development. I hope the state acts now to make that happen.

**NO**

**Jill Wiley**

*Retired minister, anti-gambling advocate,  
Brockton resident*

While state law may allow a third resort casino license for Region C — an area comprising Bristol, Plymouth, Nantucket, Dukes and Barnstable counties — there appears to be little groundswell for one. Some like me believe the whole matter of awarding a third license in Massachusetts should be consigned to history. Enough is enough.



**Jill Wiley**

Until Nov. 30, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is seeking public response to a range of questions the Commission set forth about the future of a Region C license. It has been inspired by a renewed proposal for a Brockton regional casino.

For the Gaming Commission, the biggest economic question is: When is “enough”? At what point does market saturation begin to create diminishing returns for all casinos? I’d say, “Now.”

When there are already seven existing or planned casinos within a 100-mile radius of Region C, it doesn’t take an economics degree to see the wisdom of not adding another. Where will Region C casino customers come from if not from those already tapped by Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods Resort Casino, MGM

Springfield,, the coming Encore Boston Harbor, Plainridge Park Casino, Twin River Casino, and Tiverton Casino?

What prompts this stir of casino license action is the rejected-now-resurrected application of a billionaire casino developer who three years ago sought the Region C license in order to build a property in Brockton. Local opposition to the project was swift — and lasting — because of the terrible choice for the proposed site: right next to the city’s high school.

The same could be said of the overall Southeast Massachusetts region: It would be a terrible place for a resort casino. Or rather the coming of a resort casino would be a terrible thing to happen to this unique area. A casino would alter forever the character of this corner of the Commonwealth, an area known worldwide for its blend of natural beauty and US cultural heritage.

No, we don’t need any more casino licenses awarded in Massachusetts because we don’t need any more casinos. Let’s hope commissioners put their Region C briefs into a file marked “Closed” and keep Region C casino-free.

*This is an informal poll, not a scientific survey. Please vote only once.*

**Should the state Gaming Commission issue a license for a casino in Southeastern Massachusetts?**

Yes

No

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November 8 , 2018

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Dear Interim Chair Cameron and Fellow Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Resort Casino proposal in Brockton. Brockton Firefighters Union Local 144 is supportive of the proposal of the Resort Casino in Brockton. We believe that Brockton and the surrounding cities and town will see significant benefits with the addition of a resort casino.

This type of project will create many jobs as well as a high demand of goods that the developer has committed to buying locally.

Especially, with the current unstable economic, this is the chance of the lifetime for Brockton businesses. A resort casino will revitalize our city and our region.

We will see a complete revitalization of the area that will create many economic development opportunities. Among the business community, the proposal has overwhelming support because of its ability to drive consumers to the city and create new business opportunities.

I ask for your support of this resort casino license. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William E. Hill  
President



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November 20, 2018

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RE: Request for Public Comment  
Request to Reconsider Region C

Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 5, 2018, the Lakeville Board of Selectmen discussed the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's request to re-open Region C for the award of a Category 1 Gaming License.

The Selectmen reviewed the twelve questions provided by the Gaming Commission. Of the twelve questions, the Selectmen only had comments on Question #7 – "Should agreements, such as host community agreements, surrounding community impacted live entertainment venue agreements, mitigation agreements, gaming school agreements and other relationships previously established for former applicants for a category 1 gaming license in Region C be deemed to be valid or should such agreements be reviewed again and/or re-negotiated?"

The Selectmen expressed their desire for mitigation money for the surrounding communities, specifically making sure there is clarity on the distance for surrounding communities to receive mitigation money. With the Tribal casino, mitigation money was limited to the Host Community, and the surrounding communities were not considered, which is bad policy because surrounding communities would bear the burdens of casino gaming.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rita A. Garbitt  
Town Administrator





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Kevin A. Sweet  
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November 28, 2018

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**RE: Public Comment Request to Reconsider Region C**

Dear Chairwoman Cameron, Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Stebbins, and  
Commissioner Zuniga:

In response to the Commission's request for comments on the Region C License, I am writing  
today in support of the proposed expansion at Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville, Mass.

Plainridge has had a positive effect in the community in terms of development and employment  
and has been a good neighbor to the Town of Wrentham. The boom of economic activity that  
surrounds Plainridge has benefitted not only local residents and business owners but the scores of  
visitors who come to the region.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of approval of the request for expansion at  
Plainridge Park Casino.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Sweet, MS, MPA, ICMA-CM  
Town Administrator

KAS/sld

CC: Jennifer Thompson, Town Administrator, Town of Plainville

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Michael H. Gallagher  
Town Administrator



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Dear Chairwoman Cameron, Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Stebbins, and  
Commissioner Zuniga:

I am writing in support of the proposed expansion of the Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville, MA. The Town of North Attleborough and the region have benefited from the partnership developed through the existing facility with jobs for our residents and economic activity that has enhanced the Town's revenues.

It is vital that the Commonwealth provide the Plainridge Park Casino the tools it needs to compete with other venues in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Keeping the monies that would otherwise be spent in other states within our borders is beneficial to the Town of Plainville, the surrounding communities and the Commonwealth. To that end I support the Town of Plainville's request for support in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Gallagher", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael H. Gallagher  
Town Administrator

CC: Board of Selectmen  
Lyle Pirnie, Economic Development Coordinator

## Town of Franklin

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Dear Chairwoman Cameron, Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Stebbins, and Commissioner Zuniga:

I am writing in support of the proposed expansion of the Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville, MA. The economic "overflow" from the casino has been helpful to Franklin. The casino has helped our restaurant and hotel businesses in town.

Currently a new hotel is in the permit process in Franklin and it will be located 6 miles from the casino. The expansion of the casino is a win/win for the surrounding communities. Your consideration for approval is appreciated.

Regards,



Jeffrey D. Nutting  
Town Administrator

CC: Jennifer Thompson, Town Administrator of Plainville

Lyle Pirnie  
Economic Development Coordinator



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RE: Public Comment Request to Reconsider Region C

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My purpose in writing to you is to show my support for expanding the Plainridge Park Casino, located in Plainville, MA. The town of North Attleborough has enjoyed increased business traffic as a result of Plainridge being created. The town will benefit even more if the scope of the casino is expanded. We have documented increased economic activity in town, and have also noted that many North Attleborough residents are currently employed at Plainridge. Activity and employment will grow even more with expansion.

Anecdotally, I can attest to the fact that many town and area residents who used to travel to Rhode Island and Connecticut for gaming are now visiting Plainridge instead. Expanding the array of gambling opportunities at Plainridge will serve to attract even more local and area residents. North Attleborough has been a beneficiary of Plainridge's success thus far; we are hoping that these benefits, enhanced by your approval of increasing the gaming opportunities available, will assist our town even further.

For the sake of the economic well-being of North Attleboro, I urge your support for expanding the gaming experience at Plainridge.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyle Pirnie".

Lyle Pirnie  
Economic Development Coordinator

Cc: Michael H. Gallagher, Town Administrator  
Board of Selectmen

# New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc

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November 29, 2018

## VIA FEDEX OVERNIGHT

Commissioner Gayle Cameron  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: *Request for Public Comment on Region C***

Dear Commissioner Cameron:

The New England Horseman's Benevolent Protective Association submits this letter in response to the Commission's request for public comment on Region C. Specifically, the Board Members respond to question 12:

1. What role should horse racing have in considering a category 1 region C gaming license application?

## **History of Racing in Massachusetts**

As the Commission is well aware, horse racing in Massachusetts was a vibrant and dynamic industry. The industry created thousands of jobs and a large number of Massachusetts residents fed their families and put their children through college from the income they earned working in the industry at Suffolk Downs and/or the fair circuit. The industry generated thousands of farm jobs and preserved hundreds of acres of open space within the Commonwealth. Many prominent breeders, horsemen, sports reporters, racing executives started their careers at Suffolk Downs working on the backside or in the office.

In the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, the industry transitioned. The advent of Advance Deposit Wagering (“ADW’s”) allowed bettors to gamble on their computers or smart phones on races from homes rather than attend live racing. The sport continued to be profitable, but the business model for live racing was changing whereby online betting on thoroughbred racing became the primary revenue generator for the sport. Massachusetts never responded to this change in the industry.

### **Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act**

In November 2011, Governor Patrick signed the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act. The Commission is well aware of the history of the act. As written, the law was intended to be a boon for the racing industry. For the standardbred industry, it has been. For the thoroughbred racing and breeding industry, however, the law had severe unintended consequences.

In September 2014, this Commission made the decision to award the Region A license to Wynn Resorts, Ltd and not Suffolk Downs. Immediately, Suffolk Downs announced that it would be liquidating its assets and shutting its doors. Suffolk Downs wanted to retain its simulcasting revenue, so as the former dog tracks did, it successfully lobbied the legislature to codify its existing simulcasting license as long as it conducted one single live day of racing. Suffolk also successfully acquired the Wonderland Greyhound Park simulcasting license which had no live racing requirement. Suffolk also signed lucrative agreements with the main ADW’s in the country, whereby Suffolk is paid by the ADW’s millions of dollars in fees for operating in the Commonwealth.

In essence, the New England horsemen have been shut out of any of the ADW/simulcasting revenue their labor generates. The result of the aforementioned events has had a dramatic impact on the horsemen and breeders. Many breeding farms shut down and many horsemen left the Commonwealth. It resulted in economic hardship, divorce and families being separated from each other for large parts of the year. Left with little recourse and little negotiating power, the NEHBPA successfully negotiated racing festivals at Suffolk Downs for the past four years to keep the sport alive in the Commonwealth and give the breeders/horsemen an opportunity to earn some income. Many horsemen objected due to these festivals out of a sense of fairness arguing, but not understanding the leverage those codified simulcasting licenses gave Suffolk Downs in negotiations with the horsemen/breeders. It resulted in the dissolution of friendships and unnecessary animosity between former friends who care and love the sport.

In other states that passed similar legislation to the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act, the sport and breeding have flourished. Since 2012, the New York breeding industry has grown by \$1.1 billion and added 10,000 jobs. The industry has had a \$5.3 billion impact on the state and has grown by 121% since 2005. The industry employs over 42,400 New Yorkers. The New York thoroughbred industry preserves 1.3 million acres of open space. Massachusetts has seen none of this growth.



## Region C License

The Commission's 2014 decision to award the Region A license to Wynn over Suffolk Downs is in the past. Whether that decision was right or wrong is irrelevant to the horsemen and breeders now. We have had to deal with the consequences of the 2014 decision for the past five years.

The Commissioners at many meetings have lamented the state of the thoroughbred and breeding industry in the Commonwealth. The Commission does have an obligation to the thoroughbred industry. It has to preserve the industry as it is its steward. That is the mandate from the legislature. The Commission does have the power, however to change the consequences of that 2014 decision. Prior to awarding the Region C license, the Commission has broad regulatory authority to require any potential applicant to make a capital investment in the sport of thoroughbred horse racing and build a thoroughbred racetrack so that our breeders and horsemen can come home. The Commission also has the discretion to ensure that the licensee run a meaningful amount of racing days and negotiate a purse agreement that is fair to the Commonwealth, NEHBPA (the recognized horsemen's group), MTBA (the recognized breeders' group) and the licensee. We would request that the Commission exercise its power and fulfill its duty to the horsemen.

Very Truly Yours,



NEHBPA

Cc: Catherine Blue, Esq.  
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien  
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga  
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins  
Joseph F. Savage, Jr., Esq. (NEHBPA HRC Delegate)

Anne T. Gordon  
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November 1, 2018

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)

Dear Interim Chair Cameron and Fellow Commissioners,

Please accept this letter in support of reconsideration of the proposed resort casino project in Brockton by Mass Gaming and Entertainment. As a life-long resident of Brockton, I truly believe that a resort casino will benefit not only our city, but also our region with much needed revenue generation and economic development.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$675 million investment for this resort casino, which will bring in millions of dollars each year of much needed revenue for our city. This investment will create thousands of good paying permanent and temporary union construction jobs. This is in addition to the more than \$12 million in annual payments Mass Gaming & Entertainment has committed to making to Brockton. This significant investment will bring many benefits to our city as we struggle to lower property taxes, fund school programs, revitalize our high school, and increase public safety among just a few.

In addition to the much needed jobs and increased tax revenue, it would revitalize the area and give us an opportunity to rebrand our city. Not only is the fairgrounds land vacant much of the year, but it is also in very poor condition and rundown. The fairgrounds hosts the Brockton Fair one week a year and sporadic one-off events, but is a host to criminal doings and drug activity due to the lack of occupancy.

A new, state-of-the-art resort casino would transform the vacant lot and help drive out crime with a high level of security and activity that would significantly increase safety.

Brockton is filled with hardworking families who want the best for our great city. By building the proposed resort casino, it would transform the vacant lot and kick off the creation of a downtown entertainment district that will help revitalize the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Anne T. Gordon

October 4, 2018  
123 S. Leyden Street  
Brockton, MA 02302

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby and your Commissioners:

I just wanted to say "Thank You" for not proceeding with considering Brockton, MA as a casino location. I believe you have assisted us in doing what is wisest for Brockton.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garland Sieben".

Garland Sieben

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** snofighter@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Re: MGC Agenda Setting Meeting - December 12, 2018 at 10:00am

Hi Are they ever going to do anything with area C ?  
thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission <[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)>  
**To:** snofighter <[snofighter@aol.com](mailto:snofighter@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Mon, Dec 10, 2018 10:05 am  
**Subject:** MGC Agenda Setting Meeting - December 12, 2018 at 10:00am



## MGC Agenda Setting Meeting

**DECEMBER 12, 2018**

### MEETING NOTICE

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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission will hold an Agenda Setting Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 10:00am.

The meeting will take place at the Commission's offices at 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA.

[VIEW THE FULL AGENDA](#)



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## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Ceil Kahn <ceilwk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 2:32 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for your submission

I was informed last evening that you were looking for input regarding the Region C casino proposal with a deadline of 5pm. Had I been notified sooner, I would have reiterated yesterday my reasons for not having this license approved.

I can't stress to you strongly enough how bad an idea this is. By allowing a casino to be built at the Brockton fairgrounds you will be destroying my neighborhood.

I outlined in my last plea to you many reasons why I, along with the majority of Brockton residents, are against this. One of my many concerns involves traffic congestion on West Street and the high volume of foot traffic including kids walking to and from school. Just last week a car driving in the wrong lane heading toward that second most dangerous intersection in the state that I mentioned earlier swerved into and nicking a telephone pole, sideswiped a neighbor's bush and destroyed her front stairway. Imagine if someone had been walking by at the time. Now imagine casino traffic causing more congestion and more opportunities for this kind of event to occur.

Please. I implore you.

Do not approve a license for Region C.

Brockton has many problems, I know.

A casino is not a good solution to any of them.

I hope that I will not be contacting you again to say I told you so after the damage has been done.

On Sat, Nov 24, 2018, 11:48 AM Massachusetts Gaming Commission <[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The Commission receives a very high volume of correspondence and we'd like to respond individually as much as possible. But since the volume of correspondence sometimes makes that impossible, I would like to take this opportunity to personally express our appreciation for your input and inquiries. If you have expressed an opinion on a regulatory matter, each Commissioner will read it. If your comment is directed toward a particular Commission department, the appropriate person will receive your submission. And if you have asked a question or requested a speaker, we will be back in touch with you.

The single most important priority for the Commission is that the public and the participants know that the licensing and regulatory process is being conducted with the utmost integrity, transparency and care, and that Massachusetts is establishing a strong foundation for a robust, financially stable and rigorously ethical gaming industry. Your participation and feedback are central to that effort.

MassGaming offers a variety of ways for you to stay informed and connected to this process. We encourage you to stay updated on the latest expanded gaming and regulatory information, by visiting us at [MassGaming.com](http://MassGaming.com) or connecting with us via Twitter ([@MassGamingComm](https://twitter.com/MassGamingComm)), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MassGamingComm), and even [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/MassGamingComm). And if you would like to receive regular correspondence from us, please use the 'Sign Up' feature on the homepage of our website and we will place you on a distribution list to receive regular email alerts and our monthly newsletter.

Thank you again for your feedback.

Stephen P. Crosby

*Chairman*

Your form submission:

Proposed license for casino Region C

As a Brockton resident, I am adamantly opposed to the renewed proposal of the issuance of a Region C license for a casino to be situated at the fairgrounds. The response of local residents was resoundingly clear the first time: this is a terrible idea. The high school is right next to the site. There is a church across the street. There is another school within walking distance. This is a residential neighborhood that already has traffic congestion as well as one of the most dangerous intersections in the state which will become more problematic should this application be approved for this location. We. Do. Not. Need. A. Casino. In. Southeastern Massachusetts. Certainly not in Brockton which will be negatively impacted by higher crime and lowered property values as well as more dangerous congested streets (West Street has a high volume of foot traffic with kids walking to and from school).

Aside from the fact that on line gambling is trending, Brockton is not a "destination city". And the casino market area is saturated already. The damage of a failed casino here will be permanent and irreparable. The negatives immeasurably outweigh the shortsighted benefits except, perhaps, for the billionaire developer who hopes to further line his pockets at the expense of those of us who will see our neighborhoods held hostage to his greed and disregard for our wellbeing.



## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Mark D'Agostino <markdward3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:30 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region c casino

Good evening

Members of the gaming commission, let me start by thanking you for your careful and thoughtful consideration for the region c casino. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my comments.

I am looking at this issue from several angles. As a member of the Brockton school committee, as a local business owner and as a local resident.

As a school committee member over the last three years we have had to cut over \$32 million dollars from our budget. This has meant eliminating many programs, staff positions, and deferring much needed building maintenance. This has resulted class sizes over of over 30, school buildings in need of maintenance. I realize that the casino in and of itself will not resolve all of these issues but it will certainly help get things moving in a better direction.

As a business owner I see the casino as a boon to our local economy. A safe economically thriving city will benefit every resident and every business in the city. More jobs and steady pay checks for local residents will certainly benefit my clients both commercial and personal and yes my insurance agency will reap some of the benefits of a stronger economy enabling me and other local business to pay better wages give better benefits and make many investments in our businesses that our employees will benefit from. The city would be able to invest in infrastructure and safety that it currently can not invest in. Specifically our aging roads and our aging water system are in need of serious attention. This will also benefit every resident and business. Finally on the business aspect this casino will draw in a clientele with disposable income that is not coming to Brockton now.

As a resident. If I want to play casino games I take my money out of Massachusetts and give it to Connecticut. I would much rather spend that money right here not only in Massachusetts but in my own city. Beyond those of us who like gaming they are also many who would like the opportunity to visit the shops and restaurants that come with a casino again right here in our own town. Currently if I want to take my wife out to a fine dining establishment there are no options in Brockton. My wife who does not support gambling commented that it would be nice to enjoy shows, shopping, and fine dining restaurants right here in Brockton instead of having to spend that money out of town.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to read my comments.

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Mark S D'Agostino,  
Brockton School Committee, Ward 3  
111 Tosca Dr  
Brockton MA 02301

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Brian Madden <bjmadd13@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C license for Brockton Fairgrounds

Good day,

I am a Brockton resident and have been most of my life. My perspective regarding the Region C license and the Brockton Fairgrounds site is a positive one. I am aware of the pros and cons of constructing a gambling casino in a community like Brockton. Most of the community is low income and the demographics are very diverse. The city has its problems with crime, as does many communities that mirror Brockton's economic position. The tax revenue to the community will boost the economy in many ways. The funding from the casino directly and the additional spending to local businesses. Some outside communities have a predetermined opinion about Brockton. I believe many will have a change of mind once they experience Brockton hospitality, and visit some of our dining and entertainment venues.

The approval of the license C region to Brockton will provide a benefit to the community in many ways. Supporters argue that the approval will provide jobs. Yes it will in the short term and long term. Through construction, vendors, temporary positions in the short term and positions running the operation in the short and long term. Also businesses near the casino may have a boost in business, warranting additional hiring.

Unfortunately, Brockton's state and government funding continues to decline. Mayor Carpenter and finance committee continue to strive to meet budget goals, despite constant cuts at state levels. Approval of the Region C license for Brockton will benefit not only Brockton but neighboring communities. Rush Street Gaming has a viable plan in place to project success. Without the Region C license approval from the gaming commission the project is defeated without any chance of success.

There will be an adjustment period regarding traffic and the flow in and out of Brockton. This will pass as patrons and residents try to figure out how to reduce the impact on their travel time. Belmont Street is currently under construction, widening the street. This ultimately will help with traffic congestion entering and exiting the area of the Casino site.

Approval of the Region C licensing for Brockton's Fairgrounds will be a win-win for Brockton's residents, businesses, law enforcement, local government and infrastructure.

Residents: job opportunities and less layoffs due to budget cuts, improved infrastructure (street repairs), safer community (more police and firefighters potentially), entertainment (concerts, boxing)

Businesses: with increased jobs people will spend more locally. Increased patronage/ increased spending,

Law enforcement: potential new hires, overtime, new equipment,

Local government: funding, funding, funding. Guaranteed fundings annually.

Thank you,

Brian Madden

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Sent from my iPhone

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Cedric Cromwell <Cedric.Cromwell@mwtribe-nsn.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 5:29 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** REGION C - WRITTEN COMMENTS (MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE)  
**Attachments:** 11.30.18 Correspondence to Mass Gaming Commission re 6.6.18 MGE RRequest .pdf;  
ATT00001.htm

Good evening. On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, I hereby submit the attached written comments into the record of the MGC. We submit in response to the letter from MGE dated June 6, 2018 and the MGC's subsequent request for comments.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
483 Great Neck Road, South  
Mashpee, MA 02649  
Phone 508.477.0208 Fax 508.477.1218

November 30, 2018

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street  
Twelfth Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**Re: Written Response to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission concerning  
the 6.6.18 MGE Request**

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, we hereby submit these comments in response to the Commission's recent request for comment relating to the June 6, 2018 request from Mass Gaming & Entertainment's (MG&E) urging the Commission to re-open Region C (Southeastern Massachusetts) and to award a Category 1 gaming license to MG&E despite the Commission's earlier rejection of MG&E's bid. The Tribe reserves all comment on the series of questions issued by the MGC and deems any response on these items to be premature given the fact that the Tribe's reservation remains in trust. Unless and until the land is taken out of trust, pursuant to a plain reading of the Massachusetts Gaming Act, MGC lacks authority to award a Category 1 license in Region C in the absence of a determination that the United States will not take land in trust for the Tribe.

Although these questions are premature given that the legal status of the Tribe's reservation has not changed, we do very much appreciate the careful and thoughtful approach that the MGC is taking on issues regarding Region C. As such, the Tribe is fully prepared to engage in a fuller discussion of these matters if and to the extent they become ripe in the future and looks forward to long and cooperative relationship with the MGC once its trust land status is properly reaffirmed by the US Congress and/or the federal courts.

Additionally, given the litany of mischaracterizations and outright falsehoods contained in MG&E's correspondence, as well as the insurmountable economic and legal flaws in its proposal, we would urge you to dismiss its request as a proper basis to re-open discussions regarding Region C for the following reasons:

## **I. MG&E's Petition is Based on a False Premise**

Central to MG&E's rationale for reconsideration is a duplicitous argument; namely the erroneous contention that "in the two years since the Commission's decision (to deny MG&E a commercial license), the Mashpees have not been able to do anything in Taunton – and they will not be able to do anything in the future either." The MG&E letter then goes on to cherry-pick several "facts", without context, in an attempt to misrepresent the status of the Tribe's trust lands and MG&E's role in attempting to undermine this trust status and thwart the Tribe's project.

MG&E's deceit is exemplified by the false assertion that the existence of ongoing litigation somehow means that "there is no land in trust." As the MGC is well aware, the United States accepted land in trust for the Mashpee Tribe in Taunton nearly three years ago, and nothing in this litigation has altered this fact. Not only does the Tribe's land remain trust, MG&E's letter glaringly omits the central fact that it has financed a federal lawsuit and an army of lawyers and lobbyists, and that these efforts are responsible for the delay in the construction of the First Light Resort & Casino in the first place. MG&E's falsehoods are especially ironic given that it was MG&E's own law firm (Nixon Peabody) that petitioned the federal court to consider taking the Mashpee Tribe's land out of trust – a request that the court promptly and unceremoniously denied.

These MG&E-initiated delays have caused great harm to the people of Mashpee, the City of Taunton and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If not for the litigation financed by MG&E, the Tribe's \$1 billion resort and gaming facility in Taunton would have already been open. According to a recent analysis completed by the Spectrum Group, which we are happy to provide to the MGC upon request, the delays caused by MG&E and its backers Neil Bluhm and George Carney have deprived the Commonwealth of an estimated \$250 million in revenue. In addition to this lost revenue to the Commonwealth, MG&E's delay tactics have resulted in the loss of thousands of construction jobs; and the continued delay of desperately needed infrastructure improvements to Routes 24 and 140 that have been sought by local, state, regional and federal officials for many years — improvements that are critical to the health of the regional economy.

The City of Taunton has suffered as well. The delays caused by MG&E have needlessly deprived the City of \$30 million worth of important public works; a new and enhanced fire station; additional police officers; and funds set aside to improve municipal services. This has been quite harmful to the people of Taunton, a community that overwhelmingly supported the Tribe's project in a city-wide referendum.

The legal battles have also cost the tribe and placed at risk the Tribe's ability to recover a portion of the \$500 million in soft costs that have already been invested in this development.

In short, MG&E's assertion that it has chosen to "respond in a constructive way" rather than to "pursue litigation" is demonstrably false, and its attack on Southeastern Massachusetts and the Mashpee Tribe is – at best – reckless and dishonorable. Accordingly, the MGC should not give any consideration to MG&E's petition. Doing so would reward MG&E's ongoing efforts to misrepresent the record, to dispossess the people of Mashpee from its ancestral homeland, and to deprive Southeastern Massachusetts of



badly needed economic development. These outrageous maneuvers should not be rewarded by the Commonwealth. They should be condemned.

## **II. The MGC Properly Rejected MG&E's Proposal on its Merits**

A second and equally egregious falsehood perpetuated by MG&E and its backers is their mischaracterization of the myriad reasons why their initial bid for a commercial casino license was rejected. They fail to mention just how divisive their proposal was to the City of Brockton. They ignore how vast sums of money were expended to persuade local residents to support a project that failed to meet not only the standards set by the Expanded Gaming Act, but their own community. The local referendum vote in Brockton was passed by less than 150 votes. Clearly, Brockton residents were less than enthusiastic about the proposal.

More to the point, the casual reader of MG&E's letter would surmise that the sole reason for the MGC's 4-1 vote to reject their bid was due to the Tribe's proposed development. But the Commission and any careful observer know better.

Certainly, the presence of two casinos in same region — cannibalizing the market and thus upending the intent of the state's Expanded Gaming Act — would be reason enough to reject the MG&E proposal. However, after an exhaustive analysis, the MG&E bid was, to borrow Chairman's Crosby's words, a "great disappointment," planted "in the middle of a vast parking lot ... completely isolated from any other operating part of the community, with no links or strategies for broader urban renewal or economic development".

Unlike the other destination resort casino proposals in Springfield and Everett, there was no "wow factor" with the MG&E plan. As Chairman Crosby said at the time, "the approach of the applicant seemed to be: 'We will do good things. Just trust us.'"

In the aftermath of MG&E's failure to win broad local, regional or state support, it has chosen to embark on a sustained effort to sever the Tribe from its ancestral land -- land that the Wampanoag people have occupied for 12,000 years -- and to deprive the region of much needed economic development. These efforts are as sad as they are sordid.

To end the delay and local frustration caused by MG&E's efforts, and to protect the Tribe's reservation from further attack, the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, joined by a broad bi-partisan coalition of lawmakers and supported by communities across Massachusetts and tribes across the country, introduced the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act. Contrary to MG&E's contentions, this legislation does not "undo" any court decisions. Rather, it relies on established legislative and legal precedent to authoritatively reaffirm the status of the Tribe's trust land and reflects the United States' solemn trust responsibility to tribes.

### III. The MGC Should Dismiss MG&E's Petition

As the Commonwealth approaches the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Pilgrims landing—which would not have been possible without the aid of the Tribe's ancestors—we urge the MGC not to reward those who have been actively seeking to take away the Tribe's reservation, thereby undermining the Tribe's ability to timely implement its good faith commitments to the Commonwealth, the City of Taunton, and the Town of Mashpee.

We urge the MGC to dismiss MG&E's petition and join us in calling on Neil Bluhm and George Carney to end their quest and to send their lawyers, architects and lobbyists back to Chicago, so that we can resume the most significant economic revitalization project in southeastern Massachusetts to have come along in decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cedric Cromwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Kurt Calderwood <kcmcg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 6:54 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

Dear commissioner's

My name is Kurt Calderwood and I am a city of Brockton resident and it is my understanding that the commission will be voting on the issue to re-opening Region C for the possible granting of a category 1 license. Please allow this to happen  
Thank you for your time Kurt Calderwood

Sent from my iPhone

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Margery Giannelli <gianne2@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 10:27 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

As a resident of the city of Brockton, I am asking that you grant a region C license to the city of Brockton.

A Resort Casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds would benefit the city of Brockton in many ways. I understand that Mass Gaming and Entertainment is prepared to make a \$650 million dollar investment which would create further economic development around the casino such as restaurants, shops, movie theaters, and an arena.

Mass Gaming is expecting to fill about 1800 permanent full time well-paying jobs, also about 1400 construction jobs which will be offered to as many Brockton residents as possible.

The city of Brockton has voted and won by the majority to have a Resort Casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds.. I ask you to "Please Grant the Region C License to the City of Brockton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Margery Giannelli  
35 Ida Ave  
Brockton, MA 02302

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** jackie1327@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:18 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** The Brockton Casino

Dear Commission:

I am a Local 7 ironworker and former resident of Brockton Ma. I am a supporter of the Resort Casino in Brockton. I feel the city will benefit and will provide a huge boost to local businesses. This will create jobs for the city as well as over 1,400 union construction jobs. This would lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue.

I am asking that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Steven P. Dustin

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** linda Johnson <33lindajohnson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 8:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Commissioners

As a resident of Brockton I am writing to ask for your approval of a casino on the Brockton Fair Grounds. Brockton is filled with hardworking families who want the best for our great city. A resort casino will bring much needed money and jobs to help our city move forward. This is an important opportunity that will bring 1500 permanent jobs to the city. In addition to those permanent jobs it will create 1400 union construction jobs. These good paying union jobs are a chance for Brockton residents to earn the kind of pay and benefits needed to live in the city we love and take care of our families. This project will have long lasting positive effects on the City's employment rate and will increase revenue that will be used to improve our schools and public safety and will help spur the revitalization of our city. I ask that you approve Region C applications for the Brockton Casino and let us shine once again as the city of champions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Terence Brosnan

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** maria <mariam971@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 5:47 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

I am a Brockton resident and I would like the casino to come to Brockton.

-Maria

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Gerald Arneaud <g.arneaud@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Commissioners

I am writing to you in favor of the Region C License to be awarded to the City of Brockton. I am a proud union member of Carpenters Local 346. Mass Gaming and Entertainment and Rush Street Gaming is going to make a \$650 million dollar investment into Brockton which would create 1400 good paying union construction jobs! In addition to that it will create 1500 permanent jobs at the casino and will create the opportunity for further economic development. This project will likely lead to the creation of an "Entertainment Zone" around the casino which would ease the way for further development such as an Arena, Movie theaters, Restaurants and Specialty shops. This will also serve to attract further investments in Brockton such as mixed use and housing around Brockton's three commuter rail stops. These opportunities will be transformational for the local economy. I respectfully ask that you vote to approve Region C applications for the Brockton Casino.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gerald Arneaud

Sent from my iPhone



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Tobias Cowans <ttcowans@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 7:23 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** City of Brockton/Regency Casino Appeal

Dear Licensing Officials-

Please accept this as an informal introduction. I am a Brockton resident at 337 West Elm Street and have lived here for approximately 15 years. I am a active community volunteer and very concerned about education, community safety and the future of this Brockton community. As a former Human Services program director in Brockton, I have witness the growing community service needs from our public streets into our public schools. The needs are much greater than existing resources. Our community is a very diverse one with over 75 different languages spoken, however, our existing services are extremely limited due to the lack of funding.

Although, I am not a avid gambler....I see the desperate need for additional revenue needed to expand existing city services. For example, additional police officers, additional fire fighters, additional teachers in our public schools, additional crossing guards for our 18,000 students traveling to school on a daily basis.

I appeal to you to please reconsider approving the REGENCY CASINO License for our Brockton area community. This opportunity is a rare one and can be a huge deciding factor in the future of our community.

*Tobias T. Cowans  
337 West Elm St.  
Brockton, MA 02301*

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Cathy McAnistan <cathym.neab@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 7:17 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Regency License

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of the city of Brockton, I believe the Regency License should be awarded to our city, Brockton, as it will have a positive economic impact not only to us but the surrounding South Shore community.

The continued annual layoff of teachers and public safety personnel can be avoided with the estimated 10 million dollars of revenue from the casino to the city of Brockton.

**A win win situation where you are certain to do well and be successful.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen Curtis  
153 Dixon Road  
Brockton MA 02302

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** buck1055@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 5:53 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C License supporting Brockton's bid  
**Attachments:** Buck;s letter to MGC 112618.docx

To whom It may Concern:

Please find attached a copy of a letter I have written supporting the Brockton's attempt to gain the Region C license for a casino. If you need any other verification, please contact me at 781 820-0231.

Robert F. Buckley

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in support of the proposed Region C casino in Brockton.

I come to this decision from a unique perspective. I have been a teacher in the Brockton School System since 2007 and in that time, I have been given a pink slip notice in five of those years including the past two years. I have been fortunate enough to be recalled each time but some of my younger colleagues have not been as fortunate. I am a proud teacher in the Brockton School System and would challenge the quality of a Brockton education to any in the state. It does not change the fact the Brockton School System is not as strong as it was when I began in 2007. The demands on the schools continue to rise while revenues continue to fall. No school system, regardless of how great its teachers, can maintain the highest standards following that formula.

I also had the honor of serving as Mayor Bill Carpenter's Chief of Staff for the first three years of his administration. I worked closely with the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer John Condon in establishing the city's budget. Quite frankly, I would always be amazed how the budget was balanced year after year as deficits grew and revenues went in the opposite direction. I saw a police department that should have had 250 officers work with 200. I saw a personnel department work with just four workers in a city of 100,000 and a public works department that had been cut to the barebones before our administration had taken control.

The problem is the city is in constant search for revenue and cannot constantly rely on the homeowners and business owners to bear the burden. The casino would supply the city with \$10-12 million in revenue; revenue that could aid in the school budget, the city's various departments as well as improving the visibility of Brockton a destination city. One also must recognize the city is dealing with a 55-year old high school which houses over 4,000 students daily. The school is in a state of decay and needs a bond issue for the renovation. The city would be unable to afford the bond without a revenue source like the casino.

Therefore, I ask you to please vote yes for the Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Buckley

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Andrew Bassett <abassett77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 5:32 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

Please open region C permit process. Brockton could benefit greatly from a casino.  
Thanks,  
Andrew Bassett

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** patsullivan@lycos.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** lawton225@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Casino Brockton

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Patrick Sullivan. I am the Business Manager of Mass Laborer's Local 1162 which represents over 300 Brockton City Employees. I am aware that your commission will soon be voting on the issue of re-opening Region C for the possible granting of a Category 1 Casino License. The Union urges you to consider Brockton for this license.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,

Patrick Sullivan

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Ann Q <amq624@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

Please reopen Region C permit process. I do believe that Brockton would benefit from a casino in our city.  
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Ashley Quinlan <quinashley88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 5:15 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

Please reopen the region C permit . Brockton could benefit greatly from the casino . Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Pat L. <lawtonlaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** A Request to Reconsider Region 'C'

**Dear Commissioners:**

I am writing in full support of the proposed casino project in Brockton, Massachusetts. As a resident of Brockton, I truly believe that a casino will only benefit our region and City with much needed revenue generation and economic development.

This significant investment by Mass Gaming and Entertainment will bring many benefits to our City as we struggle to lower property taxes, fund school sports programs and increase public safety. We can make Brockton a destination City that drives crowds to not only the casino, but also to our local businesses.

*Sincerely,*

**Patrick O. Lawton**

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**Patrick O. Lawton**

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## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Mike Rakoski <miker-2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 25, 2018 4:20 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

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> Dear Commissioners

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> I am writing to you in favor of the Region C License to be awarded to the City of Brockton. I am a proud union member of Carpenters Local 346. Mass Gaming and Entertainment and Rush Street Gaming is going to make a \$650 million dollar investment into Brockton which would create 1400 good paying union construction jobs! In addition to that it will create 1500 permanent jobs at the casino and will create the opportunity for further economic development. This project will likely lead to the creation of an "Entertainment Zone" around the casino which would ease the way for further development such as an Arena, Movie theaters, Restaurants and Specialty shops. This will also serve to attract further investments in Brockton such as mixed use and housing around Brockton's three commuter rail stops. These opportunities will be transformational for the local economy. I respectfully ask that you vote to approve Region C applications for the Brockton Casino.

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> Thank you for your consideration,

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> Michael Rakoski

> Local 346

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** 1958pljr <1958pljr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 25, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** RE: Casino Brockton

My Name is Paul Lapierre, I'm a life long Brockton resident, bringing a first class Casino to Brockton would be a wonderful asset to our City, all of my friends and family feel the same way!!!! Ty so much for considering Brockton for this great venue.

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

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

**From:** "MGCcomments (MGC)" <mgccomments@state.ma.us>  
**Date:** 11/18/18 6:14 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** 1958pljr <1958pljr@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Casino Brockton

Thank you for reaching out to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The Commission receives a very high volume of emails and we'd like to respond individually to as many as possible. But since the volume of correspondence sometimes makes that impossible, I would like to take this opportunity to personally express our appreciation for your input and inquiries. If you have expressed an opinion on the regulatory process, each Commissioner will read it. If you have signed up to speak at a public forum, you will be registered as the emails are received. And if you have asked a question or requested a speaker, we will be back in touch with you.

The single most important priority for the Commission is that the public and the participants know that the licensing and regulatory process is being conducted with the utmost integrity, transparency and care, and that Massachusetts is establishing a strong foundation for a robust, financially stable and rigorously ethical gaming industry. Your participation and feedback are central to that effort.

MassGaming offers a variety of ways for you to stay informed and connected to this process. We encourage you to stay updated on the latest expanded gaming and regulatory information, by visiting us at [MassGaming.com](http://MassGaming.com) or connecting with us via Twitter ([@MassGamingComm](https://twitter.com/MassGamingComm)), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MassGamingComm), and even [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/MassGamingComm). And if you would like to receive regular correspondence from us, please use the 'Sign Up' feature on the homepage of our website and we will place you on a distribution list to receive regular email alerts. Our various methods for public outreach will continue to provide timely and important gaming information to residents, business owners, and individuals seeking a comprehensive resource to learn more about the status of the regulatory process and our overall efforts to successfully implement The Gaming Act.

Thank you again for your interest in this important issue.

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Kristen Osis <kosis28@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 24, 2018 5:01 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

Please reopen the permit for region C. Bring could benefit greatly from a casino. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Alex Bezanson <alexbezanson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 24, 2018 3:56 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** atslinenman@aol.com  
**Subject:** Casino= Region C

Dear Commissioners

I strongly urge you to approve a destination casino for Region C-City of Brockton. As a former selectman in the town of Abington, I know first hand the benefits this casino would bring to our region. The city of Brockton and Mayor Carpenter have made great strides in redeveloping the city and this casino would enhance all the hard work that has been put into the city in the last few years. This region needs a project like this in order to survive. The surrounding towns have 10% or less of commercial development and we need jobs and the related businesses that a casino would bring. Again, I urge you to support a casino for the city of Brockton.

Best Regards

**Alex Bezanson**  
**781-953-1236**

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <massgamingcomm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 24, 2018 11:48 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Ceil Kahn

### Email

[Ceilwk@gmail.com](mailto:Ceilwk@gmail.com)

### Phone

(508) 468-4244

### Subject

Proposed license for casino Region C

### Questions or Comments

As a Brockton resident, I am adamantly opposed to the renewed proposal of the issuance of a Region C license for a casino to be situated at the fairgrounds. The response of local residents was resoundingly clear the first time: this is a terrible idea. The high school is right next to the site. There is a church across the street. There is another school within walking distance. This is a residential neighborhood that already has traffic congestion as well as one of the most dangerous intersections in the state which will become more problematic should this application be approved for this location. We. Do. Not. Need. A. Casino. In. Southeastern Massachusetts. Certainly not in Brockton which will be negatively impacted by higher crime and lowered property values as well as more dangerous congested streets (West Street has a high volume of foot traffic with kids walking to and from school).

Aside from the fact that on line gambling is trending, Brockton is not a "destination city". And the casino market area is saturated already. The damage of a failed casino here will be permanent and irreparable. The negatives immeasurably outweigh the shortsighted benefits except, perhaps, for the billionaire developer who hopes to further line his pockets at the expense of of those of us who will see our neighborhoods held hostage to his greed and disregard for our wellbeing.

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Richard Lawton <lawton.richard@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 3:26 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** [No Subject]  
**Attachments:** Mass Gaming Commission 11-22-2018.pdf

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November 22, 2018

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
Boston, MASS 02110  
[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)**

**Re: Request to re-open Regional C for a category 1 gaming license.**

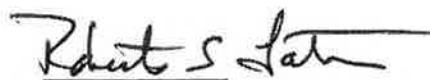
Dear Madam/Sir,

Please accept this letter in support of the Commissions look at a gaming license for Region C. As a lifelong resident of the City of Brockton, I have witnessed the financial decay of this city as its once vibrant manufacturing was exported from this country and small businesses that supported the local industry faded away over the last quarter century. Brockton is the site of Thomas Edison's first ventures into electrifying a city when he created the first power plant which revolutionized the world. The City cannot expect the likes to Thomas Edison to come to the rescue but I hope that the states Gaming Commission can consider being the creator of a resort casino in Brockton that will create a revival.

I grew up in Brockton where many of us sought part time employment with the Brockton Fair and or the Raynham Dog Track. Those significant sources of employment for Brockton regional people stopped with the legislative end of greyhound dog racing.

The City of Brockton is craving a source of economic excitement that will become the start of a comeback which occurred in Worcester in the recent decade. I am confident that if the City of Brockton had an opportunity to have a Resort Casino, it would be just what we need to see a revival of small business and enthusiasm for the future of the city.

Very truly,



Robert S. Lawton



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Paul Saab <psaab.1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

Dear Commissioner:

As a longtime resident of Brockton, I am asking for a casino to be approved at the Brockton Fair Ground. A resort casino would bring money and jobs we need to help the city of Brockton to improve.

In addition to jobs, it would also establish a great image for Brockton and bring in revenue. Currently the fairgrounds land is vacant most of the year. A new resort casino would transform the vacant lot. It would help drive out crime and with a high level of security and activity that would significantly increase safety.

Sincerely,  
Paul Saab

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** John Saab <jsaab2@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Brockton Casino Proposal. A casino will bring in a huge source of revenue and tourism that can further benefit the local businesses. Additionally, the proposal will bring about several new jobs both in the construction and in operation of the casino, as well as, in the purchasing of goods and services of local businesses.

As the owner of a small business in Brockton, I hope you will support myself and the owners of many other businesses of this project.

Sincerely,  
John Saab

Sent from my iPhone

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Diana Saab <dianasaab1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 2:35 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino Project

Dear Commissioners,

A resort casino will bring many economic opportunities to the local businesses and to the city. A sharp increase in tourism will expand business interactions, which further contributes to the developments of several city operations, such as that in education and infrastructure. Additionally, the casino will be in need of employment in both operation and construction sectors, so many Brockton citizens will be in position of a new job, most likely. Overall, this increase in employment will prosper the Brockton families and will drive up the revenue and profits of local businesses.

As the owner of a small business in Brockton, I ask for your support of this resort casino license.

Sincerely,  
Diana C. Saab

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** GHAZI SAAB <gsaab1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

Dear Commissioners,

As the owner of a small business in Brockton, I ask that you support the Brockton Resort Casino Proposal for the following reasons. Primarily, the casino will attract residents in neighboring cities to Brockton, thus increasing the interactions in many local businesses. This increase in business interactions will increase revenue and profit, which can be used to support the schools, law enforcement, and infrastructure. Second, a resort casino will create several jobs to the residents of Brockton. Not only will there be a need for employees to build the casino, but there will also be a need for employees to run the casino. With an increase in employment, the spending power of residents will increase further helping the cities economy.

Sincerely,  
Ghazi B. Saab

Sent from my iPhone

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** jlbcarpen <jlbcarpen@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 10:31 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino  
**Attachments:** Scan\_0179.pdf

See Attached please,  
James Bragg

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## A Request for Public Comment: Request to Reconsider Region C

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The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has received a request to re-open Region C (Southeastern Mass.) for the award of a Category 1 gaming license. As part of that process, the Commission is requesting comments on the items listed below. Please submit comments by emailing [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us) with 'Region C' in the subject line, or by mail to:

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Resident Letters

Dear Commissioners:

As a longtime resident of Brockton I am asking for your approval of a casino on the Brockton Fair Grounds. Brockton is filled with hardworking families who want the best for our great city. A resort casino will bring the money and jobs we need to help move us forward.

In addition to jobs, it would also revitalize the area. Currently the fairgrounds land is vacant much of the year. It is host to crime, drugs and other illicit activities because of its location and lack of activity. A new, state-of-the-art resort casino would transform the vacant lot. It would help drive out crime and with a high level of security and activity that would significantly increase safety.

Sincerely,

Dear Commission:

Brockton needs jobs and we now have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring them to our city. The resort casino proposal will bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city as well as 1,400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many of families need to afford to stay in the city we call home.

In addition to jobs, as we lower our unemployment rate and increase revenue we will improve our schools and public safety and start the effort to revitalize our city. I ask that you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again be the city of champions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dear Commissioners:

Your decision on the fate of the Region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that would bring in \$10 million each year in revenue for our city.

As a resident of Brockton, I know that this is much needed revenue that can go toward our schools and public safety. Specifically, I'm worried about crime with growing gang violence and an increasing number of shootings. We need more police officers on the streets to help combat gang violence and protect our families.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed casino project in Brockton. As a resident of Brockton, I truly believe that a casino will only benefit our region and city with much needed revenue generation and economic development.

This significant investment by Mass Gaming and Entertainment will bring many benefits to our city as we struggle to lower property taxes, funding school sports programs and increase public safety. We can make Brockton a destination city that drives crowds to not only the casino but also local businesses.

Sincerely,

Dear Commissioners:

I am asking for your approval of the Brockton Casino proposal in Region C. A resort casino is the first step to turn Brockton into the predominant entertainment destination in Massachusetts. The resort casino is just the first step, Brockton has big plans to create a downtown entertainment district that will help revitalize the region.

The importance of a resort casino in this city cannot be understated. Brockton has a chance to have a huge economic development opportunity that will bring enormous benefits to the area. It means new revenue for schools and police officers, as well as new customers to boost local businesses. This casino is a win, win for the city and I urge your support.

Sincerely,

### Business Letters

Dear Commissioners:

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

A resort casino will create huge demand for the local good and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Our growth will continue to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

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Sincerely,

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Brockton Casino proposal. I am the owner of a local business in Brockton that will see significant benefits with the addition of a resort casino. This type of project will create many jobs as well as a high demand of goods that the developer has committed to buying locally.

This is the chance of the lifetime for Brockton businesses. A resort casino will revitalize our city and our region. We will see a complete renovation of the area that will create many economic development opportunities. Among the business community, the proposal has overwhelming support because of its ability to drive consumers to the city and create new business opportunities.

I ask for your support of this resort casino license. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dear Commissioners:

I ask that you support the Brockton resort casino proposal that will revitalize our great city. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into the casino project that will provide a huge boost to local businesses. This includes the construction process as well as sustained business through a growing consumer base that will be coming to Brockton.

The resort casino has been supported by voters and has the overwhelming support of local businesses, which are a key piece of the puzzle as we work to improve our schools, lower our property and increase public safety.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Region C casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Dear Commissioners:

The business community in Brockton is overwhelmingly in support of the benefits that will come with a resort casino on the Brockton Fairgrounds. This is a massive investment that will bring visitors from around the region, the state and the country to our city.

By approving the casino license for Brockton, you have the opportunity to help make a significant difference for our families. Local businesses that are the backbone of our city's economy and will get a significant boost that will help revitalize the city, strengthen our schools and increase public safety. And

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a casino is just the start, the Mayor's economic development plan includes an entertainment hub that will continue to draw visitors to the city and boost business.

I am just one of the many business owners who will benefit from this project. I respectfully ask you're your support for a stronger Brockton.

Sincerely,

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**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Meagan Field <meaganfieldxo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 7:15 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C license

Dear Commissioners

I am asking for your approval of the Brockton Casino in Region C .

I think a Resort Casino at the fairgrounds would have a real impact for our city. With the tax revenue of about \$10 to \$15 million dollars a year coming back into Brockton, we will be able to hire more police and fire fighters, along with buying new police cars and fire trucks to service our city.

Brockton has a once in a lifetime chance to come back from a sluggish economy. With a Resort Casino adding 1500 new Casino jobs and about 1400 union construction jobs that are very needed in the city.

With the rest of the citizens who voted yes for the Casino I Respectfully ask you to vote yes on Brockton and award us the Region "C" casino license.

Sincerely,  
Meagan Fields  
Portland st.  
Brockton Ma.

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Amanda Marie <amfield19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 6:41 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C license

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing in support of the Region "C" Casino in Brockton .As a resident of Brockton I am in full support of a Resort Casino and Entertainment complex in the city.I truly believe that a Casino will only benefit our city with much needed revenue that will be generation from the Casino.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment is going to make a \$650 million dollar investment into the Resort and Casino with \$10 to \$12 million coming back into the city each year. These funds could go into hiring more Police,Fire and Teachers which are needed badly.

I am asking The Mass Gaming Commission to Please award the City of Brockton The Region "C" license.

Thank You,  
Amanda Fields  
Brockton Ma.

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Troy Siebels <Troy@thehanovertheatre.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 6:01 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** MGC Region C comment ltr 11-19-2018.pdf

November 19, 2018

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Request for Public Comment: Request to Reconsider Region C

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition, whose members are distributed throughout the Commonwealth including three venues in Region C, I write today in response to your request for public comment regarding the request to reconsider licensing of a resort casino in Region C.

With respect to the specific questions listed on the MGC website under this request for comment:

#7 – We strongly urge you to consider as valid all existing Impacted Live Entertainment Venue (ILEV) agreements. Those agreements were negotiated and signed without an expiration or sunset date because the impact of resort casinos on live entertainment venues is likely to be significant and sustained. Our members put a great deal of time and effort into negotiating those agreements, and would be grateful not to be forced to do so again. The would-be casino developers have time and resources to commit to the effort to obtain a license, whereas we have venues to run and much less capacity to repeat that effort. We acknowledge that we will already be obliged to negotiate with any new developers or projects that were not on the landscape previously.

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Respectfully yours,

Troy Siebels, chair  
Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition

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November 19, 2018

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Request for Public Comment: Request to Reconsider Region C

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition, whose members are distributed throughout the Commonwealth including three venues in Region C, I write today in response to your request for public comment regarding the request to reconsider licensing of a resort casino in Region C.

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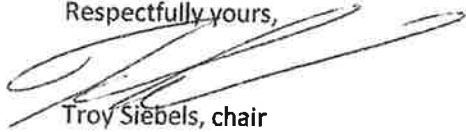
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Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Siebels', written over a horizontal line.

Troy Siebels, chair

Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Brian Droukas <droukb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 5:32 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

Dear Commissioners,

As a third generation family and business owner in the City of Brockton, I'm asking for your approval of a casino on the Brockton Fair Grounds. The City is known as a Post industrial community which has struggled over the past decades attracting new commercial businesses. Due to this, the commercial tax rate has increased to a point that it is even harder to attract businesses. The casino proposal will bring 1500+ jobs to the city and 1400+ union construction jobs. The revenue received by the city from the casino will help support schools, public safety and help revitalize our city.

I ask they you please approve the Region C application for the Brockton Casino and give Brockton a chance to once again thrive like they did as the Shoe City Capital of the World.

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Best,

Brian Droukas

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Dennis Hursey <dhursey77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** brockton casino

as you know two years ago the city residence voted to have the casino here. what it would do for the city would be amazing in the most positive of ways. right now we are struggling in every way possible and if we were awarded this it will be the biggest success story of all time . i just retired after many years as a school teacher and i've seen how my students , their familys have lived in poverty ,and low income housing ,welfare ,etc. your decision on bringing this to brockton will bring it back to once it was , a city of greatness.

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Stephen Bernard <stephenbernard177@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:11 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C Casino support

I stand in favor of a casino in Brockton!

Brockton is easily accessible from Rt.24, commuter rail and Brockton Area Transit. The jobs created from a casino would benefit and improve the region's employment crisis. The tax revenue would improve our education fund shortfall, upgrade our infrastructure, and attract more economic development. A casino in Region C would keep Massachusetts. Dollars in Massachusetts. Brockton residents voted YES for a Casino in Brockton

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** KGB <kgb2269@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 7:25 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C License

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly favor your commission re-opening Region C for the granting of a Gaming License. I live in the City of Brockton. Brockton will have one more opportunity to benefit from the granting of such a license. I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Borges

Sent from my iPhone

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** 1958pljr <1958pljr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 6:14 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino Brockton

Hi my name is Paul Lapierre I'm from Brockton and would love to see the Casino come to Brockton. Thank you

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Kevin G. Borges <kgborges2007@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:29 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C License

Dear Commissioners,

I Toniann Belmosto-Borges would like to give my support pertaining to the Region C license for the City of Brockton. The City of Brockton will greatly benefit from an attraction such as the proposed casino. This will be a boost of economic development and revitalization for Brockton, helping with much needed revenue for a growing city in need of funds for adding police, fire and school teachers.

Respectfully,  
Toniann Belmosto-Borges

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Bryce Lapierre <blapierre13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 3:43 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton

Hi my name is Bryce Lapierre I work for the city of Brockton, I would love for the casino to come to Region C.  
Thank you

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Tim Lawton <tim@frontier7.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino for Brockton, Mass.

To the Commission,

I am writing to you to request that you approve the casino license for Brockton, MA. in Region C. This is a true revitalization project for the city. The revenue that will be generated for the city will help keep more police officers on the streets to combat the growing violence and prevalence of drugs. It can be used to strengthen the school system, that in my opinion has seen a decline in recent years. It can be used to bring thousands of more jobs to a deserving city with a great history.

Thank you in advance for your vote,  
Tim





**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Tim Lawton <timothylwtn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Request to reconsider Region C

Dear Commission,

As someone who was born and bred in Brockton. I urge you to approve the casino for the Brockton Fair Grounds. It is sure to bring thousands of new jobs and millions of dollars of revenue to the city. Brockton is not only a city that needs it, but deserves it.

Thank you for the consideration,  
Tim

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Ed Finn <tofastforyou458@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 5:58 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

Dear commissioner:

Your decision to get a casino in region c would help me and my family out and many more family's. It's would help make brockton a better place to live and work! Not much more to say!

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** peggyc2001@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2018 4:40 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

I would like to see a casino brought to the fairgrounds in Brockton because I would like to see that area be made into something beautiful and to make more jobs available to the people in this area. I'd also like to have a venue where people could go to have a good time, have a place to eat and dance with really good food, go shopping and have a good time.

I'm tired of having to travel so far out of Brockton to go dancing to have good food and to have a good time. I'd like to see something like that in Brockton and stay in Brockton in my own town in order to get good food and have a good time.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Curtis  
Dixon Road  
Brockton MA

*Sent from my Sprint! t Phone.*

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Samuel Berhe <katymcv@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 10:40 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear commission

I have been living in Brockton for many years, and all I wish is job opportunities for our hard-working residents, and a prospered future for our community. That is why I am asking the commission to reconsider a casino on the Brockton Fairgrounds.

The casino will provide employment and will offer sustainable revenue to help in the development of the City of Brockton.

Also, the construction of casino will invigorate the fairground that is in decay and unoccupied most of the year and used by delinquents for illegal activities. Besides, the Casino resort will offer tax income that will help in the improvement of our educational, security department and a better future for Brockton.

For all I mentioned above and more, I am asking the commission to please favor the Region C request for the Brockton Casino to revitalize and give back the City of Brockton its title of "City of Champions."

Sincerely,  
Ana Berhe

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** eightycubicft <eightycubicft@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 7:20 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C Casino Brockton

Dear commissioners, I ask that you support the Brockton Resort Casino proposal. I understand that the gaming and entertainment has a proposed 650 million dollar investment. The towns south of Boston surrounding Brockton would appreciate the shot and long-term jobs that this will create. And we the voters and local business owners have supported the Resort Casino. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal thank you.

Happy Connecting. Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 5

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** William Healy <bpa293@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6:43 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** Mass Gaming Commission.docx

November 14, 2018

Dear Commissioner:

My name is William Healy. I am president of the Brockton Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA). I represent 142 patrol officers in which approximately 68% reside in the City of Brockton, including myself.

The majority of my membership has supported the proposed Resort Casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds since talks began in 2015. We feel strongly that the developer is a credible, reputable well established organization with a proven track record of success and community partnership in the jurisdictions where they operate.

From a revenue standpoint, the Resort Casino project will produce annual payments to the City of at least \$10 million dollars. The developer will also fund impact studies to assess the impact of the development on traffic, transportation infrastructure and public safety. This huge economic development opportunity cannot be understated. It is also the belief of my membership, based on the track record of other Rush Street Gaming properties, that there have not been any adverse criminal complaints/activities in the jurisdictional area in which their properties operate.

It is the BPPA's hope that the commission votes to approve Brockton as its Region C location.

Sincerely,

William Healy  
President, BPPA

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Hannah Warren <hannahwarren929@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:29 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** The Brockton Casino

Dear Commisioners,

I'm writing to ask that you support the Brockton resort casino. This project is an incredible opportunity to revitalize a dying city. Brockton would greatly benefit from this project. The casino is estimated to bring in \$10 million per year in revenue which would at least partially be reinvested in the schools, which desperately need it, public safety, which is a growing concern, and overall community development. On top of that this project will provide an estimated 1,500 permanent jobs for families that desperately need good paying jobs that provide benefits. The Brockton Casino project will also generate approximately 1,400 union construction jobs.

This project is overwhelmingly supported by voters and small businesses and I respectfully ask that you give this project great consideration and that you approve the proposal for Region C casino in Brockton.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Hannah Warren

Local #7 Ironworker



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Darice Veiga <dsveiga@charlestonlaw.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this email is to request that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission re-open Region C for the award of a Category 1 gaming license. As a young lady born and raised in the city of Brockton I am asking for your approval of a casino on the Brockton Fair Grounds. With the exception of the fair which runs for a little over the week during the summer, the lot is vacant. Due to its vacancy, it has been a location for crime, specifically drug crimes. This land would be a great area for the casino which would benefit the city by bringing in at least \$10 million each year in revenue. This revenue is much needed in the city of Brockton. We need to strengthen our school systems as well as public safety. Further, this casino will also have a significant impact on the unemployment rate. Our city is in dire need of jobs. The casino would bring in 1,500 permanent jobs and 1,400 union construction jobs. Please consider re-opening Region C and help us change the future of our city.

Thanks for the consideration and your efforts,

Sincerely,

Darice Veiga

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** George Burt <gburt88@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton casino

This opportunity of a lifetime can create multiple jobs for a lot of people in Brockton, wich we all know Brockton needs this!! The casino could potentially bring 1,500 permanent jobs to the city and 1,500 jobs for the union trades.. can you please approve the region c application!!! Put Brockton to work!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Nancy Currivan <nancycurrivan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2018 7:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Hello Commissioners ;

I am asking for your approval of the Brockton Casino in Region "C" . I think a Resort Casino and Entertainment complex at the now vacant and crime ridden Fairgrounds would have a Great impact on our City, with the tax revenue of about \$10 to \$12 million dollars a year coming back to Brockton we can start to hire more police, Fire fighters and some of the 174 teachers that were laid off due to a \$10 million budget shortfall .

We can truly start our come back to the City of Champions. Brockton has a once in a lifetime chance to come back from a downturn due to a sluggish economy, with the Resort Casino adding 1500 permanent jobs paying upwards of \$55,000 per year. Also bringing 1400 plus union construction jobs which will go to qualified Brockton residents.

With the support of Mayor Bill Carpenter and the passing of a YES vote by the citizens of the City of Brockton. As a Teacher in the city, I Respectfully ask that you Award the City of Brockton the Region C Category 1 Gaming License.

Thank You for your Consideration,

Nancy Currivan  
508-513-8303

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Mark Currivan <markcurrivan1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in the city of Brockton all my life; I have never seen an opportunity like this one. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has committed to an \$650 Million Dollar investment into Brockton and the vacant eyesore of the fairgrounds.

Brockton is filled with hard working families who want the best for our city. A Resort Casino would bring money and jobs needed to move our city forward.

In addition to jobs, it would also revitalize the area. Currently the fairground land is vacant much of the year it is host to crime, drugs and other illicit activities.

I am asking you to PLEASE Grant the Region C Casino to Mass Gaming and the City of Brockton

Thank you.

Mark Currivan

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Djidji Monteiro <djidjimonteiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 06, 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** I will support the casino in Brockton mass

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Kerby Pierre Kerby <kerbypierre18@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Brockton Casino

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Brockton casino proposal. I am a resident of Brockton and I do business here too. I believe businesses in the area will see significant benefits with the addition of a resort casino. This type of project will create many jobs as well as a high demand for goods and services that the developer has committed to buying locally.

This is the chance of a lifetime for Brockton businesses. A resort casino will revitalize our city and our region. We will see a complete renovation of the area that will create many economic development opportunities. Among the business community, the proposal has overwhelming support because of its ability to drive consumers to the city and create new business opportunities.

I ask for your support of this resort casino license. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerby Pierre

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Kerby Pierre  
Kerby Real Estate  
Ph 617-299-1750

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** William Thomas, Jr. <constable.thomas2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Attachments:** Image.jpg

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William Thomas, Jr.  
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Brockton, MA 02301


Constable.thomas2@gmail.com

Dear Commissioners,

Your decision on the fate of the Region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that would bring in \$10 million each year in revenue for our city.

As a resident of Brockton, I know that this is needed revenue that can go toward our schools and public safety. Specifically, I'm worried about crime with growing gang violence and an increasing number of shootings. We need more police officers on the streets to help combat gang violence and protect our families.

Sincerely,

  
William R. Thomas, Jr.



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Joseph Francois <josephfrancois54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 03, 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Support Letter

Joseph Francois  
71 Legion Parkway, 2nd floor Suite 21  
Brockton Ma,02301  
[josephfrancois54@gmail.com](mailto:josephfrancois54@gmail.com)

Dear Commissioners,

I ask that you support the Brockton resort casino proposal that will revitalize our great city, Mass gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$ 650 million investment into the casino project that will provide a huge boots to local businesses. This includes the construction process as well as sustained business through a growing consumer base that be coming to Brockton.

The resort casino has been supported by voters and has the overwhelming support of local business, which are a key piece of the puzzle as we work to improve our schools, lower our property and increase public safety.

I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Region C casino in Brockton

Sincerely

Joseph Francois

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** atslinenman@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 03, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C Casino

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the City of Brockton, I am requesting that you approve the last remaining gaming license for the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts in Region C to the City of Brockton, Your previous decision to not award this license has cost our state millions of dollars in lost taxes. Additionally the project would bring 1,500 permanent jobs along with 1,400 construction jobs. Job that would help lower the unemployment in the region and generate millions in revenue to the City of Brockton that can be utilized to lower our taxes, improve our roads, increase staffing in our police , fire and schools. Please award this license to the CITY OF CHAMPIONS and Mass Gaming and Entertainment.

Larry Curtis  
153 Dixon Road

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Peter Jean <peter.jean25@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 02, 2018 12:10 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Request Letter  
**Attachments:** Request Letter for Commissioners.docx

To Whom it May Concern:

Please see attached to find request letter addressed to commissioners.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,  
Peter Jean  
President/CEO  
Massachusetts Care Services, Inc.  
37 Belmont St  
Brockton, MA 02301  
Ph:508-840-6363  
Fax:508-210-2111



Peter Jean

345 Plain St

Brockton MA 02301

Dear Commissioners:

As a small business owner in Brockton, I know firsthand how a vibrant and fiscally healthy city directly benefits business. A resort casino in Brockton will bring important revenue into the city and help revitalize the region. This not only benefits the city's coffers, but also local business that will get a huge boost with an increase in tourism and economic development.

A resort casino will create huge demand for the local good and services that Brockton businesses have to offer. Our growth will continue to revitalize the city and the region. I respectfully request that you approve the proposal for a Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

Peter Jean

CEO of Massachusetts Care Services, Inc.

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** outlook\_A42EC1E1226E16BB@outlook.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 4:35 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Comments on a casino for Region C

Since the authorization for casinos has a provision for one casino of the 3 to be an 'Indian Casino' and undeniably the Wampanoag Indian Tribe is the most established tribe in Massachusetts. The First Light Casino was chosen in a fair comparison of proposals and found to be the best of competing proposals. The Wampanoag have invested many millions of dollars into infrastructure, purchase of a suitable site. They have a 'ready to go' proposal which will produce a casino deemed the best choice and also, while not meeting all the legal conditions as an Indian tribe as defined by law there is no question that it is a tribe and is the very best proposal to meet the original intention of the law and provide the best location and proposal for the quickest implementation of the law. Picking a non-Indian location would be in direct contradiction to the law as passed by the legislature.

Best regards,

Jon Beard

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** William Lagorio <williamlagorio@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 1:39 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I believe region C should be re-explored, I also feel as though three casinos could over saturate the market place. Would it be possible to explore region C as a second slot parlor??

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Pauline McCarthy <paul.817@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Casino

The idea of putting a casino in Brockton is insane. The fairgrounds are extremely close to the high school. Would you want your kids close to that kind of activity. The traffic on Belmont St. Is already a mess now, never mind with a casino. There is enough of a bad element in Brockton now, why add to it? Why not place a casino at the Raynham dog tract. It has close proximity to the highway, no schools, and you would not have to worry about getting jumped on the way in or out, like you would in Brockton. I am just venting!

Sent from my iPad

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## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Wayne Perry <wp@commbuys.co>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 12, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Wayne Perry  
**Subject:** Region C  
**Attachments:** wp.vcf

Comments below

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has received a request to re-open Region C (Southeastern Mass.) for the award of a Category 1 gaming license. As part of that process, the Commission is requesting comments on the items listed below. Please submit comments by emailing [mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us) with '**Region C**' in the subject line, or by mail to:

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

The comment period will remain open until the close of business on November 30, 2018.

1. What is the status of the gaming market in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic? What are the existing gaming options? What plans exist to increase the number of gaming options, both in states that currently allow casino gaming and states where casino gaming does not currently exist? What revenues have been collected by states that have gaming over the last five (5) years and what are their projected future revenues? I do not have any information to base a comment upon the questions asked.
2. What is the expected demand for gaming and the value of the overall gaming market in Massachusetts? It is expected to increase. In my opinion the amount of demand for gaming is high as I include illegal gaming as well as legal gaming. Further the expansion of legal gaming will divert funds from illegal to legal gaming as most gamblers prefer to indulge in legal activities when given a convenient choice.
3. Should the Commission review the status of online gaming, sports betting and daily fantasy sports and their potential impact on casino gaming? Yes you should. However, I do not think their impact is in opposition to casino gaming but is instead an area of expansion to casino gaming. Regulated by the commission of course with revenues to the state.
4. Is there sufficient capacity to fill new casino jobs created by a Region C casino? What impact will that have on existing casinos to fill their jobs and on existing business to replace experienced employees who move to a casino job? I think there is sufficient capacity to fill new casino jobs for Region C. As for experienced employees, you are being silly as there are maybe a year or two operation in Plainridge, a couple of months in Springfield. Your standards are pretty low if you think that is "experienced" well trained to be sure by not what anyone considers experienced.
5. Should the Commission revise its process for determining or updating the suitability of a prior applicant for a category 1 or category 2 gaming license who wishes to apply for a category 1 gaming license in Region C? I wish you were more clear on this question on just what you are trying to ask. It has all the thumbmarks of being put together by a committee. I think that the amount of time being passed from the last hearings and determinations is sufficient justification to do it over again. Just look at Ceasars, went bankrupt, split and reformed. And those shoe string operators in fall river who could never get their act together to put up a plan. Start over again.



6. Should the Commission review and/or revise its RFA-2 application to determine if additional or different information should be requested from gaming license applicants in Region C? I don't think so.
7. Should agreements, such as host community agreements, surrounding community agreements, impacted live entertainment venue (ILEV) agreements, mitigation agreements, gaming school agreements and other relationships previously established for former applicants for a category 1 gaming license in Region C be deemed to be valid or should such agreements be reviewed again and/or re-negotiated? Review again and open for renegotiation. A lot has changed. Just about everything really.
8. Should there be a new host community referendum vote in any host community where a prior vote was held? You failed to be clear here, are you referring to the Everett, Springfield and Plainfield or are you referring to region c and the failed awards
9. Should the Commission consider any legislative changes to the Gaming Act? Yes, you should consider it but I have no recommendations to make.
10. Should there be changes to the Commission's regulations, for example, changes to regulations setting forth the license award process and the calculation of minimum capital investment required under chapter 23K in order to reopen Region C? Given the rise in real estate and increase in employment I think the minimum capital investment should be increased
11. What role should horse racing have in considering a category 1 region C gaming license application? Phase it out as a dead industry and stop kidding yourself. A few examples, 40 years ago college students were still trying to sneak into race tracks. Now they laugh at the idea, it has no future. A few years back was talking at the convention center with someone from the horse breeders association and suggested to him that horses would be better bred for meat consumption and he informed me that it was illegal for race horse to be used for meat. Recently I found out why, why horse manure (very popular for rosebushes) is now no longer used for even fertilizing lawns as the chemicals used for horse racing make it dangerous to be in contact with humans. making the meat toxic. A damn silly dying industry pretending to be a sport
12. Should the Commission review the status of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's litigation regarding land in trust, and the status of proposed federal legislation on the issue? Yes you should, the federal opposition and indifference is clear and they will not be approved.

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Wayne Perry  
[wp@commbuys.co](mailto:wp@commbuys.co)  
781-817-3711

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## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** connie mcdonald <cmcdonald880@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I DO NOT want to see a gambling casino in the East Taunton area. Where the Wampanoags were planning on building their casino is only

about a thousand or so feet from an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!!!

Besides that, East Taunton is only 20-25 miles from Twin Rivers Casino in Tiverton, Rhode Island. Also, there is the mini-casino in Plainville, Ma.

THAT IS ENOUGH IN THIS AREA!

I will vote down any more new casinos in the area.

If you want to gamble hard-earned money, go to North or West of Boston, go to Connecticut or go to Rhode Island.

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Jason Tundidor <jasontundidor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 06, 2018 10:02 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Hello my name is Jason and I just wanted to give a little bit of feedback on what I think about a Region C Casino. First and foremost thank you for giving the public the opportunity to give their opinions I think it's fantastic. I'm 34 years old and been living in the Fall River area for about 3 years originally from Boston. I've seen the city of Fall River grown but just not enough. The city is lacking jobs and can use something that would really impact Revenue. I do have a very good resume in hospitality and as well as security. living in Boston was very easy to find a job but the high-rent moved me to something much more affordable in Fall River. I find it to be very tough though to find work here in the city. I think a casino will make a great impact in the city. Now I know looking at an economic standpoint there is a casino at a close proximity in Tiverton Rhode Island but that casino is not what the people want, what the people want is an Las Vegas Resort style Casino. Something with amenities and different things to do like the one in Springfield. Since Springfield open I find myself supporting that one even though Tiverton casino is 5 minutes over the border from me. I just hope one such as springfeild can find a place in the south coast region. I say Airport Road with all of that land available will be a great area or even a waterfront Casino to develop the area where the ship is. I feel there's so many possibilities and I feel Fall River has so much potential. Thank you for your time and giving me the opportunity to provide my opinion.

## Reilly, Janice (MGC)

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**From:** Scott Porro <[scottporro666@gmail.com](mailto:scottporro666@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 10:13 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Please reconsider Brockton for Region C. I am a Brockton resident and believe this is what this city needs! I voted for it as I am an active voter in every election. I was at a meeting at the Shaws Center with the Gaming Commission but did not speak then. Brockton is slowly rising from the ashes and this casino would help us rise faster and higher. I am not originally from Brockton but in my fifteen years here I see alot of character (characters too) and passion here, which this town has a strong tradition and lengthy history of. The old Shoe City/City of Champions needs a revival and new identity. Thank you for your time.

Scott Porro  
52 Colonel Bell Drive  
Brockton,MA 02301  
[scottporro666@gmail.com](mailto:scottporro666@gmail.com)

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Elaine Guillemette <emguillemette@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

My feedback on the questions concerning an additional casino in Region C: All prior votes or decisions need to be restarted. I do not see the need for an additional gaming location in the Southeastern Ma area. We have Plainridge in Plainville, Ma as well as Twin River in Tiverton, RI. This is a greatly depressed economic area with low wage earners.

Adding an additional location for them to loose their money at is not a good fit for this area. Most of these individuals and families live at the bases of the poverty level and can barely afford housing, food and medicine. While gambling is an addiction just like drugs and alcohol, admitting that for some people is very difficult..

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Guillemette

Somerset, Ma

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Anne <booklover0504@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission:

I am a resident of Brockton and I voted against the casino when it was proposed the first time around. I can't believe that Mass Gaming and Entertainment is trying again after the voters of Brockton have already spoken. Please, please do not allow a casino to come into Brockton. It would be right across the street from my church. The proposed site is no place for a casino. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Fleming

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** +15088139750@mymetropcs.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 5:03 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Attachments:** text\_1538730080603.txt

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Yes ..I voted for the casino it will help our town ...I vote yes..please the town needs the casino it will help tremendously..thank you!

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** christopher love <lovetere1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 3:01 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

You must not allow Mr. Bluhm to have another chance to destroy the city of Brockton. The basis for his argument is the fact that the Wampanoag tribe of Taunton have had their approval for a casino tied up in a lawsuit. The lawsuit in question was financed by Mr. Bluhm, after his failed previous bid. This is economic bullying at it's worst. It is proof positive that the character of Mr. Bluhm is not magnanimous. He is not trying to benefit our community here in Plymouth county. Rather, his motivation is greed and a lust for power. One need only look at the character of Steve Wynn, who you mistakenly approved for a license, to see the nature of today's casino owner. Once done it is difficult to undo. They are all taking advantage of the addictive nature of gambling. They produce misery for profit. It is a blatant and despicable lack of moral judgement. Keep in mind that the casino business was originally created and operated by gangsters. Not much has changed, other than the fact that we have legitimized these operations for our own States revenue. We sell a bit of our soul with each approval. Mr. Bluhm has proven that he will stop at nothing to obtain his casino. It is a complete disregard and disrespect for your prior ruling against his proposal. I am a lifelong resident of Brockton and a Veteran. I am a married father of five. Two of my children have PhD's, one is an RN and my two youngest are students at Brockton High School. The high school is located directly across the street from the proposed site of Mr. Bluhm's casino. The success of my children has depended on having a wholesome environment in which to thrive and succeed. A casino in Brockton would denigrate their chances for success and our city. Please do not be duped by Mr. Bluhm and his people. They are coming to pillage our citizens and destroy our values. Do not allow this to go forward.

Concerned,

Christopher Lovetere



**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** craig randall <randalltrans101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 3:49 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

I believe you should revisit and Brockton would be the right choice

Craig Randall  
34 Cody Ln  
Raynham ma

Sent from my iPhone

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Alan Whitten <alan@alankw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 3:37 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

The Statehouse News Service release mentions 12 questions. But there's no link to them and 5 seconds on google didn't reveal them. So I'll free-flow my comments. If you want to send the actual 12 questions; I'll fill that out...

Region C still needs a full casino. I was questioning it for awhile because of Twin Rivers / Tiverton, but that place while nice, is very small. The region is second-class compared to the rest of the state. The location should be close to the new commuter rail line that's supposedly coming within 5 years. Just like there is the Cape-cod flyer train from Boston to the cape on Summer weekends; think about a weekend train to the casino. (even if there is a <10 minute shuttle-bus ride)

Jobs to fill the spots. I believe that Most of the jobs in a casino are low-medium skill jobs. BCC had a casino jobs training program in Taunton awhile back. No reason the new owners couldn't subsidize it again if need be.

Communities should vote again. Its been too long since the last vote. People have moved and there are more casinos in the area than there were before. I know there was some issues about Plainville being close to Region C, but that too is small and simply put, I don't like it there.

Region C needs a full-fledged destination casino. I'm not sure what Sports betting would do for the area, and frankly I don't know how Fantasy sports works in a casino...

So take as-is or send me the 12 actual questions

~Alan Whitten  
Assonet MA

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** wb4246@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 2:15 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Region C

Brockton needs that casino bad. We need jobs. And there shouldn't have to be another vote . Brockton needs the money that it would generate . We need better schools. Lower property taxes . so much more please consider Brockton to host the southeast casino.

*Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device*

**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** Carl Bugara <cbugara@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 10:15 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** REGION C

The South Coast area and Southeastern Massachusetts have been held hostage by Cedric Cromwell and his family run Mashpee Wamponoag tribal committee for way too long.

First the Middleborough fiasco and then Taunton and its Land in Trust issues. The Massachusetts Gaming Commission should never have given them "exclusive" rights to a casino in this area over the residents and citizen taxpayers of the South Coast.

It is now time to open Region "C" to a commercial casino and give these taxpayers a chance for some benefits of financial relief provided by the taxes that it would pay to the host communities as well as any added income from the influx of tourists and visitors to the casino, added jobs and services that local companies could provide to the casino.

The Boston and Western Massachusetts areas already have a head start on gaining additional tax revenue. A commercial casino for Southeastern Massachusetts should be considered as soon as possible and the process expedited.

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**Reilly, Janice (MGC)**

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**From:** David De La Cruz <ddelacruz@ebcrossroads.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: A Request for Public Comment: Request to Reconsider Region C

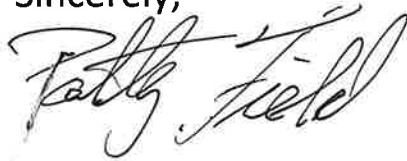
Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of the Region C Brockton Resort Casino proposal for the Brockton fairgrounds.

As a small business owner in Brockton I am hoping to see significant benefits with the addition of a resort casino. This type of project will create many jobs as well as a high demand of goods that the developer has committed to buying locally.

I respectfully ask that you approve the proposal for a Region C Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Fields". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Patty Fields  
69 Dunbar St.  
Brockton Ma.02301

To the Mass Gaming Commission,

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing you to say that I am in favor of the Region C Brockton Resort Casino proposal. We voted on this as a city and it came out that the city as a whole said yes to a Resort Casino at the run down fairgrounds which is an eyesore now.

Your decision on the fate of the region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that could bring in \$12 million each year into the city in revenue.

This casino will bring in 1500 new jobs and around 1400 union construction jobs that are much needed in the area.

I respectfully ask that you approve the proposal for a Region C Resort Casino at the Brockton fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

Mel Accardi

51 Ida Ave.

Brockton Ma.02302

To the Mass Gaming Commission,

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing you to say that I am in favor of the Region C Brockton Resort Casino proposal. The city had a vote on it over a year ago and it passed. I believe the city will benefit significantly with the addition of a resort casino.

Commissioners your decision on the fate of the region C license could significantly impact Brockton's future for years to come. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has proposed a \$650 million investment into this resort casino that could bring in \$12 million each year into the city in revenue.

They will also bring in 1500 new jobs and around 1400 construction jobs. They have said the jobs will go to Brockton people first that are qualified. These will be good paying of up to \$55,000 a year plus benefits.

I respectfully ask that you approve the proposal for a Region C Resort Casino at the Brockton fairgrounds.

  
Sincerely,

Kay Accardi

51 Ida Ave.

Brockton Ma.02302



Dear Commissioners;

As a resident of the city of Brockton I am asking that you grant a region C license to the city of Brockton.

A Resort Casino is the first step in turning not only Brockton but the whole South Shore into a Great travel Destination in Massachusetts.

In addition to the 1500 permanent jobs it will bring, it would also create about 1400 union construction jobs. These would be good paying jobs that many families need to stay in our city.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment is ready to make a \$650 Million dollar investment into Brockton, with about \$10 to \$12 Million coming back into the city tax coffers.

This money could go to the hiring of more Police officers, some if not all of the 174 Teachers that were layoff last summer, road repairs, and yes lower property taxes. A Resort Casino would bring a greater demand for local good and services which the Casino has made it clear that they would give Brockton Businesses their Business which would add more taxes for the city.

I have voted along with my city's majority to have a Resort Casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds, I am asking you to Please Grant the Region C License to The City of Brockton.

Thank You,

Helen Hazard



26 Kathleen Rd.

Dear Comissioners,

I have lived in the city of Brockton all my life; I have never seen an opportunity like this one. Mass Gaming and Entertainment has committed to an \$650 Million Dollar investment into Brockton and the vacant eyesore of the fairgrounds.

Brockton is filled with hard working families who want the best for our city. A Resort Casino would bring money and jobs needed to move our city forward.

In addition to jobs ,it would also revitalize the area. Currently the fairground land is vacant much of the year .It is host to crime ,drugs and other illicit activities.

I am asking you to PLEASE Grant the Region C Casino to Mass Gaming and the City of Brockton.

Thank you,

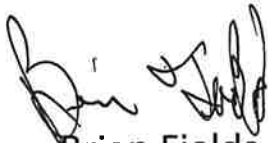
Patricia Tavares  
100 Perkins Ave  
BROCKTON MA 02324

To the Mass Gaming Commission,

I'm writing you to say that I am in favor of the Region C Brockton Resort Casino proposal. This casino will bring in around 1500 new permanent jobs and around 1400 union construction jobs that will pay union wages, and as a member of local 7 ironworkers union I can tell you that jobs are needed in this area.

I respectfully ask that you approve the proposal for a Region C Resort Casino in Brockton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Fields". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Fields

69 Dunbar St.

Brockton Ma.02301

November 23, 2018

11/28/18

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal St., 12th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Cameron and Commissioners,

In response to your request for comments I would like to address several of the questions.

**To question one I would respond:** The Northeast is already saturated. No new facilities are needed. Underperforming facilities are not a solution to state revenues. A casino in RI is already open only 400 yards from the MA border. In CT there is a plan to open a casino near the MA border to directly compete with the MGM casino in Springfield.

**To question three I would respond:** Given new developments in these new online gaming options, the MGC should most definitely consider the impact of online gaming as a factor in the issue of saturation. Region C is saturated already. Plainridge Casino, Tiverton Casino, Twin Rivers Casino, online options and the close proximity of the soon to open Encore would greatly affect real tax revenues and income to a category 1 casino in Region C. There is no need to launch another underperforming facility.

**To question eleven I would respond:** Since Region C already has horse racing and the slots casino in Plainville, it is not in need of a second gaming facility. Given the actual income and contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been lower than predicted in Region C, there is no evidence that the region could sustain a category 1 gaming facility.

**To question twelve I would respond:** The MGC should continue to monitor the legal situation for the potential Taunton casino. This would include any developments with federal legislation and state legislation as there are parties in both levels of government developing plans to secure the land for the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. Region C needs to be considered carefully given all the recent developments within the casino industry in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Elaine Sieben  
Andrei Sieben  
123 S. Leyden St.  
Brockton, MA 02302

PS: I've written twice previously trying to explain my views why gambling is contrary to the benefit of our community. Certainly it seems casinos are temporarily a financial gain then financially is becomes a drain on our tax dollars. Even more important, gambling does not build character; it tempts to addictiveness. To us common sense screams ... NO! NO! NO!