

**REGION C COMMENTS
FROM 9/27/18 Meeting
Materials**

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From: MGC Website <massgamingcomm@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 9:02 PM
To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

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Subject
Brockton casino
Questions or Comments
hello, I just heard on the news that you are giving serious consideration to the 3rd casino being at the Brockton fairgrounds. THIS IS WONDERFUL NEWS! I know you have not finalized your decision yet, but the fact that you are giving thought to Brockton is very uplifting. This area really needs revitalization, a casino would bring in much needed jobs, money, and people. Thank you for considering Brockton. I look forward to hearing the final decision. Sincerely, Donna Gallagher Delorey

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Inbox**Putting brakes on tribe's casino bid****As Mashpee wage casino effort, Brockton bid should be reconsidered**

In support of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's ongoing efforts for reservation status, the Globe editorial board overlooked the negative impact on the City of Brockton. Written with good intentions, the Sept. 16 editorial "Mass. delegation must step up for tribe" missed some important details.

In 2011, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law An Act Establishing Expanded Gaming in the Commonwealth. In response to the drain of Massachusetts gaming revenue to Connecticut casinos, this legislation was designed to provide benefits to Massachusetts by creating jobs and encouraging economic development. After the passage of this legislation, the Mashpee tribe and their Malaysian casino partner, Genting, were encouraged to forgo a tribal casino and instead apply for the Region C commercial casino license.

Instead, the tribe chose to pursue a tribal casino and save considerably on tax payments to Massachusetts.

It's in Massachusetts' interest to advocate for a Class C casino in Brockton. Brockton, a predominantly minority community, is fighting for economic redevelopment. Building a casino would provide immediate impact on the city's economy, bringing in a potential \$60 million a year while creating 2,000 permanent jobs. Delay in building a Class C casino in Brockton would put Massachusetts at a competitive disadvantage as we lose gaming revenue to our neighbors in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

It's time for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to reopen Brockton's request for a commercial casino license.

STATE SENATOR MICHAEL D. BRADY
Brockton

We shouldn't rush to do an end run around a Supreme Court ruling

Read in isolation, your editorial "Mass. delegation must step up for tribe" presents a one-sided view of a way to do what is "morally right" for the Mashpee tribe, in their bid to have land taken for a casino in Taunton. But you never mentioned recent court decisions that cannot be glossed over under any condition.

In *Carciari v. Salazar* the Supreme Court held that land could not be taken into trust for tribes that were not federally recognized prior to 1934. Because of that, US District Judge William Young held in 2016 that the Department of the Interior did not have legal authority to take the land in trust.

How can you advocate doing what is "morally right" by passing a bill that would, even in your words, provide "a way around the latest setback"? Since when is a law that ignores the Supreme Court the right path?

MARY MCCAFFREY
East Taunton

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Region C Casino License/Brockton
Questions or Comments
<p>I am a citizen of Brockton and I fought vehemently the last time this was up for consideration to have it blocked and I still feel that it should be blocked. The heart of a city is not the place for a Casino and this one would be near a High School, a Junior High School, a College, a Veteran's Hospital and a Church and it's in a very heavily congested traffic area. There are also several Elderly facilities in the area and these a very vulnerable people who would be tempted to go to this casino and then not have the money needed for medication and other personal living needs. A Casino should be a "destination" that someone travels to for a weekend away or a short vacation not in the heart of a city. We will also have a problem of saturation as there are two other casinos in Massachusetts and a short distance away in Rhode Island there is another casino that is undergoing expansion. We are also not too far from the two Casinos in Connecticut. This was vehemently shot down the last time because the city failed to meet the criteria required and I am sure that it isn't in any better situation now. I know that the crime rate in our city, unfortunately has not improved to any impressive rate and this would only serve to add to the problems. We also have a Mayor whose motivations for improving our city are very questionable. He has proposed other failed projects and he is actively proposing the marijuana shops and to add a casino to this inventory would only succeed in making our city a "Sin City." Please, I implore you to NOT consider this application for a license in my city.</p>

FORWARDED TO BRUCE BAND, ANGELA SMITH, BURKE CAIN AND STERL CARPENTER –
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Name
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Subject
No to Brockton Casino
Questions or Comments
Please do not even discuss a Casino in Brockton. Please do not approved a Brockton Casino.

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Subject
Region C Casino
Questions or Comments
I am from Brockton and one of 1.3million residents of Region C. My family, friends and neighbors VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE already-rejected plans for a casino in Region C, especially in the middle of our community next to schools, neighborhood churches, major grocery stores and thousands of residences with young families. Do the right thing. Do not award a Region C license at all. New England and the Commonwealth have reached a saturation point. Future generations will thank us for stopping when we could. Thank you

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Subject
Casino license for Brockton
Questions or Comments
Please DO NOT reconsider giving Brockton the license for a casino. The area is AWFUL now with school traffic and no one is going to vacation in Brockton. It will kill my property value. I live within 1 mile of the fairground. Please stick to the original decision and vote NO for Brockton. Thank You Kelly Taxiera 19 Tripp Ave

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September 20, 2018,

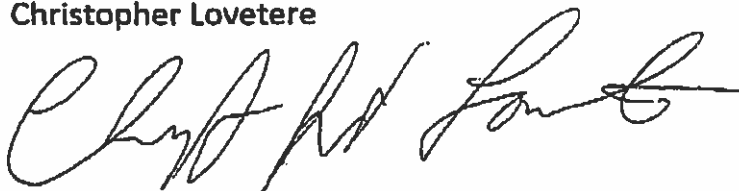
Mass Gaming Commission

Dear member,

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lovetere", written in a cursive style.

258 letters rec'd.

September 23, 2018

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

Chairman Crosby and Commissioners:

It is my understanding that that a request has been submitted to you for the potential reconsideration of the Brockton casino project.


For the record, I was against a Region C casino from the very beginning – and my opinion has not changed during the interim. Furthermore, there is no chance that my opinion will change in the future.

Why not? Simply because the last thing we need is another casino in this area, especially in an already impoverished city such as Brockton. To add insult to injury, the proposed casino would be next to our high school, which is a powerful beacon of hope for our community.

I'm not sure what the process is for reapplication, but I respectfully urge you to decline the petition from the Chicago-based Rush Street casino company, if and when it comes to a vote before your commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Signature: 

Name (Printed): JEAN P. BELIZMIRI

City/Municipality: Bridgewater, MA 02324

181 letters rec'd

September 7, 2018

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

Dear Chairman Crosby and Commissioners,

Once again I want to thank the commission for the diligence you took in coming to your decision in April of 2016. The churches of Brockton, Stand Up for Brockton and I all encourage you to simply decline the reconsideration of the Rush Street Gaming proposals. Since your decision the facts have not changed, nor have the consequences to Brockton should it have a casino next to Brockton High School. Actually, Rush Street Gaming has not changed as they still have a problem with allowing underage gambling. It is still happening in Pennsylvania and at their new resort in Schenectady, NY. We cannot have that happening in Brockton. The promise of bringing a Destination Casino to Brockton was the same promise made to Schenectady, NY and it is reported they really have not delivered as it is reported in NY, "With slots use rising and table games flat or declining, it is more and more difficult to accept the notion we get from Rush Street and our City Hall that people see Rivers Casino as a Destination Resort." Massive fines in February and March of 2018 have not deterred their business practices.

Additionally, the Massachusetts gaming laws make no provision for the reconsideration of a denied applicant in the way that Rush Street Gaming is proposing. The role of the MGC is to apply the law not to write new law.

Here in Brockton we are dealing with many different crisis situations including the opioid problem, a recent upturn in gun violence and murders and are dealing with the recreational marijuana businesses that the Mayor of Brockton wants to attach the future of Brockton to as the savior to our city's woes.

I ask the MGC to dismiss this request and allow Brockton to find its way out of its own problems.

Sincerely,

Lynn Reid
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From: pastor@jesussavesinbrockton.com
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Attachments: 75 Letters Region C Sept 23.pdf; 81 Letters Region C Sept 23.pdf; 81 more letters from Region C Sept 23.pdf

from Stand Up for Brockton opposing any reconsideration of MG&E/Rush Street Gaming and a proposed casino next to Brockton High.

Pastor Reid
Stand Up for Brockton

Reilly, Janice (MGC)

From: pastor@jesussavesinbrockton.com
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To: MGCcomments (MGC)
Subject: 12 letters from Region C
Attachments: 12 letters Region C Sept 20.pdf

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Please find attached 12 additional letters from residents of Region C that are asking you to stand by your April 2016 decision and stop the request of MG&E to reconsider their application.

Rush Street Gaming still cannot manage their own house and prevent underage gambling.

A casino next to one of the largest high schools in Eastern United States is not a good idea and it is a threat to the safety of our children.

Stand Up for Brockton

Pastor Richard Reid

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From: pastor@jesussavesinbrockton.com
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Attachments: 25 letters Region C Sept 18.pdf

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Please find attached 25 letters from residents of Region C that are asking the Commissioners to not consider a re-opening of the Region C license to MG&E/Rush Street Gaming.

Nothing has changed since your denial to MG&E in April of 2016. Please let your decision stand.

Stand Up for Brockton

Pastor Richard Reid

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