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P R O C E E D I N G S :

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3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
4 much to the Easton School system for having us.
5 This is actually a formal meeting of the
6 Massachusetts Gaming Commission -- No, it's not.
7 We thought it was going to be a formal meeting,
8 but we don't have a quorum. We have two people
9 out of town in part of the evaluation process,
10 and one with a death in a close friend's family.
11 So, this will not be an official meeting.

12 I just want to introduce a few
13 background items for our conversation here
14 today. We will have a transcript taken, a word-
15 for-word transcript. So, everything that is
16 said today will be put down in the record and
17 will be on our website as soon as the
18 transcription is completed.

19 There also will be a set of notes
20 taken by our consultants so that the
21 Commissioners who are not here have a chance to
22 get a shortened version, a highlight version of
23 your comments rather than having to read the
24 entire transcript.

1 This meeting, I think many of you
2 know is the first of two meetings, two public
3 meetings that we are having concerning the
4 application for a slots parlor in Raynham. The
5 Legislature mandated a meeting to be held in the
6 host community that will also be a public
7 meeting where we will invite people to talk with
8 us. It will be more interactive. That will
9 probably happen the first week or so of
10 December.

11 But we felt it was important earlier
12 on in the evaluation process to give
13 Commissioners as we are in the process of
14 evaluating these proposals another opportunity
15 to really hear from the grassroots, from folks
16 on whatever their views are of this application.

17 In addition, our website as you
18 probably have heard is a very active website.
19 There is a place on it for comments called MGC
20 comments. Every Commissioner reads every email
21 that comes in. And we will continue to welcome
22 comments on that.

23 So, there are a lot of opportunities
24 for people to weigh in on the process in

1 addition to as you know a number of meetings
2 that have taken place prior to this.

3 We are going to limit the comments
4 today to this proposal. We'll have an
5 opportunity to talk about the other proposals at
6 other times. We are not going to re-debate the
7 issue about whether there should be expanded
8 gaming in Massachusetts. That battle has been
9 fought.

10 We would like speakers to be
11 residents either of the host community or of one
12 of the potential surrounding communities. And
13 when you speak, I'm going to ask that you just
14 simply give us your name and your address to get
15 us oriented on where you're coming from.

16 Commissioner Cameron, anything else?

17 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: You said it
18 all, Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Okay,
20 we start usually with elected officials. I
21 don't see Senator Joyce whom I know who was down
22 to speak, but I guess he is not here yet. I do
23 believe we have a representative, Representative
24 Cronin, please be first. Welcome.

1 MS. CRONIN: Good afternoon,
2 Chairman Crosby and Commissioner Cameron. Thank
3 you for being here. I know the hard work that
4 your Commission has put forth on this effort for
5 a long time.

6 My name is Claire Cronin. I am your
7 state representative representing the 11th
8 Plymouth district, which includes parts of
9 Brockton and the majority of the town of Easton.
10 I serve on the committee -- the Joint Committee
11 for Economic Development and Emerging
12 Technologies. So, I'm very well aware and we've
13 dealt with many gaming issues within our
14 committee. So, I'm quite aware of the issues
15 that we face today.

16 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Give my best to
17 Chairman Wagner.

18 MS. CRONIN: Will do, I'll see him
19 tomorrow. In any event, we are here today to
20 discuss some of the impact on the surrounding
21 communities. You will hear from our chairman of
22 the board of selectmen, Colleen Corona, who will
23 address some issues relative to mitigation.
24 Certainly, as a surrounding community, Easton

1 has some issues regarding mitigation, which she
2 will address.

3 What I would like to address is a
4 little bit different. Prior to being elected as
5 a state representative, I served as an attorney
6 and I worked for 12 years working as a mediator.
7 Like you, as mediators we deal with many, many
8 issues.

9 And as we go forward in this, there
10 will be issues that will have to be resolved
11 between the surrounding communities and the
12 operator of the slots machine. I have full
13 faith and confidence in the parties to this
14 negotiation that any issues that have to be
15 resolved with regard to mitigation, I have
16 confidence in the town of Easton. I also have
17 confidence in the Carney family and the people
18 of the Raynham dog track that they will come
19 forward in fullness, fairness. And I believe
20 that any issues related to mitigation should be
21 easily addressed. I see no reason why they
22 would not.

23 What I also want to address here is
24 one thing that is probably intangible that you

1 must deal with. For many, many years -- I grew
2 up in Brockton, the adjacent community. And for
3 many, many years, the Carney family who have
4 owned and operated the track and many other
5 businesses here have been very strong community
6 partners. They have given back to this
7 community.

8 They are local. When you talk about
9 whether it be all politics is local or anything,
10 we don't have an outsider coming into our area.
11 We have people who have shown a long, long track
12 record -- no pun intended -- for being a very
13 strong, good part of our community. I think
14 when you're considering where a slot machine is
15 located, you must take into consideration the
16 role of that entity with their local and
17 surrounding community.

18 For years, they've been open-minded.
19 It's not that I am here to just sing their
20 praises, but they have been a good, strong
21 community partner. And I believe over time
22 would be very good for our town.

23 We are not here, as we said, to
24 discuss the pros and cons of gaming. That issue

1 has been a forgone conclusion. But I am also
2 here as a member of the Joint Committee on
3 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
4 to say that the number one issue in this area
5 are the jobs that will be created.

6 And this project will create 1000
7 construction jobs in the construction of the
8 project, but beyond that 800 jobs for this
9 region and this area, which is desperately
10 needed.

11 So, in that I ask for your support
12 and hope that as we move forward you will
13 address these issues. And I thank you for your
14 time and your hard work. I know it has been a
15 very long process for you.

16 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

18 MS. CRONIN: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Colleen Corona.

20 MS. CORONA: Hello, my name is
21 Colleen Corona. I'm the chairman of the board
22 of selectmen in Easton. And I would like to
23 thank you for hosting this meeting in Easton.
24 It's a great opportunity for us to express our

1 concerns.

2 The town of Easton is thankful that
3 the legislation allows for mitigation for
4 surrounding communities. As you are aware, the
5 proposed gaming facility is very close to
6 Easton's border. And Easton is very concerned,
7 particularly about impacts to public safety, but
8 also traffic, housing, stock and schools.

9 The Raynham proponents own
10 engineering studies show that there will be
11 about 50 percent of the traffic impact will be
12 to our community. And we believe that that
13 report really slightly understates the impact to
14 our community. So, that is our big concern.

15 As representatives of the town, it
16 is our fiscal responsibility to work to find the
17 best proposal for Easton. We look forward to
18 working with the proponents. We've been working
19 with them and we look forward to working with
20 them in reaching a fair mitigation agreement
21 that addresses the concerns that Easton has
22 about this project. Thank you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. I
24 believe we have Mr. Pacheco from Raynham.

1 MR. PACHECO: Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman. Good evening and good evening
3 Commissioner Cameron as well. I will be
4 extremely brief because I know I will have
5 another opportunity to address you at a later
6 date.

7 First, thank you for coming down to
8 our neck of the woods. Again, we appreciate
9 that. As I told Judge McHugh, we definitely
10 don't envy the decision you have before you.
11 But I again wanted to go on record and say my
12 unequivocal support for this proposal.

13 My involvement dates back seven
14 years ago, Commissioner Cameron, as I was a
15 senior at Bridgewater State. That's when I was
16 elected to my first term as a selectman. My
17 family and the Carney family have a lot of
18 parallels. My grandfather started a business in
19 the town of Raynham at the age of 17. It was a
20 family-owned business for over 50 years, very
21 similar to the Carney family.

22 One thing that my family and the
23 Carney family have in common is a deep
24 commitment to their communities and a deep

1 commitment to making sure that the local
2 communities have an opportunity for their
3 residents to have good, stable high-paying jobs.

4 This proposal, make no mistake, in
5 my opinion offers just that, an infusion of jobs
6 not just to a community Raynham with a 7.2
7 percent unemployment rate, but to a county,
8 Bristol, with over nine percent unemployment.
9 This proposal is sorely needed. And I am eager
10 and looking forward to continuing a discussion
11 with you. And Raynham is always available
12 should you have any questions as the process
13 moves forward. So, thank you both.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
16 much. Any other elected officials that I
17 missed? If Senator Joyce comes in, somebody
18 give me a high sign.

19 In the meantime, Mr. Taataglia.

20 MR. TAATAGLIA: Commission members,
21 I need a milk crate for this. I have known Mr.
22 Carney for close to 70 years. I have been a
23 neighbor of his at the Brockton Fairgrounds. I
24 have a restaurant in Brockton. I live in Easton

1 at 90 Bow Place.

2 And Mr. Carney has been the epitome
3 of a community that he has gelled together at
4 the Brockton Fair. When he took over the
5 Brockton Fair, there wasn't 100 people that
6 would come to the Brockton Fair 50 years ago.
7 Mr. Carney took it over, revamped all of the
8 buildings, built all new horse grounds form the
9 horsemen up there and he's been an immaculate
10 person.

11 On his property, there's not a piece
12 of paper. Even when he gets through at the end
13 of the night, I come by at two in the morning
14 because I am closing up my restaurant and he has
15 got his men out there picking up all of the
16 papers whether they come from Burger King or
17 they come from any other place in the area.

18 Mr. Carney will do the same thing in
19 Raynham that he has done in Brockton. And I
20 have to say, Mr. Carney good luck to you on this
21 venture, because I know you'll keep it up 100
22 percent and you will create jobs.

23 Which 50 years ago I worked in a
24 place down the street that was a nightclub. And

1 we used to get all of the track people down
2 there at the end of the night. They would come
3 by and they kept this Route 138 -- they kept it
4 bustling, believe me when I tell you. And now
5 it's sort of dead on that road. But Mr. Carney,
6 he brings in the people, he brings in the jobs,
7 which the people need right now in this area.
8 This area is a tough, tough place to have jobs.

9 Mr. Carney will bring in the jobs.
10 Andy he also will help the retired people that
11 were working at the track that should have never
12 lost their jobs. The track should have never
13 lost their racing dates. They were retired
14 people that didn't make that much money on their
15 retirement in them days, because that's going
16 back say 20 or 30 years ago.

17 Now this is a time for them to come
18 and get their jobs back even if it's part-time
19 or whatever it is. And maybe 138 will be
20 booming again. I wish him all the luck.

21 I also have been a boxing
22 commissioner, a deputy boxing commissioner for
23 17 years. There are really no big venues where
24 they can hold a big boxing match unless you go

1 to Foxwoods or you go to Three Rivers. I think
2 that with this venue that comes to Raynham, it
3 will be a boom for the whole area.

4 I've done fights at the Garden.
5 I've done fights in Worcester. But they have
6 all of the parking down here. They don't have
7 to worry about parking. There's no crime down
8 in that area. It's just a great location for
9 you to put a business and to put slots parlor
10 in. Thank you for listening to me today. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you for
13 coming.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Mr. Krugger.

16 MR. KRUGGER: Hi. My name is Rick
17 Kruger. I am the water superintendent in West
18 Bridgewater. I've been there for 37 years.

19 I met Mr. Carney about 25 years ago.
20 And DP asked us operators if we would help out
21 with private operators at private systems who
22 have trouble getting tied into public water.
23 So, when he built the well, I met him at
24 Sidelines. And I was his overseer of the well

1 there.

2 After a while, Mr. Carney asked me
3 to go down to the track and take a look at his
4 system down there. I worked for Mr. Carney for
5 probably 20 years. I've got to tell you, I've
6 never had a contract with the man. His word is
7 like a rock. When he tells you something, it's
8 good. You don't need it in writing.

9 I was very impressed over the years
10 when I worked down there to see the number of
11 jobs that Mr. Carney created. There's
12 waitresses, carpenters, electricians, plumbers,
13 good middle-class jobs. There were so many
14 cooks and all kinds of jobs like that that were
15 created.

16 I am just proud to say that for all
17 of those years that I worked for him, he never
18 asked me to use anything -- cut corners on
19 anything. He was a first-class operation. And
20 I'm very proud to say for those 20 years, I'm
21 very proud to say I worked for him. He's a
22 great guy.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. I

1 assume that means you are in favor?

2 MR. KRUGGER: Definitely in favor.

3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Julie Flynn.

4 MS. FLYNN: Good evening. Julie
5 Flynn, 42 Brooks Place, West Bridgewater, Mass.
6 I have worked for the Carney family at numerous
7 points in my life. They have given me the
8 opportunity to work there while putting myself
9 through college. That's what paid for me to go
10 to college.

11 When I became a stay-at-home mom, I
12 was able to go back and continue to work for
13 them again with the flexibility of coming back
14 and forth with my children.

15 I now work in the public schools in
16 West Bridgewater. I feel this slots would be a
17 great opportunity for children or adults coming
18 out of high school and are looking for a path
19 that maybe they won't be going to college.
20 Maybe they need another path. I think this
21 would be a great opportunity for them. It has
22 been for my family. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Ted

1 Burgess.

2 MR. BURGESS: Good evening, my name
3 is Ted Burgess. I am the vice president and
4 general manager of Burgess Pest Management out
5 of West Bridgewater, 240 West Center Street.

6 I have the unique perspective as a
7 former employee of the Carneys as well as a
8 current vendor. I believe that my familiarity
9 with the organization can perhaps create some
10 better insight into what they're attempting to
11 do with the opportunity at hand.

12 First and foremost is jobs. Jobs of
13 course will create the opportunity for families
14 to financially support themselves. Support
15 themselves as well as their families. The jobs
16 have also created opportunities for young men
17 and women to support themselves through college,
18 helping them to pay off tuition. I can attest
19 to that. My brother can attest to that. And my
20 sister can attest to that through the help of
21 the Carney family.

22 Many people often need a second
23 chance. On many occasions, the Carney family
24 has been there to support them. Creating job

1 stability, there's an opportunity here to
2 reassure these employees, their families and the
3 surrounding communities that there will be
4 consistent employment.

5 Supporting local vendors, our
6 company has had the opportunity to work with the
7 Carneys for over 20 years. Loyalty, it's not
8 easily found anymore, but the Carney's have
9 provided that. I know other local businesses
10 will be afforded the same opportunity such as
11 mine.

12 There's of course is a trickle-down
13 effect. More patrons, more staff, more support
14 from local vendors and that of course means the
15 local vendors have an opportunity to hire within
16 specifically the local communities.

17 They are family owned and operated.
18 In fact, I would say that the Carneys have a
19 family-first culture. I have come to model the
20 culture that I learned as an employee of theirs
21 within my own business. The Carney family has a
22 vested interest in the success of their
23 employees as well. They're accommodating to
24 parents, to single parents, offering mothers

1 hours or shifts to allow the parents to be home
2 when the kids are home.

3 They run a first-class operation and
4 that starts from the top. There's day to day
5 facing with all of the employees. I can't
6 remember a single day when I showed up to work
7 for the Carney family that I didn't see one of
8 them specifically greeting me, making sure I
9 needed everything for the work for the day.

10 And of course, they are invested in
11 the community. Charitable contributions, and
12 that means the surrounding communities will in
13 fact be the benefactors of this new opportunity.
14 There is no doubt in my mind that the abutting
15 communities will greatly benefit from the Carney
16 family and this opportunity to create a thriving
17 company. Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Lisa
20 Cary.

21 MS. CARY: My name is Lisa Finan-
22 Cary. My address is 2 Brookview Lane in North
23 Easton, Massachusetts. I am a lifelong resident
24 of Easton. I graduated from Oliver Ames,

1 although it doesn't look the same, in 1996 and
2 went onto graduate from Stonehill College in
3 2000.

4 In 1998, after the completion of my
5 sophomore year of college, I was hired by
6 Raynham Park as a mutuel teller. I was playing
7 soccer for Stonehill and Raynham Park was able
8 to accommodate my work schedule with my academic
9 and athletic endeavors.

10 I worked for Raynham Park throughout
11 college. After graduating from college, I began
12 to work for the Department of Children, Youth
13 and Family as a social worker. I was able to
14 supplement my social worker income by continuing
15 to work at Raynham Park on the weekends.

16 Thanks to Raynham Park, I was able
17 to purchase a home in Easton at the age of 24.
18 I learned so many things about interpersonal
19 relationship skills while employed at Raynham
20 Park. I gained self-confidence and made
21 lifelong friends. I hope that if Raynham Park
22 continue their slot license that many more
23 Easton residents can take advantage of the many
24 benefits that Raynham Park has to offer. Thank

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
4 much. We have former elected officials who
5 occasionally speak to whom we also invite. And
6 I understand that former Mayor Yuwitz is here,
7 Mr. Mayor.

8 HON. YUWITZ: Thank you. Jack
9 Yuwitz from Brockton. As the former mayor, I
10 speak principally for the workers that came from
11 my community and from all of the communities
12 around here with the hope that we can all see
13 them go back to work.

14 I want to tell you when the dogs
15 left Raynham, the Carney family didn't leave
16 those employees. They stayed with them for as
17 long as possible at considerable expense because
18 they deeply understand the value of community
19 and the value that families have on a community.

20 The Carney family could have moved
21 anywhere in the world and that when Brockton was
22 suffering through its hardest and toughest
23 times, they stayed. And they continue to
24 contribute on a regular basis.

1 I don't think you can say that about
2 any other applicant for any other casino or
3 parlor in Massachusetts. That the family that
4 is driving the train is the community. The
5 people that have worked there have worked there
6 for 20, 30 and even more years. And it's been a
7 great, great opportunity for people to get to
8 the next level, their second car, the college,
9 tuition, and boy do we need that right now in
10 our region.

11 I do want to say just two things
12 about impact. First of all, back in the 70s
13 this was the busiest racetrack in the country.
14 There was an impact but the impact was never
15 negative. It generated growth in and around the
16 community. It brought people in and it will
17 again.

18 Secondly, that you couldn't ask for
19 a better location in terms of siting with access
20 to both highways 24 and 495 and very little
21 impact. Remember these people won't be coming
22 like football games all at once and leaving all
23 at once. People will be coming at intervals.

24 Finally, I want to say that it is

1 still so close to Boston that we expect
2 secondary business to come out of Boston from
3 the convention centers, from the hotels into our
4 region. And they will spend money in our
5 region.

6 So, in addition to the jobs that
7 will be created at the track, there will be
8 residual benefit for all of the communities
9 around here in its restaurants, in its shopping.
10 And hopefully with new home growth for some of
11 the employees.

12 I know it's been a terribly onerous
13 task that you have had. We really appreciate
14 what you are doing for the Commonwealth. We do
15 see this as being an important part of keeping
16 Massachusetts money in Massachusetts and
17 bringing national money back to our region.

18 So, thanks very much for what you're
19 doing. Please, take whatever effort you can to
20 consider our community and this great family.
21 Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
24 much, Mr. Mayor. We have a town manager here,

1 town manager from Middleborough, Mr. Cristello.
2 My apologies, I should have gotten you earlier
3 in line.

4 MR. CRISTELLO: That's okay.
5 Chairman Crosby, Commissioner Cameron, thank you
6 for being here. I'm here representing the town
7 of Middleborough and our board of selectmen, and
8 speaking to you as a potential surrounding
9 community.

10 I say potential because as of this
11 date, we still don't know whether or not there
12 will be impacts in Middleborough. Our concerns
13 are primarily traffic. We did have one very
14 important cordial meeting with Mr. Carney and we
15 exchanged several emails about what we need to
16 be able to make a determination about whether or
17 not we are impacted at all.

18 As of yesterday, I did receive an
19 email from Mr. Bonner telling me that Mass.
20 Highway had a similar request to have them
21 provide more detailed trip generation and
22 traffic information. And that be provided to us
23 as well when it is available.

24 So, again as of today we just

1 consider ourselves a potential surrounding
2 community. We may have to file a petition with
3 you by the end of the month just to preserve our
4 rights. Hopefully, we'll be able to have that
5 information soon and come to some decision on
6 whether we're impacted and whether we need to
7 negotiate any kind of mitigation package with
8 the developer.

9 That's all I'm here to say. Thank
10 you for coming down here and letting us testify
11 locally.

12 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
14 much. And you have a town planner here as well?

15 MR. CRISTELLO: She had another
16 deadline she had to meet and she couldn't come.

17 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
18 Reverend Wiley.

19 REV. WILEY: My name is Jill Wiley
20 and I'm a minister in Brockton. I wasn't aware
21 that I was signing a sheet for speaking. So, I
22 figured that's a sign that I need to say
23 something. That's just to register once again
24 opposition to gaming. Even though the issue has

1 been decided in one respect, in the broader
2 social respect and certainly the concerns that
3 churches and the people of faith have for the
4 impacts of any kind of gambling on a community
5 that that be registered.

6 I appreciate that and I am taken
7 aback but I think this is the kind of meeting we
8 need to have on and on into the far future as
9 this issue becomes more dominant in our country.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Generally
14 speaking, this is not an interactive
15 opportunity, but once in a while something comes
16 up that I think is important to mention. And I
17 mentioned this at a couple of other of these
18 public meetings.

19 The Legislature was wise enough to
20 realize that there is the potential negative
21 consequence of problem gambling. That and
22 traffic are widely perceived as the most
23 significant potential problems. The Legislature
24 has set up a structure where once this business

1 is fully up and running, there will be \$15-\$20
2 million set aside for research, treatment,
3 prevention, etc. of problem gambling. \$15-\$20
4 million which is more than a third of the total
5 amount that was spent in the United States last
6 year.

7 So, there is a lot of money. People
8 know this is an issue. We're taking it very
9 seriously. And there are the resources to
10 manage this issue as best as it can possibly be
11 managed. And we're committed to doing that.

12 Mike Ratcliffe.

13 MR. RATCLIFFE: My name is Mike
14 Ratcliffe. I live at 19 Pleasant Heights Drive
15 in North Easton. Chairman and Commissioner,
16 thank you very much for allowing me to speak. I
17 hope to speak actually for two reasons.

18 One is my wife, who is not here, she
19 sells fine wine. She sells fine wine in this
20 area, between 93 and 495, between Route 1 and
21 Route 3. She's got about 40 to 50 clients. And
22 they are extremely excited about the opportunity
23 of the track opening up again. Realizing that
24 small businesses and they see that this is going

1 to be an increase of demand for their services.
2 And I am sure that is probably the case for a
3 number of small businesses in the area.

4 I'm a small businessman myself. I
5 run a consulting business. My clients aren't in
6 this area, but I can fully understand that small
7 businesses in the area must be exceptionally
8 excited about the track opening up again.

9 The second reason that I wanted to
10 speak was on a personal reason. Both my wife
11 and I used to go to the track on a regular basis
12 not to gamble but to go to the restaurant. We'd
13 go there on a Saturday night. It was one of the
14 best restaurants in the area. It was
15 exceptionally well run, fantastic steaks, a lot
16 of fun. Obviously, the people who worked there
17 really loved working there. I was very sad when
18 it closed down. And hopefully look forward to
19 it opening up again.

20 So, thank you very much for allowing
21 me to speak.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
24 much for coming. I'm not sure that I'm in the

1 right sequence here, but Jody Payne from Unite
2 Here.

3 MS. PAYNE: Good afternoon,
4 Commissioners. My name is Jody Payne. I am a
5 resident of Brockton. I have worked for 33
6 years as a banquet server at the Sheraton Boston
7 Hotel. And I'm a member of the United Here
8 local 26.

9 In the 1980s, with the help of my
10 union, we brought to light sexual harassment
11 that was occurring in my department. Even with
12 the union, I hesitated to speak up for over a
13 year. I can't imagine how long it would have
14 taken me to speak up if I had not had the job
15 security of my union.

16 Initially, there were no women
17 allowed as banquet servers in the hotels. Now
18 over half of us are women. These are good
19 paying tip jobs. And with the union, women have
20 been able to access these jobs. Hospitality
21 jobs like in the proposed slot power can be
22 stable, family sustaining jobs but only if the
23 workers have a strong union. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Barry
2 Hock.

3 MR. HOCK: My name is Barry Hock. I
4 am the director of UAW Mass. Gaming for region
5 9A. I am a resident of Needham, Mass. And I am
6 here to testify about the Raynham Park proposal.

7 We see that their application, like
8 the other two slots applications doesn't include
9 the statutory requirement for detailed plans for
10 ensuring labor harmony during all phases of
11 construction and operation of the establishment.

12 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Did you say the
13 application does not?

14 MR. HOCK: That's right. None of
15 them have attached labor harmony agreements
16 signed by the unions that are interested. This
17 is important because as the previous speaker
18 mentioned, good jobs are a result of workers
19 having the right to organize. And that's
20 ensured by these labor harmony agreements.

21 Labor harmony agreements don't favor
22 unions or management. They create for all a
23 level playing field. So, while the unions agree
24 to use arbitration instead of strikes and job

1 actions to settle differences, the employer
2 agrees to let the workers free from interference
3 if they want to be represented by a union. Then
4 the employer honors that choice if the workers
5 choose a union.

6 The only way to ensure labor
7 harmony, the first step is to insist that the
8 developers as part of their application for this
9 very valuable license put their commitment in
10 legally binding documents before the license is
11 awarded. These documents should be
12 comprehensive, signed, neutrality and card check
13 agreements with unions that cover 100 percent of
14 the operating workforce.

15 In this case, we've met with Mr.
16 Carney and had a good meeting with him. We've
17 requested a meeting with Greenwood Racing. We
18 haven't heard back from them. But we hope to be
19 meeting with them soon. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, very
21 much.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Kerrie Babin.

24 MS. BABIN: Good afternoon, Mr.

1 Chairman and members of the Commission. My
2 name is Kerrie Babin. I am the president of the
3 Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. I'm here
4 representing over 500 member businesses in the
5 greater Taunton region.

6 The Chamber is here today for what
7 we desperately need in our region, jobs. The
8 parties have a long-standing tradition of being
9 one of the largest employers in our region for
10 over 70 years. Today, even though they have had
11 to eliminate many of the employees they once
12 retained as a result of the ban on greyhound
13 racing, they have still been able to maintain
14 well over 100 local residents as employees.

15 When considering all proposals, the
16 Chamber hopes that the Commission would consider
17 not only the benefits to the host community, but
18 also the contiguous communities. Jobs in our
19 opinion must be at the forefront of any proposal
20 in your decisions to award licenses.

21 The Chamber believes that Raynham's
22 proposal meets the spirit of the law and
23 provides tangible benefits to the town of
24 Raynham and to its contiguous communities. Our

1 economy needs jobs and it needs them quickly.
2 Simply, Raynham Park presents the greatest
3 opportunity on the table to create the most new
4 jobs. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: David Gagne.

8 MR. GAGNE: Mr. Chairman and Ms.
9 Cameron, thank you for holding this public
10 forum. My name is David Gagne. And I am the
11 town administrator for the town of West
12 Bridgewater.

13 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: I am sorry. I
14 didn't realize from the notes that that's who
15 you were. My apologies.

16 MR. GAGNE: My wife's not impressed
17 either. On behalf of the board of selectmen for
18 the town of West Bridgewater, I am informing you
19 that we are conditionally in favor of the
20 proposed development for a Class 2 gaming
21 license at Raynham Park.

22 Raynham Park was once a vibrant,
23 commercial, local enterprise that gainfully
24 employed many residents that lived in West

1 Bridgewater and currently still do. Moreover,
2 for those that enjoy the gaming experience, it
3 was a wonderful neighborhood establishment to
4 patronize. Once the park lost the ability to
5 continue racing, citizens in this area were
6 harmed.

7 The Carney family has a long and
8 positive relationship with our community. And
9 according to the research that I have performed,
10 the Carney family has made a wise choice in
11 selecting Greenwood Gaming to be its partner.
12 It is apparent that Greenwood has expertise and
13 will bring a high level of proficiency to the
14 project.

15 If the Class 2 license is awarded to
16 Raynham Park, the citizens in the local area
17 will greatly benefit. For these reasons, the
18 town of West Bridgewater is supportive of the
19 project.

20 However, Chapter 195 of the Acts of
21 2011, the defining legislation for Chapter 23K
22 has made very clear the intent to the
23 Legislators. The Legislature is deeply
24 concerned about the impact that a project this

1 size may potentially have on surrounding
2 communities.

3 In watching many of the Mass. Gaming
4 Commission meetings, it is equally clear that
5 the Commission is genuinely concerned about this
6 issue as well. In fact, I would like to
7 personally commend the Commission for all that
8 it has done on this subject.

9 In an extremely painstakingly and
10 transparent manner, muddling through a process
11 that has never been attempted before anywhere in
12 the nation, the Commission's irrefutably made
13 every accommodation possible to inform all of
14 the applicants of the importance of reaching a
15 surrounding community agreement with
16 municipalities who deserve this status.

17 The town of West Bridgewater
18 deserves to be designated a surrounding
19 community. The traffic analysis that Raynham
20 Park commissioned estimates approximately 7000
21 day trips per day to the facility with 40
22 percent of those day trips traveling through the
23 town of West Bridgewater.

24 As of this point, we have not been

1 designated a surrounding community, although the
2 amount of traffic flowing through the town
3 clearly will have an adverse impact. I am here
4 to inform you that without a surrounding
5 community, the town cannot be supportive of the
6 project.

7 However, if the town is designated a
8 surrounding community and the town can reach an
9 agreement that provides for the appropriate
10 financial relief, the town will be supportive.
11 Although this is a binary event, as the leaders
12 of the town, we owe it to our residents not to
13 promote additional hardship. If a project is to
14 be built, we owe it to our residents to provide
15 the best mitigation plan available.

16 In short, the town believes the
17 combination of the Carney family, Greenwood
18 Gaming and Raynham Park make for the best
19 overall proposal in the competition for the sole
20 Class 2 license being available. The town of
21 West Bridgewater just needs financial relief to
22 mitigate the expected 2800 extra cars per day
23 that will travel through the town.

24 We understand this is not the proper

1 forum to make a full presentation subject. And
2 we will reserve the right to do it at a later
3 date, if needed. It is our hope the town will
4 have the opportunity to reach this agreement.
5 If not, we are notifying that we will file by
6 the end of the month as allowed under
7 regulation. Thank you very much.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. As you
10 know, Mr. Administrator, I'll make sure the
11 audience knows, if there is a debate, if there
12 is a dispute between an applicant and a
13 community that thinks it should be designated a
14 surrounding community that disputes ultimately
15 comes to us and we have the authority to make
16 that decision, which we will. So, if there's a
17 dispute, it'll be our decision to determine who
18 is a surrounding community and who is not.
19 Thank you.

20 Mr. Granados, welcome.

21 MR. GRANADOS: Good afternoon. My
22 name is Melvin Granados. I live in Providence,
23 Rhode Island. I worked for the company American
24 Waste Services out of Raynham Park for the

1 Carney family for five and half years. In the
2 same place where George Carney has his dog track
3 or his racetrack and also the same place where
4 he wants to put slot machines.

5 American Waste Services had four
6 municipal contracts with four different cities
7 in Massachusetts to pick up the trash and
8 recycling for all of their residents.

9 American Waste Services was owned by
10 the son of George Carney. His name is Chris
11 Carney. We as workers would go into Raynham
12 Park every single day to pick up the garbage
13 trucks and we would go in every single Friday to
14 pick up our paychecks. So, from our perspective
15 this is really a family-owned business.

16 So, we are here today to denounce
17 what the Carney family has done to us workers.
18 We strongly oppose that the Commission give this
19 license to George Carney just so that the Carney
20 family can continue getting rich off the backs
21 of workers and also with taxpayers' money.

22 So, during all of the years that we
23 were working at American Waste Services they
24 were stealing our wages. We were confident that

1 they were giving us the wages that we were owed
2 by law and were corresponded to us. But they
3 were cheating us because they were not paying us
4 the prevailing wage.

5 Prevailing wage is a higher wage
6 that Chris Carney had to pay us by law because
7 he had public contracts. So, the prevailing
8 wage for where we worked during the time that we
9 worked was anywhere between \$21 and \$26 an hour,
10 but we were only getting paid \$16-\$17 an hour,
11 which means that we were getting robbed of up to
12 nine dollars for every hour that we worked.

13 We had one coworker who worked at
14 American Waste for up to 10 years. This work
15 was incredibly difficult. We had to work
16 hungry. We had to work in any working
17 conditions, in the rain, in the snow, in very
18 hot temperatures, in very cold temperatures.
19 The point was we had to get this route done in
20 the matter of hours that we have.

21 My coworkers and I, there are 17 of
22 us, we have a legal case against Chris Carney
23 back from 2012 in the Norfolk County Supreme
24 Court. And to this date he refuses to pay us.

1 So, the Carney family gets rich off
2 of taking wages as workers and not just us as
3 workers but also taxpayers' money.

4 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Mr. Granados you
5 have to move quickly here.

6 MR. GRANADOS: So, we very much
7 respect the work that you are doing as the
8 Commission. It is very important work, but we
9 cannot allow the license be given to an employer
10 who robs his workers. We also respect very much
11 the residents of Raynham and surrounding towns
12 who will benefit from having this casino. We
13 want them to thrive, but not at the cost of
14 exploiting further workers. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
16 much. We don't know the particulars of this
17 battle, but we do appreciate your comments and
18 everybody has a right to make them. Thank you.

19 MR. GRANADOS: We have some extra
20 information for you to review as a Commission.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Ethan
23 Snow.

24 MR. SNOW: Thank you, Chairman

1 Crosby, Commissioner Cameron. My name is Ethan
2 Snow. I'm a resident of Pembroke, 136 Elmer
3 Street. I'm the political and communications
4 director for the New England Joint Board Unite
5 Here. We represent food-service workers at
6 Bridgewater State University, laundry workers at
7 Churchill Linen in Brockton and also thousands
8 of hospitality workers in Boston's hotels.

9 We also represent gaming hospitality
10 workers across the country in Nevada, New
11 Jersey, newer jurisdictions including
12 Pennsylvania, New York and Rhode Island.

13 Primary objective of the law that
14 legalized casino gaming in Massachusetts was to
15 create quality jobs. A study conducted in 2009
16 by the Labor Resource Center at UMass Boston
17 found that unionization contributed
18 significantly to the high job quality in the
19 gaming industry. In cities where unions
20 represent workers at casino hotels, wages are
21 high enough to support families and workers to
22 enjoy employer-provided benefits such as health
23 insurance, pensions and career ladders.

24 The report went on to describe job

1 quality in Las Vegas where my union, Unite Here,
2 represents 50,000 workers or 90 percent of the
3 hospitality workers in the Las Vegas strip.
4 Unite Here members in Las Vegas earn a living
5 wage. Cooks and housekeepers earn \$18 an hour.
6 Tipped workers including food servers and
7 bartenders earn from \$12-\$17 an hour in addition
8 to tips.

9 So, Unite Here members in Las Vegas
10 also have free family healthcare, a defined
11 benefit pension, access to free job training
12 that allows workers to train for a higher-paying
13 job. These are middle-class jobs that allow
14 casino workers to live the American dream, to
15 buy their own home and send their kids to
16 college. In fact, 68 percent of Unite Here
17 members in Vegas own their own home.

18 Raynham Park's operating partner,
19 Greenwood Racing, has not yet signed an
20 agreement with Unite Here to allow a fair
21 process for workers to organize. We're
22 particularly concerned with the operating
23 partner, Greenwood, because of their employment
24 practices at their only full casino in

1 Philadelphia, which is largely nonunion. We'll
2 be detailing these problems in a written comment
3 to the Commission in the coming weeks.

4 Furthermore, we're worried that
5 these practices by Greenwood are already
6 influencing the plans presented by Raynham Park,
7 LLP. Raynham Park's application says that of
8 the 804 permanent employees they expect to hire,
9 344 will be part-time. This is 43 percent of
10 the jobs they plan to make part-time.

11 Their application describes a
12 substantial gap between average management pay
13 and hourly employees. \$80,000 a year on average
14 for management and \$27,000 a year on average for
15 hourly employees. The expected average is at
16 the bottom or actually below the wage scale for
17 casino workers represented by Unite Here.

18 EVS is the title used in the gaming
19 industry for janitors who keep the property
20 clean. And EVS workers tend to be one of the
21 lower paying jobs at a casino. At Harrah's
22 Casino in Chester, Pennsylvania where Unite Here
23 represents workers, EVS workers earn a minimum
24 of \$27,000 annually with free family healthcare

1 that is premiums at no cost to the employee.
2 And the wages for other jobs classifications go
3 up from there. That's not \$27,000 average but
4 \$27,000 and up.

5 Raynham Park also states in their
6 application that they have no plans for on-site
7 childcare even though childcare for gaming
8 workers is an objective for the gaming statute.
9 And Raynham Park did not answer the question
10 whether they plan to outsource linen,
11 housekeeping or laundry services for the hotel
12 proposed in phase three.

13 We know from experience that when
14 these jobs in hospitality are outsourced, the
15 resulting wages are significantly less than when
16 the work is performed in-house unless there is a
17 provision that subcontractors must also be union
18 if the workers choose to organize.

19 The applicant, Raynham Park, LLC,
20 has a way to address these and other concerns
21 about job quality. Their operating partner,
22 Greenwood Racing, can sign an agreement with
23 Unite Here and the other gaming unions, the
24 teamsters and the operating engineers.

1 Together, our unions represent well over 100,000
2 gaming workers in the United States.

3 Las Vegas has been called the land
4 of the living wage. A new slots casino here in
5 Massachusetts must also provide stable, full-
6 time jobs and family=sustaining benefits. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
9 much.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: I saw Senator
12 Joyce. Tell him he blew his chance. Helen
13 Oakes.

14 MS. OAKES: Good afternoon, Mr.
15 Chairman and Commissioner. My name is Helen
16 Oakes and I live at 892 South Street in
17 Bridgewater. I am also a member of local 580 at
18 Bridgewater State University with Unite Here. I
19 would like to say and put a good word in.

20 My husband was a Vietnam veteran who
21 lost his life to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma from
22 direct contact to Agent Orange. And he's been
23 gone seven years. And being a member of Unite
24 Here and working for Sodexo at Bridgewater State

1 University has been a positive thing for me.

2 I have been one of those that has
3 helped to come up with our new increases for our
4 workers. I'm still in my home. I'm able to go
5 on vacations, even though I miss my husband, but
6 yes.

7 I think a union is a positive to any
8 group of people. And I think if Mr. Carney gets
9 his slot machines into Raynham Park, then Unite
10 Here would be a good union for him to get
11 involved with. We do a lot of positive things
12 to help. Unions have a fair wage, healthcare
13 and lots of positives. That's it. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you. Julia
16 Teves.

17 MS. TEVES: Hello, Commissioner and
18 Chairman. My name is Julia Teves and I live at
19 76 Brenda Ave. in East Bridgewater, Mass. I am
20 a member of Unite Here local 580. And I too
21 work for Sodexo at Bridgewater State University.
22 I am the steward for my cafeteria and the
23 secretary for our local.

24 Having the union has been a benefit

1 to me. We're able to negotiate our contracts
2 every three years. I know what to expect for a
3 raise each year. I know that the union will
4 stand behind me when I confront management if we
5 have a problem in the workplace.

6 I've been able to send my daughter
7 to private high school. She attends Cardinal
8 Spellman. And my husband has gone back to
9 college for his bachelor's degree. And my other
10 daughter just graduated from college.

11 So, it's a good paying job in food
12 service having the union to back us up. Thank
13 you.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

16 Suzanne O'Keefe.

17 MS. O'KEEFE: Good afternoon. I am
18 here on behalf of Tommy Doyle's Pub, which my
19 family owns. We're located at 956 Washington
20 Street in South Easton. And we've been there
21 for approximately 14 years.

22 We feel that by Raynham Park
23 receiving this license, it would only help local
24 businesses like us. In the past years when they

1 had live racing, we and many other businesses
2 benefited by this and we felt the impact at the
3 loss of this. Right now, there are many vacant
4 storefronts on the south end of the Washington
5 Street and very few cars on 138 after 8:00 PM.

6 We feel that Raynham Park receiving
7 this license can only help with the local
8 economy and all local businesses. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN CROSBY:. I can't read the
12 writing, somebody from the Taunton Gazette.
13 Were you here to speak? Apparently not. I know
14 Senator Joyce is a man of few words, but he may
15 come up with something to say.

16 SENATOR JOYCE: So, the first thing
17 I have to say to Steve Crosby, the Chairman,
18 from back in his day when he was Secretary
19 Crosby, he is partially responsible for this
20 beautiful building that we are in. We had a
21 couple of communities, but this was one where we
22 had some legislation goes through to enable a
23 couple of schools to be built. And we had the
24 secretary's support. For that we are deeply

1 appreciative.

2 My purpose to talk today is twofold.
3 First, I'm delighted to hear that the proposal
4 at Raynham has been cleared for the first
5 hurdle. It is no surprise that they have met
6 the standards of good character, honesty,
7 integrity and financial suitability.

8 My understanding is now it is
9 between Raynham, where we have had 86 percent of
10 the locals express support, Leominster, I don't
11 even know where that is, 62 percent expressed
12 support and Plainville, which who would want to
13 go to Plainville, right?

14 So, we have some very, very strong
15 local support for economic development for jobs.
16 We think this is a suitable location where we
17 could have revenue almost immediately for the
18 Commonwealth. We could create good jobs.

19 But all politics being local, I have
20 two caveats. The first is for this community,
21 Easton that I have the pleasure of representing.
22 My understanding from the applicant's traffic
23 studies that 50 percent, some 50 percent of the
24 traffic will be borne by the town of Easton.

1 That's just an example of some of the added
2 expense in terms of infrastructure, public
3 safety and the like. So, I would respectfully
4 ask that the Commissioners encourage the
5 applicant to negotiate with all possible speed
6 and good faith with the surrounding community of
7 Easton.

8 I also want to talk about another
9 community that I have the pleasure of
10 representing, West Bridgewater. Again, by the
11 applicant's own traffic study, some 40 percent
12 of the traffic will go through the town of West
13 Bridgewater. Both of these communities are
14 represented today by their town managers who are
15 present.

16 West Bridgewater has asked for
17 recognition as a surrounding community. On its
18 face, it seems quite apparent that they should
19 receive that recognition, very, very proximate
20 to the site. In addition to having a lot of
21 traffic on Routes 24 and 495, we're going to see
22 a lot of traffic on Route 138, Route 104, Route
23 106. West Bridgewater similarly would like to
24 see this project forward, but would ask that the

1 applicant be instructed and that this Commission
2 determine that they indeed are a surrounding
3 community.

4 And that the mitigation -- I think
5 that comes under Commissioner Cameron, and I
6 appreciate your attendance today, those two
7 communities have very stretched municipal
8 budgets. Extreme concerns about public safety
9 and other infrastructure costs.

10 With those two very, very important
11 local issues addressed, I'm happy to give
12 wholehearted support to this location, which I
13 think is indeed the best of the three.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you,
16 Senator. Nice to see you again. Chandra
17 Gouldrup.

18 SENATOR JOYCE: Excuse me, one
19 second. Impolitely, I forgot to mention that
20 Senator Kennedy is also here from Brockton. And
21 he shares my sentiments, also has the pleasure
22 of representing Easton along with me. So, we
23 both would like to see Easton and West
24 Bridgewater counted as surrounding communities,

1 negotiated with in good faith, get some
2 mitigation and have the project move forward.

3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Would your
4 colleague like to speak? Okay, you go ahead.

5 MS. GOULDRUP: Good evening.
6 Chandra Gouldrup, 37 Lincoln Street, North
7 Easton. I'm here tonight to speak in support of
8 the project at Raynham Park. First thing on a
9 personal level as a resident of Easton, I'm
10 excited about the new prospects not just from a
11 business and commerce point of view in our area,
12 but for the obvious reason it's going to create
13 lots of jobs in our area, which are much needed
14 throughout the nation and specifically in our
15 area.

16 I think it's important to note that
17 from what I know, the track has always been a
18 family owned and operated business. I think
19 that's exactly the type of business we should be
20 supporting. I think similar types of operations
21 are probably run on a much bigger level, on a
22 much more big business, corporate, not
23 necessarily a name and a face to match with it.
24 So, certainly as a resident, I am in support of

1 that.

2 And secondly, I'm also a new
3 business owner in this area. Just opened up a
4 restaurant in downtown Easton area, a breakfast
5 and lunch restaurant, the Farmer's Daughter.
6 And I'm excited about the new prospects of new
7 customers and new business coming into our area.

8 It can certainly only help myself as
9 a small business owner first and foremost
10 because I am so new. Secondly, it can only
11 bring in new customers, new forms of business.
12 I think it is also important that not only is it
13 going to drive traffic in that area but I have
14 seen similarly -- I opened up a place in kind of
15 revitalizing our downtown main street in Easton
16 and I think it is only going to bring in new
17 business. And I think this type of project will
18 do the same on a much bigger level.

19 So, not only is it going to bring in
20 new customers, which would benefit me personally
21 on a business level, but I also think it's going
22 to bring in lots of different types of
23 businesses into our area. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you, very
2 much.

3 SENATOR KENNEDY: Thank you for
4 allowing me to be taken out of turn. I
5 apologize if some of my remarks are repetitive,
6 but when a hearing such as this takes place, I'm
7 sure you like many of us in our business hear
8 repetitive comments. That's what it's all
9 about.

10 My name is Tom Kennedy, Thomas
11 Kennedy and I am a state senator representing
12 Easton, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Whitman,
13 Hansen, Halifax, Hanover and Plympton. But as a
14 lifelong Brocktonian, I can speak with
15 confidence on a number of issues that are
16 relative to today's subject matter.

17 The first being that the Carney
18 family I hold in the highest regard, for their
19 quality of character, their strong and rich
20 reputation for the treatment that they've always
21 extended to their communities that they deal
22 with, their business and their workers that
23 under their employment.

24 They are extremely generous both to

1 charities and community activities. And they
2 are extremely generous and considerate of their
3 workforce. Proof of that is folks that have
4 worked for the Carneys have stayed there for
5 decades. They have been good jobs, good wages,
6 good benefits, and good conditions. They are
7 respected and they are loved by the Carneys.

8 An example, when the law went in,
9 the referendum went in doing away with greyhound
10 racing, they had to lay off in part lifelong
11 friends about six or 700 employees.

12 It was a devastating blow to the
13 workers but equally so to George Carney, his
14 brother and the other family members, his late
15 brother. They struggled through thick and thin
16 or though thin I should say since then keeping
17 the place open, the park open and retained 125
18 employees.

19 If things should result in a
20 decision being made at a different location,
21 then that facility will close the next day. It
22 would be the end of the 75 years of history.
23 And the end of the opportunities for this
24 community to have a good source of employment

1 and the spinoff of all of the ancillary agencies
2 and vendors and the like that benefit from a
3 facility like the track was and like they will
4 be under this new guise of casino resort. I
5 can't say enough about that.

6 I've known Chris and the plumbing
7 company that has worked at that facility and two
8 generations of plumbers and the supply houses
9 they bought from. Many of my neighbors and a
10 number of my constituents have worked there.
11 Again, almost two or three generation of jobs
12 being passed down from one family member to
13 another.

14 I think the benefits are so
15 overwhelmingly speak in favor of this proposal
16 that the weight of the scales would be tipped
17 completely to one side.

18 I truly respect the town of Easton
19 to try to be -- in their responsibility get as
20 best of a deal that they can with the
21 mitigation. And I'm confident that that will be
22 done.

23 So, again the reputation of the
24 developer that I am so familiar with has a

1 strong history of fairness and active concern
2 about the area, the town and the city and the
3 surrounding areas that he has lived in and cares
4 about and has enjoyed for all of these many
5 years.

6 So, it's a strong and marvelous
7 reputation. If I say anything else, I'm trying
8 to find the right words without sounding too
9 over-the-top. But I think if you ask people far
10 and wide and from every walk of life and you
11 mention that name and the name of the company
12 and the family, and they all say good things and
13 glowing things. And that means a lot in my
14 opinion.

15 And it means a lot to elected
16 officials, but it means a lot more to the people
17 that we serve and we know and that they put
18 their trust in us. I put my trust in George
19 Carney and the Carney family. And I'm confident
20 that the community will be well served with this
21 project going to that direction. I thank you,
22 very much.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you very
24 much.

1 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you,
2 Senator.

3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: That is everybody
4 that we have on our sign-up sheet. Has anybody
5 else come in that is not on the sign-up sheet
6 that wanted to speak?

7 Some people were concerned when we
8 announced that we were having this meeting at
9 four because they felt that they wouldn't be
10 able to get here to speak. We assured everybody
11 that we would be here at least until six
12 o'clock.

13 Would you like to speak, Sir?
14 Please come on up. When this gentleman is done,
15 we will hang around and see whether or not
16 anybody else shows up, because we want to be
17 sure that we don't miss anybody who had to work
18 until 5:00 or 5:30.

19 MR. MOYNIHAN: Good afternoon. I'm
20 a citizen of Brockton. My name is Patrick
21 Moynihan. I too could endorse the Carneys.

22 I'm here to ask a question because I
23 expected from the media reports that I read that
24 that would be one of the things I could do. And

1 I think it would be a little bit insightful to
2 consider what I've not seen and that's the MBTA
3 plans to come through with the commuter rail.
4 And they haven't talked about how the trains
5 would run or anything, but considering the
6 layout of the casino and the fact that there is
7 more than gambling, and mentioned earlier
8 drinking and the traffic situations, I see that
9 it would be a bright idea to incorporate a stop
10 not just in Easton, but probably right at the
11 facility along the commuter rail to keep people
12 who leave more than who come by commuter to the
13 casino that they could go home in a safer manner
14 than might be behind the wheel.

15 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: I was just going
16 to say in general this isn't a question-and-
17 answer. But since we do have time to kill, I
18 would be happy to answer that except I don't
19 know anything about it.

20 MR. MOYNIHAN: I wanted to go on
21 record that it should be considered. And I
22 think part of the Commission's job is to see
23 that loopholes or questions are answered or
24 things that have not been brought up should be

1 if there is something to be considered
2 meritorious about them.

3 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Yes. Once we know
4 where these facilities are, we'll certainly be
5 talking to other state agencies to do whatever
6 seems appropriate to maximize traffic flow
7 throughput, safety all of those issues. So,
8 that is a perfectly legitimate and interesting
9 idea.

10 MR. MOYNIHAN: And others who spoke
11 have had reason to cite things that they brought
12 up. I would like to offer my viewpoint and you
13 may take it as rebuttal. But there has been one
14 group here that has been discontented and has
15 spoken to you regarding that.

16 And I see the type of jobs that they
17 took, they knew full well what they were getting
18 into. If they didn't look at what the average
19 salaries out there for that kind of work were
20 that does not lie on the contract that they
21 established with Mr. Carney. And it appears to
22 me that he met in good faith.

23 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: This is really not
24 our thing.

1 MR. MOYNIHAN: But it is quite clear
2 that their gripe shouldn't even be with Mr.
3 Carney, because it was they who made mistakes if
4 there were any made. He didn't cheat anyone.

5 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Okay. Thank you,
6 very much.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMERON: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Anybody else,
9 comments that pertain to the issue before us?

10 MS. O'TOOLE: Hi, thank you for
11 being here. I'm one of those people that signed
12 on the wrong sheet or the sheet that I wanted to
13 speak, but I didn't.

14 Just to introduce myself, I'm Noreen
15 O'Toole. And I'm the town planner for
16 Stoughton. I'm just here this afternoon just
17 for the record that Stoughton is interested in
18 applying to be a potential surrounding
19 community. We have concerns.

20 If people bypass Route 24, they'll
21 be coming through Stoughton. We have quite a
22 bit of traffic now in Stoughton. And I think
23 that we would be impacted by us such a use
24 happening in Raynham. I know if there was an

1 accident on 24, they would definitely be coming
2 through our way and we would be impacted.

3 So, for the record, I just wanted it
4 to be noted that Stoughton would be applying to
5 be a surrounding community. Thanks.

6 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: And you know that
7 deadline is the 31st of the month?

8 MS. O'TOOLE: I do.

9 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Thank you.
10 Anybody else? We are going to temporarily
11 adjourn and wait to see if anybody else comes.
12 Those of you who have spoken or have come out on
13 a school night, thank you very much. We
14 appreciate you taking the time to be here. And
15 we know you are all busy. So, thank you.

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17 (A recess was taken)

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19 CHAIRMAN CROSBY: Okay. We are
20 going to finish this up. I don't have any more
21 people signed up. Is there anybody out there
22 who didn't sign up who wants to speak?

23 I do want to read a letter, which
24 was delivered to me from the Mayor of Taunton.

1 Dear Chairman Crosby and Commission
2 members: I wish to register my support for the
3 slot parlor proposed by Raynham Park, LLC. The
4 city of Taunton has been designated by the
5 proponent as a surrounding community, which I
6 believe was a good-faith gesture on its part to
7 address genuine impacts.

8 While negotiations have not yet been
9 finalized, I remain confident that a surrounding
10 community agreement to address our concerns will
11 be reached through firm but amicable
12 negotiations. Certainly, Taunton and its
13 residents will also have much to gain from this
14 project.

15 Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park has a
16 long history of employing Taunton residents and
17 there is every reason to believe that this
18 practice will continue at a slot facility on the
19 same site. Indeed the proposed slot parlor at
20 Raynham Park would create much-needed
21 construction and permanent operational jobs as
22 well as increased opportunities for small
23 business vendors that will stand to benefit our
24 entire region.

1 As you well know, I am a strong
2 proponent of the Expanded Gaming Act. Although,
3 Taunton looks forward to project First Light
4 proposed by the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe and its
5 positive effects on our local economy. I feel
6 the Raynham Park proposal gives our local
7 residents and businesses additional employment
8 and economic opportunities.

9 Competition breeds success and these
10 two proposals in Region C can and will
11 harmoniously coexist. As mayor of the city of
12 Taunton, I support the proposed project to
13 Raynham Park. Thank you for your time and
14 consideration. Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr., Mayor of
15 Taunton.

16 Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We will make
17 them part of the file. There is no need holding
18 everybody up while we read additional letters.
19 These are from three businesses that are
20 expressing support of the project. We will add
21 these to our are large file on these cases.

22 So, if there's nothing else, we will
23 adjourn this meeting. Thank you all very much
24 for hosting us and hanging with us and we will

1 see you again.

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3 (Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.)

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1 SPEAKERS:

2 Claire Cronin, State Representative

3 Brian Joyce, State Senator

4 Thomas Kennedy, State Senator

5 Joe Pacheco, State Representative

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7 Kerrie Babin, Taunton

8 Ted Burgess, West Bridgewater

9 Lisa Cary, Easton

10 Colleen Corona, Easton

11 Charles Cristello, Middleborough

12 Julie Flynn, West Bridgewater

13 David Gagne, West Bridgewater

14 Chandra Gouldrup, North Easton

15 Melvin Granados, American Waste Services

16 (Testimony provided via interpreter)

17 Barry Hock, UAW

18 Richard Krugger, West Bridgewater

19 Patrick Moynihan, Brockton

20 Helen Oakes, Bridgewater

21 Suzanne O'Keefe, South Easton

22 Noreen O'Toole, Stoughton

23 Jody Payne, Brockton

24 Mike Ratcliffe, North Easton

1 SPEAKERS (continued):

2 Ethan Snow, Unite Here

3 Charles Taataglia, Easton

4 Julia Teves, East Bridgewater

5 Rev. Jill Wiley, Brockton

6 Hon. Jack Yuwitez, Brockton

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