

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS Joseph A. Curtatone MAYOR

October 2, 2013

Jacqui Krum Senior Vice President and General Counsel Wynn Resorts Development 3131 Las Vegas Boulevard South Las Vegas, NV 89109

Re: Funding of Impact Analysis for City of Somerville

Dear Ms. Krum:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 17, 2013. While I appreciate your offer to provide the City of Somerville with your consultant's economic impact study, traffic studies, and environmental-related filings with the Commonwealth, it is imperative for the City of Somerville to also be in a position to independently assess impacts as a potential surrounding community, without expense or delay.

Promptly informing the City as to whether your firm intends to designate Somerville as a "surrounding community" in advance of filing the RFA-2 application is consistent with 205 CMR 125.00. Notwithstanding, even as a potential surrounding community, Somerville must have the opportunity, without incurring expense, to engage expert technical consultants to study impacts from the proposed gaming establishment.

As you are well aware, the RFA-2 deadline for gaming license applications is December 31, 2013. Time is of the essence. Your response amounts to a denial of the City's request for funding to study potential impacts. Furthermore, I reject your assertion that funding of technical assistance be limited so as to avoid "duplication of efforts" undertaken by your consultants. We strongly believe that Somerville's independent review of potential impacts correlates with the scope of the proposed gaming establishment, rather than an applicant's study of its' proposed establishment.







We request the delivery of additional, detailed information explaining the scope and extent of any environmental clean-up work associated with the proposed gaming establishment, including the limits of any work in the Mystic River, and any impacts associated with the work in or upon the waterway and submerged lands within Somerville's municipal boundaries. The plan provided does not illustrate the water boundary between Somerville and Everett, or the location of any proposed work in proximity to the boundary.

A member of my staff will contact you to arrange for a meeting with your representatives. I would expect that your firm will deliver copies of all of the reports and studies referenced in your letter to Somerville, in advance, and at no charge to the City, to allow for an informed discussion.

I look forward to hearing back from you within the next seven (7) days as to:

- (1) your timetable for when you will determine whether you intend to designate Somerville as a surrounding community;
- (2) whether your firm will participate in the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's partnership with regional planning agencies, here MAPC, for technical services on a regional basis; <u>and</u>, if so,
- (3) if your firm voluntarily agrees to provide the requested \$150,000.00 to fund technical assistance so that this important work can begin at once.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Curtatone

Mayor

cc:

John Ziemba, Ombudsman, Mass. Gaming Commission

Marc Draisen, Executive Director, MAPC Carlo DeMaria, Mayor, City of Everett