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Re: *Public Records Request Concerning Suffolk Downs*

Dear Attorney Rodrigues:

This letter is in response to your August 20, 2013, public records request for the following:

Request 1: Any and all documents pertaining to or referring to the proposed casino development by Suffolk Downs Sterling Suffolk Racetrack, LLC located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Boston.

Request 2: Any and all documents that pertain to the environmental, economic, traffic, fiscal, social and other impacts on any municipality, not limited to the City of Boston, by the proposed casino development by Suffolk Downs Sterling Suffolk Racetrack, LLC located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Boston.

Request 3: Any and all meeting minutes and/or transcripts and meeting notification required by the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 18 – 25 et seq.) of the City of Boston Host Community Advisory Committee.

Request 4: Any and all meeting minutes and/or transcripts and meeting notification required by the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 18 – 25 et seq.) of the Boston Redevelopment Authority in which the proposed casino development by Suffolk Downs Sterling Suffolk Racetrack, LLC located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Boston, is referred to or discussed.

Request 5: Any and all documents referring or pertaining to the proposed casino development by Suffolk Downs Sterling Suffolk Racetrack, LLC located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Boston.

Many of the documents that are responsive to your request are currently available to the public at the East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library or they are on the City's website at www.cityofboston.gov/gaming. For example, please review the aforementioned City website for summary documents that pertain to the environmental, economic, fiscal, and transportation review (See Request 2). Additionally, meeting minutes and notifications for the Host Community Advisory Committee may be found at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/gaming/meetings>. (See Request 3).

The City of Boston has no responsive documents to Request 4. The Boston Redevelopment Authority is a separate legal entity from the City of Boston. I would recommend that you send a letter to their keeper of records requesting the aforementioned documents. Their address is as follows:

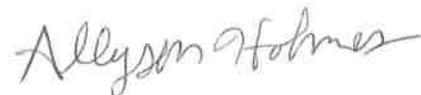
Keeper of Records
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

The City of Boston will treat Request 1 and Request 5 as the same request, because they are identical except for a typographical change. (Request 1 states "Any and all documents *pertaining to or referring to* the proposed casino..." and Request 5 states "Any and all documents *referring or pertaining to* the proposed casino..."). Emphasis supplied. Again, many of the documents referring or pertaining to the proposed Suffolk Downs development are available at no charge to the public on the City of Boston website, including the City's Host Community Agreement. Upon your review of the documents publically available, I would be happy to discuss with you any additional documents you are requesting. There are portions of your request that are overly broad so if you could possibly narrow the scope of your request, that would be helpful in gathering any additional documents you may be seeking.

Please note that a portion of the requested documents are exempt from disclosure due to attorney-client privilege (see *Suffolk Construction Co. v. Division of Capital Asset Management*, 449 Mass. 444 (2007)) as well as the Massachusetts Public Records Law, including, but not limited to, G.L. c. 4, §§ 7(26)(a) and (d).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at 617-635-4056.

Sincerely,



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