



**Massachusetts and Springfield Elected Officials & Community Organizations
Salute MGM Springfield
on Grand Opening, August 24, 2018**

“From the rubble rises a phoenix.’ Many did not give us a chance that we would; let alone recover, but more importantly move forward, after the devastating EF-3 tornado that hit one third of our beloved Springfield on June 1, 2011. Through resiliency, good planning and policy decisions, we landed a world and first-class catalyst in MGM Resorts International to spur an overall \$3.7 billion economic development rebirth and redefining of our whole Springfield. As Frank Sinatra would croon – ‘The best is yet to come!’ I am proud and thankful of MGM’s nearly \$1 Billion belief, investment and partnership with our city. Here’s to continued success! God Bless.”

**Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
City of Springfield**

“After years of anticipation, the people of Massachusetts are ready to celebrate the grand opening of the new MGM resort casino in downtown Springfield. A billion dollars of investment has helped grow the local economy, create thousands of good paying jobs, and transform one of our most iconic neighborhoods. It’s an exciting time to be in the City of Springfield. When the doors open to the public on Friday, our local renaissance will continue, and a new chapter in the region’s long and rich history will be written.”

Congressman Richard E. Neal

“Our Administration is excited to officially welcome MGM to Springfield and we look forward to the new economic and job opportunities this project will help bring throughout the region. This project is a major investment in the workforce and economy of Western Massachusetts, and will also provide support to several important partnerships between education centers and community organizations.”

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker

“Through partnerships between the Commonwealth, the City of Springfield and MGM, we are working hard to ensure all visitors enjoy a wonderful and safe time at the casino. We congratulate all the project partners on the grand opening, and look forward to working together on further economic development opportunities in Springfield.”

Massachusetts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

“The opening of MGM Springfield represents another milestone for the Commonwealth, not just a gaming milestone, but an economic development milestone. With the addition of a destination resort to our already well-regulated gaming industry, we will begin to more fully realize the benefits of increased jobs and state and local revenue.”

State Representative Robert A. Deleo
House Speaker

"Springfield is in the midst of a renaissance, and this new development, new entertainment venues and new economic growth is good for the entire region."

State Senator Eric Lesser
Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies

“MGM has been a great local partner; fully committing itself to better the lives of our residents and playing an integral role in our city’s revitalization efforts. The 3,000 job milestone represents the fruits of this partnership and is just the beginning of great things to come for Springfield.”

State Senator James Welch

“MGM jobs will unquestionably provide the needed spark to Springfield’s economic success. Springfield's greatest strength is its diversity and we are excited to have them here and look forward to working with MGM to assure that as it flourishes so will the opportunities for our residents, neighborhoods and the region.”

State Representative Carlos Gonzalez

"I am so thrilled that MGM is officially opening. It's been a long journey but well worth it. MGM has delivered on their promises of a world class resort in Springfield and another first for our great city."

State Representative Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

As a lifelong resident and City Official I have seen Springfield in its heyday and its struggles. With the vast investment and commitment that MGM has made in Springfield, we are experiencing a 'rebirth' like no other. MGM's investment has changed the course of history for many of our residents and future generations!

State Representative Jose Tosado

"This is a historic time in our city. MGM has met its promise to the City of Springfield thus far, and I look forward to a long, successful partnership with MGM Springfield."

Orlando Ramos
Springfield City Council, President

"It's been a long journey. Seven years, five casino companies, two referendums, and thousands of hours were spent on getting us to today. In the end, MGM's brand and promise rose above the rest. Springfield's time has come and MGM is a large part of our resurgence."

Michael A. Fenton
Springfield City Council
Chair, Casino Oversight Committee

"MGM Springfield is a welcome addition to the vibrant tourism and hospitality amenities that make Western Massachusetts such an attractive destination to visitors from around the world. MGM has created unique partnerships with our local tourism industry and with small businesses so that the whole region can benefit. We look forward to welcoming new audiences from around the world to experience Massachusetts."

François-Laurent Nivaud
Executive Director
Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism