

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

October 22, 2025

***A Resolution in Support of Restoring Casino Mitigation Funding For
The City of Springfield***

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has served as the host community for the MGM Springfield resort casino since 2018, bearing significant ongoing costs related to public safety, traffic management, and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's **Community Mitigation Fund** was created to offset these regional impacts and provide vital support to Springfield and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, **\$3 million in casino mitigation funding for the City of Springfield** was eliminated from the state budget, creating a hardship for local programs that rely on these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Legislature recently allocated **\$10 million in mitigation funding to Eastern Massachusetts communities** to address the impacts of the **2026 FIFA World Cup**, while Western Massachusetts communities lost their casino mitigation support; and

WHEREAS, in the name of **regional equity and fairness**, the City of Springfield and its neighboring communities deserve continued support to address the unique impacts of casino operations; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts **State Adam Gomez of Springfield and Senator Jake Oliveira of Ludlow** have announced his intent to file an amendment to the upcoming supplemental budget to **restore the \$3 million in Casino Mitigation funding** for the City of Springfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Springfield City Council** hereby **expresses its full support for Senator Gomez's amendment** restoring casino mitigation funding to the City of Springfield and urges the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to adopt this amendment in the interest of regional equity and economic fairness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to **Senator Adam Gomez, the Massachusetts Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and Governor Maura Healey**

Sponsored by Springfield City Councilor Sean Curran

Adopted by the Springfield City Council this 22 day October, 2025

Michael Fenton President, Springfield City Council

Attest: _____
City Clerk