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Wynn Study Reveals New Somerville Projects To Add More Than 62,700 Vehicles Per Day

LAS VEGAS (March 3, 2016)—A review of data by Wynn Resorts' consultants reveals that three major development projects that are located in Somerville or on its border—all located less than two miles from the Wynn Resort in Everett—will add more than 62,700 vehicles to area roadways on a daily basis. The traffic generated by these future projects have largely gone unquantified and unmentioned thus far.

Because the developments are in pre-environmental-review stages and have no significant traffic studies to date, Wynn contracted a licensed professional traffic engineering firm to assess the roadway impact of the three projects: 1) the 73-acre future phase of Assembly Square, 2) the 12-acre/2.2 million sq. ft. mixed use redevelopment of Union Square and 3) the 5-acre/2 million sq. ft. North Point project on the Somerville, East Cambridge border. The firm created a conservative trip-generation estimate using a combination of accepted industry standards that were based on data available from prior Assembly Row environmental filings.

The addition by Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone of more than 62,700 vehicles to area roadways from these projects stands in stark contrast to Somerville's appeal of Wynn's Chapter 91 environmental license. The appeal is primarily based on Somerville's contention that Wynn will negatively impact the health of Somerville residents by adding 20,130 extra vehicles per day onto local roadways.

The following is a breakdown of the 62,700 additional vehicle trips that would be added to Somerville roadways if these three projects move forward:

• ASSEMBLY SQUARE FUTURE PHASE

- 73 acres; first parcel proposed for 1.1 million sq. ft. of office and labs;
 9,000 residences proposed
- Source: <u>https://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2014/12/02/somerville-wants-double-size-assembly-row-project/wT2VW804DQv2Spw109zYcJ/story.html</u>)
- 32,418 Vehicle Trips Per Day Generated

• UNION SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT

- 12 acres; 2.2 million sq. ft.; \$1 billion mixed-use redevelopment of housing, retail and offices
- Source: Assembly Row Notice of Project Change to MEPA, May 15, 2015
- 14,304 Vehicle Trips Per Day Generated

• NORTH POINT FUTURE PHASE

- 8 of 18 future buildings touch Somerville and need city permitting; 2.03 million sq. ft.
- Source: Northpoint Final Development Proposal, January 12, 2015
- 16,013 Vehicle Trips Per Day Generated (Entire Project)

The new vehicle trips created by these three projects total 62,735. This total does not include the 23,259 vehicle trips per day currently generated by Assembly Row. Wynn Resorts will generate 20,130 vehicle trips per day.

"Why is development OK in Somerville and not OK on the other side of the river, in Everett?" said Robert DeSalvio, president of Wynn Everett. "It doesn't seem fair or equitable considering Wynn is paying more than \$265 million in traffic mitigation without any public funds being used."

Wynn has spent three years and has completed 20 exhaustive environmental and traffic plans that have been thoroughly reviewed by three federal agencies, 12 state agencies, 14 municipalities and 20 local organizations. These studies demonstrate that Wynn would add the following traffic to Interstate Route 93:

- o Only 0.85% (less than 1%) onto Route 93 Southbound
- o Only 1.97% (less than 2%) onto Route 93 Northbound

Preparation and remediation of the 33-acre Wynn site along the Mystic River began in October of 2015 and was progressing on schedule. Construction of the Wynn Resort in

Everett will generate 4,000 union construction jobs that cover 10 million total work hours. An additional 4,000 permanent operational jobs will be created when the resort is open.

ABOUT SOMERVILLE'S APPEAL

Somerville's appeal of Wynn's Chapter 91 license will also cost the Commonwealth \$660 million a year/\$55 million a month. The \$660 million annual figure includes direct annual expenditures from Wynn: \$242 million in annual taxes and fees, \$170 million in payroll and \$248 million in goods and services to operate and maintain the \$1.7 billion five-star resort. The delay will severely impact schoolchildren, public safety, healthcare, transportation, parks and non-profits across the state. Following is a link that itemizes the allocation of Wynn's anticipated \$242 million in annual gaming taxes and fees: https://wynn.box.com/3f5cw2mhgcrsvlhsnw1pd9oipbkmim

Wynn and Somerville participated and completed a mutually agreed upon arbitration process in 2014. Wynn won the arbitration, with Somerville getting nearly all the money that it asked for—except for an unsubstantiated \$1.5 million annual payment. Somerville agreed to the settlement and has accepted and cashed the first payment by Wynn. Now, Somerville is seeking the exact same demands that were denied in 2014 by the arbitrators.

ABOUT WYNN EVERETT

Wynn Everett is a proposed \$1.7 billion project that will include a five-star resort with more than 600 hotel rooms, high-end spa, retail, dining, ballroom and meeting space. Situated on 33 acres along the Mystic River, the site will allow for public enjoyment of the waterfront with paths that provide access to the harbor and retail and dining experiences that overlook the river walk.

ABOUT WYNN RESORTS

Wynn Resorts, Limited is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol WYNN and is part of the S&P 500 and NASDAQ-100 Indexes. Wynn Resorts owns and operates Wynn and Encore Las Vegas (<u>www.wynnlasvegas.com</u>) and Wynn and Encore Macau (<u>www.wynnmacau.com</u>).

Wynn and Encore Las Vegas feature two luxury hotel towers with a total of 4,748 spacious hotel rooms, suites and villas, approximately 186,000 square feet of casino space, 34 food and beverage outlets featuring signature chefs, two award-winning spas, an on-site 18-hole golf course, meeting space, a Ferrari and Maserati dealership, approximately 99,000 square feet of retail space as well as two showrooms; three nightclubs and a beach club.

Wynn and Encore Macau is a destination casino located in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China with two luxury hotel towers with a total of 1,008 spacious rooms and suites, approximately 280,000 square feet of casino space, casual and fine dining in eight restaurants, approximately 57,000 square feet of retail space, recreation and leisure facilities, including two health clubs, two spas and a pool.

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