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NYS GAMING COMMISSION NAMES LONG ISLAND ASSOC. PRESIDENT/CEO KEVIN LAW AS CHAIR OF GAMING FACILITY LOCATION BOARD; CASINO APPLICATIONS EXPECTED ONLINE JULY 30

The New York State Gaming Commission today named Long Island Association President and CEO Kevin Law, Chairman of the New York Gaming Facility Location Board, which is responsible for evaluating casino applications and selecting who is eligible to apply for a commercial gaming license in New York State.

Chairman Law, who was named to the Gaming Facility Location Board on July 7, became President and CEO of the Long Island Association, one of the most respected business organizations in New York State, in September 2010. His efforts are focused on economic development and creating a better business climate on Long Island. Law also serves as Co-Chair of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council. The other members of the Gaming Facility Location Board are Paul Francis, Dennis E. Glazer, Stuart Rabinowitz and William C. Thompson, Jr.

"I am honored to take on this important role and welcome the continued assistance of my renowned colleagues who have already done excellent work on behalf of the people of New York State," said Chairman Law. "We will work diligently throughout the summer and fall to evaluate casino applications and ultimately reach decisions that provide the greatest benefit to the respective localities, regions and the entire state."

Additionally, the Gaming Facility Location Board will post online redacted applications from the 17 applicants for commercial casinos on July 30. They will be available at www.gaming.ny.gov/gaming/casinos.php > Casino Applicant Materials.

Per IV.F. "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF APPLICATION MATERIALS" of the Request for Applications:

"The Board intends to treat Applications as public records and will make them available to the public, with applicable exemptions pursuant to the FOIL. The FOIL provides for certain exemptions from public disclosure including, among others, an exemption from disclosure for trade secrets or information the disclosure of which would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of a commercial enterprise. This exemption applies both during and after the evaluation process. The FOIL also provides an exemption for records that are "specifically exempted from disclosure by state or federal statute." PML Section 1313.2, provides an exemption from disclosure under the FOIL for "trade secrets, competitively sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of an application for a gaming license, the disclosure of which would place the applicant at a competitive disadvantage." See also, Section 87.2.(d) of the New York Public Officers Law ... All determinations concerning whether Applications and/or related documents submitted in response to this RFA are

subject to disclosure under the FOIL will be made by the Board or the Commission, as applicable, in their sole discretion."

Pursuant to the Upstate New York Gaming and Economic Development Act (Chapters 174 and 175 of the Laws of 2013), the Commission is responsible for appointing members to the Resort Gaming Facility Location Board. The Facility Location Board's primary duty is to select not more than four gaming facility license applicants through a competitive process to be located in the Catskills/Hudson Valley Region, the Eastern Southern Tier and the Capital Region. Gaming Facility Location Board members receive no compensation other than expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. More information about the Gaming Facility Location Board and the process of siting casinos in New York can be found at www.gaming.ny.gov/gaming/casinos.php.

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