



TWIN RIVER KICKS OFF STATEWIDE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT QUESTION 1 ON NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR TIVERTON CASINO AND HOTEL

Broad-Based Coalition, Citizens To Create Jobs and Protect Revenue, is Announced

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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, JUNE 21, 2016: Signaling its intent to engage voters statewide in a conversation about the merits of a Tiverton casino and hotel, Twin River Management Group (TRMG) today held a campaign kick-off rally at India Point Park to highlight the potential for 550 – 600 well-paying jobs, 330 construction jobs and increased state revenue from gaming if voters approve Question 1 on the statewide November 8th ballot.

According to John E. Taylor, Jr., president of Citizens to Create Jobs and Protect Revenue and chairman of Twin River Worldwide Holdings, today’s rally was to emphasize not only the possible 550 - 600 jobs at the proposed new casino and hotel, but to underscore that construction of a new casino, a mere 400-feet from the Fall River, Massachusetts border, is the state’s best chance to mitigate the impact of Massachusetts casinos and preserve existing gaming revenue to the state which currently is estimated at \$300 million annually.

“If voters approve Question 1 on this year’s ballot, Twin River-Tiverton will replace Newport Grand Casino with a more attractive location including easeful highway access. With enhanced gaming and entertainment offerings, the Twin River-Tiverton Casino is projected to almost double the amount of gaming revenue the state currently receives from gaming operations at Newport Grand to an estimated \$50 million,” said Mr. Taylor.

He continued, “We’ve spent a lot of time getting to know Tiverton residents and understanding what they may accept with respect to a casino in their community, and we believe what we are proposing represents the input garnered from some 40 town meetings and interaction with nearly 1,500 residents in the town. While the depth of our outreach in Tiverton will continue, it’s now also our job to bring that conversation statewide and to engage the voters from all 39 cities and towns in a dialogue about what it will take to remain competitive in the New England gaming market.” Mr. Taylor noted that Twin River began the day with a breakfast reception at the Lil’ Bear Sports Pub in the Town of Tiverton.

The education campaign will include a variety of outreach components including a new website, www.yesquestion1.com, social media outlets including Facebook at *Citizens for Yes on Question 1*, a Twitter handle of *YesQuestion1*, and the ability to follow the campaign on Instagram at *YesQuestion1*. Additionally, the campaign will host a series of community forums, presentations to community-based organizations such as various chambers of commerce and rotary clubs, undertake direct mail initiatives and eventually roll-out broad-based advertising. Two coalitions of supporters have been established – one exclusively comprised of Tiverton residents, the other, statewide representatives of the business, education, hospitality and labor communities. *(A list of members of both coalitions is included herein.)*

Joining Mr. Taylor in encouraging support for Question 1 were Laurie White, president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce; George Nee, president of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO and Michael Sabitoni, president of RI Building and Construction Trades Council. Attending the rally were members of the various construction trades, employees of Twin River Casino and Newport Grand, coalition members and civic and community leaders.

“We’ve been a proud partner with Twin River executives as they have made tremendous strides to grow their business, and we will proudly stand with them once again in supporting Question 1 on this year’s ballot,” said Ms. White. “As an organization, the Chamber embraces forward thinking and innovation and we particularly admire the way John Taylor and his team surveyed the competitive landscape and came up with a bold plan of action to save jobs and revenue, all with unique sensitivity to the community in which they proposed to build a new casino.”

Twin River currently employs approximately 1,900 workers, mostly Rhode Islanders, with many from various trade unions. The current Newport Grand workforce will have the opportunity to transition to the new Tiverton casino, if approved by voters. “More than anything, today’s event is a celebration of the union workforce that day in and day out allows Twin River to be the enormous economic engine it is – the state’s third largest source of revenue,” noted Mr. Nee. “We are also here today to contemplate the potential to do so much more if given a better location with more gaming and entertainment options, a casino easier to get to and in close proximity to more customers. The voters of Rhode Island can give us that opportunity by voting Yes on Question 1 and today I wholeheartedly ask the labor workforce of Rhode Island to do just that on November 8th.”

If approved by the voters, construction of Twin River-Tiverton would commence in 2017 and should be completed by summer of 2018, employing some 330-construction workers. Michael Sabitoni remarked, “We often hear about the need to put ‘cranes in the sky’ but sometimes that can’t happen unless all Rhode Islanders get behind a project and take an active role in propelling this state forward. We can all take an active role in that revitalization of our economy by

approving Question 1 and allowing our building and trades workforce to do what it does best – build a better future for all of Rhode Island.”

About Twin River-Tiverton Casino & Hotel

Twin River-Tiverton Casino & Hotel will be privately built at a cost of approximately \$75 million, employing between 550 and 600 people in well-paying jobs. The State of Rhode Island is expected to receive nearly \$50 million annually in gaming revenue from the casino. In addition, Tiverton will receive an estimated \$1 million in property taxes and other fees and an additional guaranteed minimum of \$3 million annually from gaming revenues. These revenues could be used for tax relief and a variety of services, including schools and infrastructure improvements in Tiverton as determined by the town.

TRMG conducted nearly 40 meetings and charrettes with an estimated 1,500 local Tiverton residents to receive input before determining the development plans. Both a statewide ballot question and a ballot question exclusively to Tiverton must be approved. If both ballot questions are successful, construction will start in 2017 and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2018. The two-story casino, designed to be reflective of the quiet, shoreline town, will feature smoking and non-smoking gaming rooms that will host approximately 1,000 slot machines and 32 table games along with a sit-down restaurant and two or three take-away restaurants. It will be discreetly located on 23 acres of woodlands off of Route 24, near the Massachusetts border, and will not be visible from the highway or local roads. Twenty-two acres of adjacent wetlands will be preserved.

A roundabout will be built on William S. Canning Blvd. with a dedicated right turn lane leading to the hotel and casino to mitigate traffic congestion to the area. The adjacent 84-room, three-story hotel will have meeting room space and a fitness center. The facility will have valet parking as well as parking for up to 1,100 cars. TRMG plans to build nature overlooks to view the scenic beauty of the area.

Twin River Management Group, Inc. is the owner of Twin River Casino in Rhode Island, Newport Grand Casino in Newport, Rhode Island, the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi and Arapahoe Park, a horse racetrack outside of Denver, Colorado, which includes multiple off-track betting licenses in the state. TRMG is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Twin River Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

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