



**Mashantucket Pequot  
Tribal Nation**

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## **TRIBES: PHASE TWO DISCUSSIONS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY**

### *East Windsor Taken Out of Consideration*

(HARTFORD, CT) – Tribal Chairmen Rodney Butler and Kevin Brown today announced that after much consideration, sites in East Windsor have been taken out of consideration for the new facility in the Hartford region. The chairs announced that MMCT Venture, the entity created by the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribes to preserve jobs and revenue in Connecticut, will now enter the next phase of discussion with the remaining towns of East Hartford, Hartford and Windsor Locks.

“We’ve spent the last several months going through this process, trying to figure out the best way to preserve Connecticut jobs and revenue,” said Kevin Brown, Chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council. “East Windsor’s clear desire to host this facility made this decision really difficult. However, the fact that one site was removed by the developer and others were not submitted by the property owner made pursuing a facility there extremely challenging.”

“We appreciate East Windsor’s willingness to work with us,” Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Chairman Rodney Butler. “We’ve said from the beginning that we want to do right by each of the towns who have expressed interest in being a partner with us. A big part of that is making sure we let everyone involved know exactly where things stand. The site, although a solid location for a variety of economic development projects, was not the right fit for the project we are planning. We look forward to beginning the next phase of discussion with East Hartford, Hartford and Windsor Locks.”

Staff from the two tribes will meet with officials from each of the towns to discuss in greater detail exactly what a proposal could entail. The chairs will also begin to meet with the residents and businesses in the interested communities to discuss the benefits

the facility will bring to the municipality and answer any questions they may have.

Earlier this month, the Chairs announced that they are working with the State to take the steps that are necessary to ensure that authorizing a third casino in the state will not jeopardize the revenues the tribes currently contribute to the state. Those conversations are ongoing.

MMCT Venture was created in September to preserve jobs and revenue in the state of Connecticut. To learn more, go to [www.ctjobsmatter.com](http://www.ctjobsmatter.com)

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