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NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

1 NGC Case No. 25-06

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4 STATE OF NEVADA

5 BEFORE THE NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

6 In the Matter of the Exclusion of:

7 WAYNE JOSEPH NIX,

FINAL ORDER OF EXCLUSION

8 From Licensed Gaming Establishments  
9 In the State of Nevada

10 On December 9, 2025, the Nevada Gaming Control Board (BOARD) entered its  
11 Order nominating WAYNE JOSEPH NIX as a candidate to the "List of Excluded Persons"  
12 pursuant to NRS 463.151 through 463.155 and Nevada Gaming Commission (Commission)  
13 Regulation 28. After being served by certified mail with the Notice of Candidacy and Order  
14 of Nomination to List of Excluded Persons on December 11, 2025, WAYNE JOSEPH NIX  
15 failed to request a hearing before the Commission pursuant to NRS 463.153(1). The  
16 BOARD filed a Bill of Particulars on January 26, 2026, which was served on WAYNE  
17 JOSEPH NIX on February 9, 2026. This matter came before the Commission on February  
18 26, 2026. WAYNE JOSEPH NIX, being duly noticed of the meeting, did not appear.  
19 MICHAEL P. SOMPS, Senior Deputy Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the BOARD.

20 Having reviewed and carefully considered the record together with all of the  
21 evidence presented, the Commission, believing it to be fully advised on the facts and issues  
22 before it, makes the following findings:

23 FINDINGS OF FACT

24 1. WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is a person who has been convicted of felonies under  
25 the laws of the United States as follows:

- 26 a. In the case of *U.S. v. Wayne Joseph Nix* (Case No. 2:22-cr-00080-MCS-1) (U.S.  
27 District Court for the Central District of California), Mr. NIX plead guilty on  
28 or about March 10, 2022 to Conspiracy to Operate an Unlawful Gambling

1 Business, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, and Subscribing to a False Tax  
2 Return, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1), which are felonies. Mr. NIX's  
3 guilty plea was accepted by the Court on or about April 11, 2022.

4 2. WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is a person who has been convicted of crimes involving  
5 moral turpitude as follows:

6 a. The above-described criminal conviction of Subscribing to a False Tax Return,  
7 in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) in the case of *U.S. v. Wayne Joseph Nix* (Case  
8 No. 2:22-cr-00080-MCS-1) (U.S. District Court for the Central District of  
9 California).

10 3. WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is a person who has been convicted of crimes involving  
11 violations of the gaming laws of other states as follows:

12 a. The above-described criminal conviction of Conspiracy to Operate an  
13 Unlawful Gambling Business, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 in the case of  
14 *U.S. v. Wayne Joseph Nix* (Case No. 2:22-cr-00080-MCS-1) (U.S. District Court  
15 for the Central District of California) is a violation of California Penal Code  
16 Section 337(a) (prohibiting bookmaking within the state of California).

17 4. WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is a person of notorious or unsavory reputation, and  
18 such reputation would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the gaming  
19 industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements. The notorious or unsavory reputation  
20 of WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is evidenced as follows:

21 a. The above-described criminal convictions of felonies under the laws of the  
22 United States in the case of *U.S. v. Wayne Joseph Nix* (Case No. 2:22-cr-00080-  
23 MCS-1) (U.S. District Court for the Central District of California).

24 b. In a January 9, 2024 Non-Prosecution Agreement (NPA) between the MGM  
25 Grand Hotel, LLC (MGM Grand) and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central  
26 District of California, Mr. NIX's activities at the MGM Grand and Mr. NIX's  
27 operation of an illegal bookmaking business are described in the Statement of  
28 Facts supporting violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1): Laundering of Monetary

1 Instruments; 18 U.S.C. § 1957: Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property  
2 Derived from specified Unlawful Activity; 31 U.S.C. §§ 5318(h), 5322: Failure to  
3 Maintain an Effective Anti-Money Laundering Program; 31 U.S.C. §§ 5318(g),  
4 5322: Failure to File Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs); or for a conspiracy to  
5 commit any of those offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 371 or 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (h).

6 Further, in a January 11, 2024 NPA between the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas  
7 (Cosmopolitan) and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of  
8 California, Mr. NIX's activities at the Cosmopolitan and Mr. NIX's operation of  
9 an illegal bookmaking business are described in the Statement of Facts  
10 supporting violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1): Laundering of Monetary  
11 Instruments; 18 U.S.C. § 1957: Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property  
12 Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity; 31 U.S.C. §§ 5318(h), 5322: Failure to  
13 Maintain an Effective Anti-Money Laundering Program; 31 U.S.C. §§ 5318(g),  
14 5322: Failure to File SARs; or for a conspiracy to commit any of those offenses  
15 under 18 U.S.C. § 371 or 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (h).

16 The MGM Grand and Cosmopolitan NPAs were the subject of a Board  
17 disciplinary Complaint against the MGM Grand, the Cosmopolitan, and MGM  
18 Resorts, Int'l in NGC Case No. 24-03.

19 c. In a December 18, 2023, Guilty Plea Agreement in the case *United States of*  
20 *America v. Scott Sibella* (Case No. 2:23-cr-00656-FLA) (United States District  
21 Court for the Central District of California), Mr. NIX's activities with Mr. Sibella  
22 and Mr. NIX's operation of an illegal bookmaking business are described in the  
23 agreement in support of violations of 31 U.S.C. § 5318(g), 5322(a), and  
24 regulations issued thereunder.

25 d. Mr. NIX has been the subject of press releases and media reports regarding his  
26 activities in Las Vegas and his operation of an illegal bookmaking business.

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1 NIX has a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence  
2 and trust that the gaming industry is free from criminal or corruptive elements, is met.

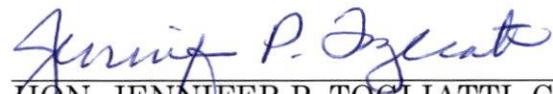
3 13. Should any of the foregoing Conclusions of Law be deemed Findings of Fact,  
4 they shall be so construed.

5 Accordingly, the Commission finds and concludes that WAYNE JOSEPH NIX is a  
6 person whose presence in licensed gaming establishments would pose a threat to the  
7 interests of this state or to licensed gaming, or both. Based on the foregoing, and good  
8 cause appearing:

9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that WAYNE JOSEPH NIX be, and hereby is placed on  
10 the list of persons to be excluded or ejected from any licensed gaming establishment in the  
11 State of Nevada which conducts pari-mutuel wagering or operates any race book, sports  
12 pool or games, other than slot machines only.

13 DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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15 NEVADA GAMING COMMISSION

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