

**Casino Gambling in Georgia: What's Next & How Would It Impact CRE?**

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**Featured Speakers**



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Moderator:  
Brian McGowan  
Principal  
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**REIAC 1st Quarter Event**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**  
**Grand Hyatt Buckhead**  
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Although the House of Representatives has not yet passed the proposed amendment to the Georgia constitution permitting cities and counties to approve casino gambling resorts, the debate is not over. In fact, it is really just beginning. Efforts such as these often take years to come to fruition. As the debate regarding the moral and social issues associated with gambling continue, there are other matters to consider. One such consideration that is near and dear to us all is the impact resort casinos can have on the surrounding improved and unimproved real estate.

Whether located in metro-Atlanta, secondary markets or rural markets, resort casinos would undoubtedly change the landscape of the areas in which they are located. Where does it make the most sense to put a resort casino? What is the effect on existing commercial real estate, mixed use residential and vacant land near the casino? These are just a couple of questions our esteemed panel will explore. Irrespective of whether you are in favor of or opposed to resort casinos in Georgia, you will not want to miss this informative program.

Following an overview of the proposed constitutional amendment and its status as well as where the proponents of the amendment go from here, you will hear from the following panelists who will provide varied perspectives:

- Lorenzo Creighton – President & COO, MGM National Harbor Casino and Resort.
- Dr. Douglas Walker – Professor of Economics at the College of Charleston and one of the only people to write on this topic.
- Dr. Bruce Seaman, Associate Professor of Economics, Georgia State University.

Our discussion will be moderated by Brian McGowan, Principal of Dentons and former COO of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and former President and CEO of Invest Atlanta.

We look forward to seeing you as we kick off our REIAC programs for 2016. As always, following the program, we invite you to stay for an array of food and open bar. We thank our generous sponsors for their support: ATC Group Services LLC; Crown Advisors; Dentons; First American Title Insurance Co.; Habib Arogeti & Wynne; Georgia Primary Bank; and KeyBank Real Estate Capital.

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**Best Regards,**

**Jerry Monash, CCIM**  
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**Paul Berry**  
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Program Organizer

## Registration Open

### Schedule

Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
4:30 PM  
Registration & Networking

5:00 PM SHARP  
Program Start Time  
(please be on time)

6:30 PM  
Reception

### Location

Grand Hyatt Buckhead  
3300 Peachtree Rd. NE  
Atlanta GA, 30305 {[map](#)}  
(404) 237-1234

### Fees

REIAC Members: Free  
Invited Guests: \$75.00

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