The Commission is providing a copy of this pleading (Accusation, or Statement of Reasons, Statement of Particulars, or Statement of Issues) so the public is as informed as possible of pending administrative proceedings regarding the allegations contained in the pleading. An Accusation, Statement of Issues, Statement of Reasons, or Statement of Particulars is simply an allegation of facts that, if true, may rise to the level of disciplinary action against or denial of a license, registration, work permit, or finding of suitability. The facts contained in the pleadings should not be taken as established or proven. The licensee/applicant will have an opportunity to dispute the allegations in a formal administrative proceeding.

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9	BEFORE THE				
10	CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION				
11	STATE OF CALIFORNIA				
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13	In the Matter of the Statement of Reasons for Denial of Application for a Gambling	BGC Case No. BGC-HQ2023-00008AL			
14	Establishment Key Employee License for:	CGCC Case No: CGCC-2023-0907-4			
15	CHRISTOPHER MOOSMAN	STATEMENT OF REASONS			
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17 18	Despendent	Hearing Date: March 11, 2024 Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.			
19	Respondent.	Hearing Place: 2399 Gateway Oaks, Ste. 100, Sacramento, CA 95833			
20		This hearing will be conducted by means of video conferencing on Zoom. The Zoom			
21		meeting code is 285 757 8614			
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23	Complainant alleges as follows:				
24	<u>PARTIES</u>				
25	1. Yolanda Morrow (Complainant) brings this Statement of Reasons solely in her				
26	official capacity as Director of the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control				
27	(Bureau).				
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27 28 and informed them generally of the basis for the Bureau's recommendation to deny his Application.

- 7. On August 24, 2023, the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) notified Respondent that his Application would be considered at its September 7, 2023 meeting. At its September 7, 2023 meeting, the Commission considered the Application and voted to refer the matter of Respondent's Application to an evidentiary hearing pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12054, subdivision (a)(2), to be conducted as a hearing under the Gambling Control Act, Government Code section 19800 et seq. (GCA), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12060. On September 13, 2023, the Commission notified Respondent of its action upon the Application and provided Respondent with a Notice of Defense form (CGCC-CH1-03).
- 8. On September 29, the Commission received Respondent's Notice of Defense dated September 25, 2023, which indicated that Respondent was represented by attorney Tiffany Lichtig.
- 9. On December 15, 2023, Respondent was notified that the evidentiary hearing would be held before the Commission starting at 10:00 a.m., on March 11, 2024, which will be conducted via Zoom.

## JURISDICTION AND BURDEN OF PROOF

10. The Commission has jurisdiction over the licensing of all persons and things having to do with the operation of gambling establishments. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 19811, subd. (b), 19850.) The Commission's responsibilities include assuring that licenses are not issued to unqualified or disqualified persons and that no unqualified or disqualified person is materially involved with a licensed gambling operation. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 19823, subd. (a).) The Commission has all powers necessary and proper to carry out the Act's policies and purposes, including the powers to take actions to ensure that no ineligible, unqualified, disqualified, or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The statutes and regulations applicable to this Statement of Reasons are quoted in pertinent part in Appendix A.

1	unsuitable persons are associated with controlled gambling activities. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §		
2	19824, subds. (b) & (d).)		
3	11.	Respondent has the burden	of proving that he is qualified to receive a license. (Bus.
4	& Prof. C	ode, § 19856, subd. (a).)	
5	CAUSE FOR DENIAL		
6	(Unsuitable for Licensure)		
7	12.	Respondent's Application	is subject to mandatory or discretionary denial on the
8	ground that Respondent is unsuitable for licensure because he loaned money to and borrowed		
9	money from customers of the Marina Club on multiple occasions while he was an employee of		
10	the club. Specifically, Respondent loaned money to customers on approximately 30-100		
11	occasions in amounts that ranged from five dollars to a few hundred dollars. He also borrowed		
12	money from customers on approximately 20 occasions. By doing so, Respondent violated the		
13	Marina Club's internal policies. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 19856, 19857 [discretionary denial],		
14	19859, sul	od. (a) [mandatory denial]; C	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 12040, subds. (a)(1) & (2).)
15	<u>PRAYER</u>		
16	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,		
17	and that fo	ollowing the hearing, the Cor	nmission issue a decision:
18	1.	Denying Respondent's Ap	plication for licensure as a key employee; and
19	2.	Taking such other and furt	her action as the Commission may deem appropriate.
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21	Dated:	January <u>12</u> , 2024	Volande Magan
22			Yolanda Morrow, Director Bureau of Gambling Control
23			California Department of Justice Complainant
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1		APPENDIX A
2		BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
3	1.	Business and Professions Code section 19805 provides, in part:
4		(x) "Key employee" means any natural person employed in the
5		operation of a gambling enterprise in a supervisory capacity or empowered to make discretionary decisions that regulate gambling
6		operations, including, without limitation cashier operations supervisors or any other natural person designated as a key
7		employee by the department for reasons consistent with the policies of this chapter.
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9	2.	Business and Professions Code section 19811, subdivision (b), provides:
10		Jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over operation and concentration, and supervision over gambling establishments in this
11		state and over all persons or things having to do with the operation of gambling establishments is vested in the commission.
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13	3.	Business and Professions Code section 19823 provides:
14		(a) The responsibilities of the commission include, without limitation, all of the following:
15		(1) Assuring that licenses, approvals, and permits are not issued to, or held by, unqualified or disqualified persons, or by
16		persons whose operations are conducted in a manner that is inimical to the public health, safety, or welfare.
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18		(2) Assuring that there is no material involvement, directly or indirectly, with a licensed gambling operation, or the ownership or management thereof, by unqualified or
19		disqualified persons, or by persons whose operations are conducted in a manner that is inimical to the public health,
20		safety, or welfare.
21		(b) For the purposes of this section, "unqualified person" means a person who is found to be unqualified pursuant to the criteria set forth
22		in Section 19857, and "disqualified person" means a person who is found to be disqualified pursuant to the criteria set forth in Section
23		19859.
24	4.	Business and Professions Code section 19824 provides, in part:
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26		The commission shall have all powers necessary and proper to enable it fully and effectually to carry out the policies and purposes of
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this chapter, [2] including, without limitation, the power to do all of the following:
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(b) For any cause deemed reasonable by the commission, deny
any application for a license, permit, or approval provided for in this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, limit,
condition, or restrict any license, permit, or approval, or impose any fine upon any person licensed or approved. The commission may
condition, restrict, discipline, or take action against the license of an individual owner endorsed on the license certificate of the gambling
enterprise whether or not the commission takes action against the license of the gambling enterprise.
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(d) Take actions deemed to be reasonable to ensure that no ineligible, unqualified, disqualified, or unsuitable persons are
associated with controlled gambling activities.
5. Business and Professions Code section 19850 provides, in part:
Every person who, either as owner, lessee, or employee, whether
for hire or not, either solely or in conjunction with others, deals, operates, carries on, conducts, maintains, or exposes for play any
controlled game in this state, or who receives directly or indirectly, any compensation or reward, or any percentage or share of the money
or property played, for keeping, running, or carrying on any controlled game in this state, shall apply for and obtain from the commission, and
shall thereafter maintain, a valid state gambling license, key employee license, or work permit, as specified in this chapter.
6. Business and Professions Code section 19853, subdivision (a), provides in part:
The commission, by regulation or order, may require that the
following persons register with the commission, apply for a finding of suitability as defined in subdivision (i) of 19805, or apply for a
gambling license:
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(3) Any person who does business on the premises of a licensed gambling establishment.
<sup>2</sup> "Chapter" refers to Business and Professions Code, division 8, chapter 5, (commencing with section 19800), also known as the Gambling Control Act.
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Commission is unable to act on the application prior to the expiration date.

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