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Richard J. Lopes Appointed Chairman of the California Gambling Control Commission

The California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has appointed Richard J. Lopes as the new Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Lopes was sworn into office on Wednesday January 2, 2013. He succeeds Chairperson Stephanie Shimazu, whose term expired December 31, 2012.

Chairman Lopes brings extensive experience in the area of law enforcement to the Commission. His most recent assignment was as Assistant Director in the Division of Law Enforcement at the California Department of Justice. "I am honored to have been selected to serve the people of the State of California in this capacity," said Chairman Lopes, "and I look forward to working with the cardroom industry, tribal regulators, and other stakeholders to ensure that the regulation of the gaming industry in California is fair, efficient, and effective."

Chairman Lopes served in a number of other roles in the California Department of Justice, including chief of the Mission Support Branch in 2007, chief of the California Bureau of Investigation from 2006 to 2007, assistant chief of the Mission Support Branch from 2004 to 2006, support agent in the Mission Support Branch from 2003 to 2004, special agent supervisor for the adjutant to the director in the Division of Law Enforcement from 2002 to 2003, special agent supervisor from 2000 to 2002 and special agent from 1998 to 2000 in the California Bureau of Investigation and acting special agent supervisor and special agent in the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement from 1996 to 1998. Also, Chairman Lopes served as a detective and patrolman at the Laguna Beach Police Department from 1989 to 1996 and deputy sheriff for the Tulare County Sheriff's Department from 1986 to 1989. Chairman Lopes earned a Master of Arts degree in organizational leadership from Chapman University.

The term of the appointment is through December 2014 and requires Senate confirmation. Chairman Lopes' first Commission meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013.

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