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December 1, 2023

To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: Commission Public Meetings Conducted via Zoom and In-Person Effective January 1, 2024

As noticed in the California Gambling Control Commission's (Commission) Industry Notice dated September 18, 2023, the Commission is operating its public meetings solely via Zoom through December 31, 2023. The Commission is able to do so due to temporary exemptions to certain Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act) requirements under [Government Code section 11133](#), which sunsets on December 31, 2023.

New legislation, [Senate Bill 544 \(Laird\)](#), Chapter 216, Statutes of 2023, becomes effective on January 1, 2024. From January 1, 2024, until January 1, 2026, this legislation creates alternate Act requirements for state boards and commissions (state bodies) opting to conduct meetings and other proceedings by electronic means. In part, this legislation requires a majority of the members of a state body to be physically present at the same location for all public meetings, with limited exceptions. The legislation permits additional members of the state body in excess of a majority to participate from remote locations without including the remote meeting locations in the meeting notice or making them accessible to the public.

As a result of the new legislation, effective January 1, 2024, the Commission will continue to hold its meetings and evidentiary hearings via Zoom, as well as meet the requirements of providing an in-person location for participation by majority of the Commission members and the public. Please note that although a majority of Commissioners and limited Commission staff will attend and participate in each meeting from a public location as of January 1, 2024, the Commission strongly encourages stakeholders to continue to access and participate in the Commission's public meetings via Zoom. However, should stakeholders wish to participate in public meetings at the in-person location instead of via Zoom, the in-person location for each public meeting after January 1, 2024, will be noticed, as required by the Act, on each agenda at least ten days prior to the meeting date.

The Zoom link for all of the Commission's public meetings will continue to be posted on our website on the [Meetings](#) tab.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission at (916) 263-0700 or via email at comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacey Luna Baxter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stacey" being the most prominent.

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cc: Yolanda Morrow, Director, Bureau of Gambling Control
Michelle Laird, Acting Senior Assistant Attorney General, Native American and
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