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To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: Commission Public Meetings Conducted via Zoom and In-Person Effective July 1, 2023

Since July 2022, the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) has held its public meetings and evidentiary hearings solely via Zoom. The Commission has been able to do so due to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2022 (Senate Bill [SB] 189, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), which added [Section 11133](#) of the Government Code, authorizing state bodies to hold public meetings electronically and suspending certain provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act), until July 1, 2023. Specifically, Government Code Section 11133 temporarily waives the Act's requirements to provide an in-person location for all public meetings and to notice the location of all Commissioners, but this authority sunsets on July 1, 2023. Prior to SB 189, the Commission held its public meetings and evidentiary hearings solely via Zoom from April 2020 through March 2022, under the temporary authority provided by various Executive Orders and Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 (Assembly Bill 361, Rivas).

Effective July 1, 2023, the Commission will continue to hold its meetings and evidentiary hearings via Zoom, as well as meet the Act requirements of noticing the public location for the Commissioners and providing an in-person location for public participation. Please note that although the Commissioners and limited Commission staff will attend and participate in each meeting from a public location as of July 1, 2023, 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 an in-person location instead of via Zoom, the in-person location(s) for each public meeting after June 30, 2023, will be noticed, as required by the Act, on each agenda at least ten days prior to the meeting date. For those who choose to participate in-person, the Commission strongly encourages your participation at the Commission's hearing room located in Sacramento, in lieu of the satellite locations that may be available. When the Commission operates a satellite location, support and occupancy space will be limited.

The Commission is monitoring pending legislation, [SB 544 \(Laird\)](#), which proposes permanent amendments to the Act. If it is ultimately enacted, the provisions of SB 544 would take effect on January 1, 2024. The Commission will send updated information if SB 544 or another legislative change is enacted and results in changes to the format of future Commission meetings and evidentiary hearings.

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 me at (916) 263-0700 or via email at comments@cgcc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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