

CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION



The California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) wishes to remind our stakeholders to take extra care to not violate ex parte communication rules when interacting with the Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau).

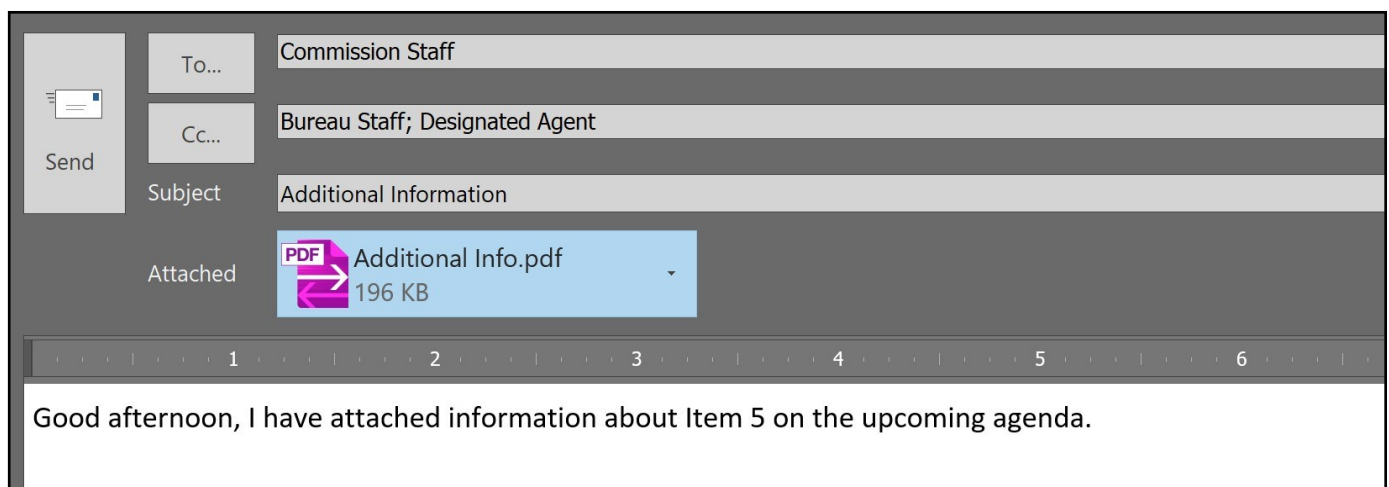
Stakeholders must never send communications of any kind directly to Commissioners regarding applications, requests for approval, or any other matters that may be pending a decision before the Commission or the Bureau.

Attempts to contact Commissioners directly, instead of discussing the item at an open meeting and/or providing your correspondence to the appropriate parties in a timely manner, threatens the spirit of transparency that is essential to the public's trust.

These communications may also violate the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and may even allow other parties to overturn a decision taken in your favor.

In addition, contacting Commission staff regarding matters pending before the Commission or Bureau without notice to all appropriate parties is considered an ex parte communication violation.

When emailing Commission staff about a pending licensing application or a request for approval, you must cc Bureau staff as well as the applicant or their attorney/designated agent.



[Commission regulations](#), the [Gambling Control Act](#), and the [California Government Code](#) prohibit Commissioners and Commission staff from engaging in ex parte communications on pending matters. The Commissioners may deny an application or other approval solely based upon a prohibited ex parte communication.

For pending applications or requests for approval, please contact the Licensing Division at licensinginfo@cgcc.ca.gov.