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Honorable David Cox
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RE: Support for SB 919

Dear Senator Cox:

Stand Up For California is the pre-eminent statewide organization on gambling issues and has long been a recognized advocate for the public. Please add Stand Up For California in support of your bill SB 919 amended June 16, 2005, providing a specific provision of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to enable the California Gambling Control Commission to hold “closed” sessions. This new amendment provides a better decision making process and maintains the CGCC’s straightforwardness to keep a well informed public.

- SB 919 provides a necessary revision providing the Commissioners a process which is efficient and effectively protects its integrity while enhancing the decision making process. The new amendment precisely limits the issues to be discussed among Commissioners which is privileged by law keeping and retaining as much as possible in public session.
- Only items which public disclosure prohibits under provisions of the evidence code or other provisions of law or information and data made confidential by a Tribal-State Gaming Compact, (Section 7.4.3 (c)) are to be “discussed” in closed session.

The Commission needs to be able to share and exchange any and all confidential information between Commissioners. Otherwise, the lack of an informed vote may have a serious unintended consequent to the public. **Stand Up For California urges a YES vote on SB 919 as it is now amended.**

Sincerely,

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