

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, under existing California state law, the *Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (1935)*, the sale of alcohol is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and is regulated by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State legislature is **SB 930 (Wiener)**, which aims to expand nightlife by **authorizing, the selling/purchasing of alcoholic beverages at on-sale licensed premises (restaurants, bars, taverns, and nightclubs) between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., through a pilot program in select cities** – Cathedral City, Coachella, Fresno, Oakland, Palm Springs, and West Hollywood, and the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, since the early 2000s, there have been numerous attempts to extend the time period for alcohol sales past 2:00 a.m. for on-sale establishments (restaurant, bars, taverns, nightclubs), and each bill has either failed in a policy committee or by Governor veto. The most recent attempt was SB 58 (Wiener) in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that alcohol abuse costs Californians \$35 billion with over 11,000 deaths annually, most of the costs resulting from losses in workplace productivity (72% of the total cost), health care expenses for treating problems caused by excessive drinking (11% of total), law enforcement and other criminal justice expenses (10%), and losses from motor vehicle crashes related to alcohol use (5%); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Community Preventive Services Task Force found that every two-hour increase in last-call times results in greater vehicle crash injuries and emergency room admissions; and

WHEREAS, extending the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m. poses serious public safety concerns and could lead to an increase incidence of drunk driving and potentially to increased alcohol related fatalities and injuries; and

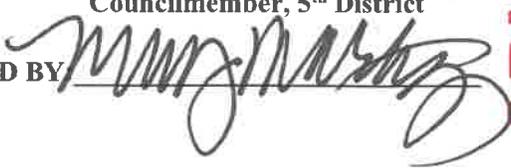
WHEREAS, there is no such thing as local control in alcohol policy, inasmuch as the harm from one city’s decision to change last-call times splashes over to every abutting local jurisdiction, and will have regional consequences by forcing neighboring cities or counties to absorb increased public safety costs related to drunk driving control, response, assistance to break up fights, domestic violence service calls, and traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, many California residents living near bars, taverns, nightclubs, and restaurants already suffer from high levels of noise and traffic disturbance, and extending the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m. would only exacerbate these nuisance disturbances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its **2021-2022 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 930 (Wiener)**, which would allow **select cities in California to issue permits extending the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m.**, which could lead to an increased incidence of drunk driving, and exacerbate the noise and traffic disturbance suffered by residents living in abutting cities, and near restaurants, bars, taverns, and night clubs; **and force neighboring cities and/or county to absorb increased public safety enforcement costs.**


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PRESENTED BY: 
 PAUL KORETZ
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SECONDED BY: 

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