Los Angeles Says NO 4 a.m. Last Call
L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz Hosts SB 58 Opposition Press Event
Residents of Los Angeles Will Not Be Lab Rats for Senator Wiener’s Haphazard 4 a.m. Bar Bill Experiment

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 2, 2018) – California Alcohol Policy Alliance (CAPA), Alcohol Justice, and Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz have come together again to host a press event to oppose another 4 a.m. bar bill. SB 58 is State Senator Scott Wiener’s 3rd attempt in three years to disrupt the state’s uniform mandatory closing time for alcohol sales. In response, Councilmember Koretz introduced a resolution (Council File: 19-002-S39) opposing SB 58 on March 5, 2019. Friday’s press event participants will report on the city and statewide public health and safety threats the bill would create by allowing a patchwork quilt of cities – including Los Angeles - to extend alcohol sales to 4 a.m. If passed and signed into law by Governor Newsom, SB 58 would launch a dangerous ten-city, five-year experiment that could expose over 76% of California’s population to increased alcohol-related harm. The bill faces a Senate Appropriations Committee determination by May 16, 2019.

What: Press Event/Opposition Rally/Call to Action
When: Friday, May 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Where: Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N Spring St. Los Angeles CA, 90012 (First Street steps)

Why:
• Having failed to pass two previous 4 a.m. bar bills (SB 384 in 2017, SB 905 in 2018), State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) authored SB 58, a poorly conceived and inadequately funded ABC “pilot project” to extend last call to 4 a.m. in ten cities.
• SB 58 disregards 40 years of peer-reviewed, public health research on the dangers of extending last call.
• SB 58 will strip away uniform protections of the existing 2 a.m. last call, and spread additional alcohol overconsumption, loss of life, injury, and nuisance across the state.
• According to California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), fatal DUI is a chronic, worsening problem for California.
• The U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force found that every 2-hour increase in last-call times results in greater vehicle crash injuries and E.R. admissions.
• There is no such thing as “local control” in alcohol policy. The harm from one city’s decision to change last-call times “splashes” over every surrounding community.
• SB 58 will cost the state at least $3-4 million per year to administer, mitigate the harm, and clean the blood off the highway; and cost cities and towns in “Splash Zones” millions more.
• According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California already suffers over 10,500 alcohol-related deaths annually, $35 billion in total costs, and $14.5 billion in state costs.
• SB 58 subsidizes and rewards late-night alcohol-sellers at tax-payer expense.

CAPA Member Organizations

• Alcohol Justice
• Alcohol-Narcotics Education Foundation of California
• ADAPP, Inc.
• ADAPT San Ramon Valley
• Bay Area Community Resources
• Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
• CA Council on Alcohol Problems
• CASA for Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods
• Center for Human Development
• Center for Open Recovery
• DogPAC of San Francisco
• Dolores Huerta Foundation
• Eden Youth & Family Center
• Institute for Public Strategies
• FASD Network of Southern CA
• FreeMUNI – SF
• Friday Night Live Partnership
• Koreatown Youth & Community Center
• Laytonville Healthy Start
• L.A. County Friday Night Live
• L.A. Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance
• L.A. County Office of Education
• Lutheran Office of Public Policy – CA
• MFI Recovery Center
• Mountain Communities Family Resource Center
• National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse
• National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence – Orange County
• Partnership for a Positive Pomona
• Paso por Paso, Inc.
• Project SAFER
• Pueblo y Salud
• Reach Out
• San Marcos Prevention Coalition
• San Rafael Alcohol & Drug Coalition
• SAY San Diego
• Saving Lives Drug & Alcohol Coalition
• South Orange County Coalition
• Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.
• The Wall Las Memorias Project
• UCEPP Social Model Recovery Systems
• Women Against Gun Violence
• Youth For Justice

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