



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
for events occurring August 10, 2022

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## **Assemblymember Tom Lackey Joins Health and Safety Advocates to Oppose SB 930 – the 4 a.m. Bar Bill**

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA (August 9, 2022) – [Assemblymember Tom Lackey](#) (R-Palmdale) will join health and safety advocates from [Alcohol Justice](#), [California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\)](#) and the [Friday Night Live Partnership](#) at a Capitol press event to oppose California SB 930. The [“gut & amend” bill](#), authored by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), and Assembly Member Mark Haney (D-San Francisco), is the 5<sup>th</sup> attempt since 2013 to disrupt the protections of California’s statewide uniform last call.

[SB 930](#) would allow closing times for on-sale retailers to be extended from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. as part of a dangerous “pilot program.” The experiment would take place in 6 cities: San Francisco, Oakland, West Hollywood, Cathedral City, Coachella, and Palm Springs. Fresno was originally the 7<sup>th</sup> city in the pilot program but requested to be removed from the bill due to opposition among Fresno city leaders.

**What:** Press Conference

**When:** Wednesday August 10, 2022 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** “Traffic Circle” - The Library & Courts Building, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Who:**

- Tom Lackey, California Assemblymember (District 36)
- John Lovell, [California College and University Police Chiefs](#)
- Cruz Avila, Executive Director, Alcohol Justice
- Carson Benowitz-Fredericks, MSPH, CHES, Research Director, Alcohol Justice
- Kelly Goodwin, Friday Night Live Partnership (tentative)
- Fred Jones, [California Council on Alcohol Problems](#), California Alcohol Policy Alliance (CAPA)

**Why:**

There is no “local control” when it comes to alcohol because the danger, harms and costs will not stay in the “Pilot Project Cities” where the drinking and economic benefits occur. If the bill

becomes law, all surrounding communities of pilot project cities will be threatened by late night drinkers traveling drunk and fatigued into the early morning commute hours.

According to the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), California currently suffers more annual alcohol-related harm than any other state: 11,000 alcohol-related deaths, \$35 billion in total costs, \$18.5 billion in state costs. The [CDC](#) also identifies maintaining existing last call times as one of the 10 key policies for reducing the harms from reckless drinking and from alcohol-related motor vehicle deaths.

Opposition to SB 930 is growing statewide. Last week, the Los Angeles City Council passed a [resolution of opposition](#), and the powerful Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) came out against SB 930 in a [letter](#) dated June 27, 2022. The Fresno City Council will vote on an opposition resolution this week.

**SB 930:**

- Is a poorly conceived and inadequately funded pilot project
- Strips away uniform protections of statewide 2 a.m. last call
- Costs the state at least \$3-4 million per year to administer, mitigate the harm, and clean the blood off the highway; costs cities and towns in "[Splash Zones](#)" millions more
- Disregards 40 years of peer-reviewed, public health research on the dangers of extending last call
- Ignores the existing annual catastrophe of alcohol-related harm in California
- Uses the false narrative of COVID economic recovery to subsidize and reward late-night alcohol-sellers at government and tax-payer expense

***Alcohol Justice encourages the public to TAKE ACTION to STOP SB 930: Text JUSTICE to 313131 or visit: <https://alcoholjustice.org/take-action/stop-sb-930-no-late-last-calls-in-ca-not-now-not-ever>***