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Members of the Planning & Land Use Management Committee  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: SUPPORT Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (ARUS), Council File: 17-0117

Dear Members of the PLUM Committee,

United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles (UN4LA) is writing to urge you to agendize the motion regarding Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (ARUS) co-presented by Councilmembers Ryu, Harris-Dawson and Wesson, Council File 17-0117. This ordinance would be a vital tool to help communities which have a high concentration of alcohol outlets, allowing them to restrict future permits in their area and protect the health and safety of residents.

Too many LA neighborhoods are dealing with too much alcohol, and the problem continues to worsen. Areas with high alcohol density generally have higher levels of crime, and these communities are also afflicted by public drunkenness, intoxicated drivers, rowdy behavior, and late night noise that disrupts working people's sleep. These are serious problems that are dragging LA neighborhoods down.

The Department of City Planning is now approving Master CUPs that allow 5, 10 and 20

establishments within a single project to serve alcohol. Hollywood, Downtown and Koreatown are all drowning in booze. The developers behind the Promenade project in the Valley have requested a Master CUP without even specifying how many establishments will be serving alcohol.

Is this really good planning? Communities are suffering from serious health impacts and rising crime, and research shows that high alcohol density leads to higher rates of child neglect. The health harms of excessive alcohol density are exhaustively documented in [Alcohol use and burden for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis](#) published in the Lancet in August 2018. The LA County Department of Health stated in a 2010 report that "Alcohol negatively affects health and is associated with digestive diseases, neuropsychiatric conditions, cardiovascular disease," as well as other health harms.

As for the connection between alcohol density and crime, see [Alcohol Outlets as Attractors of Violence and Disorder](#), Urban Institute, 2008. The report's findings indicate that on-premise outlets are a significant predictor of aggravated assault. It also finds that concentrations of both on-premise and off-premise outlets are associated with high levels of disorderly conduct.

LA's communities need to have a voice in how many liquor permits are issued in their area. We ask that you support this ordinance so that neighborhoods impacted by health harms and violent crime can regain some degree of control. This ordinance would be a vital tool to help Angelenos create safe and healthy communities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Casey Maddren, President  
United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles