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Date: Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 5:02 PM
Subject: Letter for ARUS Ordinance, council file 17-0117
To: "sharon.dickinson@lacity.org" <sharon.dickinson@lacity.org>

Hello Sharon,

My name is Vince and I am with the Coalition to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harms in LA Metro (CoPALM). Attached is a letter that we would like to submit to Councilmember Huizar and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee asking them to schedule a motion regarding the Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistrict Ordinance (**Council File 17-0117**) onto the PLUM committee agenda. Thank you.

Best,

Vince Leus

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Fwd: ARUS - The West Hollywood Project

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From: **Robert Gamboa** <rgamboa@publicstrategies.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 20, 2017 at 2:28 PM
Subject: ARUS - The West Hollywood Project
To: Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org

Greetings Sharon Dickinson-

I wanted to add the West Hollywood Project to the growing list of support for ARUS. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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3/17/2017

Councilmember Jose Huizar
Chair Planning and Land Use
Management Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Re: Council file number 17-0117 Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistrict
/ Conditional Use Permits – Support*

Dear Chairman Huizar,

We first want to thank councilmember Huizar and the PLUM committee for their support of the ordinance banning alcohol ads on city owned and controlled property. We are happy to report that the Coalition to Ban Alcohol Ads on Public Property in Los Angeles has now consolidated into the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (L.A. DAPA).

I am the project manager for the West Hollywood Project. The West Hollywood Project is a community-based coalition comprised of public health and prevention professionals, educators, and politicians. Our work aims to collectively address alcohol-related harms through effective and sustainable policy and social norms changes. While we focus on West Hollywood and the adjacent neighborhoods and cities, we also are part of the Coalition to Prevent Alcohol Related Harms in the LA Metro Area (Co-PALM) which expands our work into all of the SPA 4 Community in the City of Los Angeles.

As concerned community members we are troubled by the overconcentration of alcohol retail locations in the City of Los Angeles. Currently there is a motion (**Council File 17-0117**) instructing the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report on the feasibility of establishing a process to create Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistricts (ARUS), that would serve to restrict the overconcentration of alcohol retailers in areas of the City where the retail sale of alcohol is negatively impacting neighborhoods and residents.

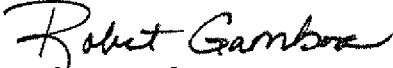
ARUS would allow communities and their representatives to identify vulnerable areas in city council districts where restrictions could be applied on the future issuances of off-sale or on-sale alcohol licenses. ARUS zones will protect communities and families while encouraging healthier retail options to open up in the area.

A 2016 report published by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Los Angeles County Department of Public Health titled, 'Alcohol Outlet Density and Alcohol - Related Consequences,' concluded the following:

"[Los Angeles] Communities and cities with higher alcohol outlet density were more likely to have higher rates of violent crimes, alcohol-related [emergency department] ED visits, and alcohol-related hospitalizations, even after accounting for economic hardship."

The correlation between overconcentration of alcohol retail locations and harms is unquestionable. We ask that the Planning and Land Use Management Committee schedule the ARUS motion for a hearing. We also respectfully request that the committee support passage of the motion.

Sincerely,



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