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Re: Letter of support - Motion Council File 17-0117

Zina Cheng

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

Council file 17-0117

Please be aware that the correct email address for your written response is clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org
For your convenience, I have included the correct email address for you.

The Office of the City Clerk is in receipt of your comment. It is included in the public record.

*****NOTE TO LA CITY STAFF**********Please Cc sharon.dickinson@lacity.org on all emails related to PLUM Committee.*****

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On Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 3:56 PM, <delara@pys.org> wrote:
Dear Sharon Dickinson,

I am attaching a letter of support for 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 Sub districts (ARUS).

see attachment for letter of support

Thank you!

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*Re: Council file number 17-0117 Alcohol Restricted Use Sub-district
/ 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).

Pueblo y Salud is an agency that is located in the San Fernando Valley, where we focus our efforts to reduce underage drinking in our communities. Pueblo y Salud is a member of Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (L.A. DAPA).

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,

Ruben Rodriguez
Executive Director