

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, over 10,500 lives are lost each year to alcohol use, and there are 17,700 hospitalizations from alcohol abuse every year; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that alcohol abuse costs Californians \$35 billion annually, including, among others, costs for alcohol-related illness and injury, lost productivity, losses in tax base, and criminal justice costs, with 90% of alcohol-related crime costs stemming from violent crime, including homicide, assault, rape, robbery, and child abuse, as well as impacts on the welfare system, trauma and emergency care, and the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, about 26 percent of all traffic collisions are caused by alcohol, responsible for an estimated 1,144 deaths and cost California \$8.4 billion, and

WHEREAS, under existing California state law, the sale of alcohol is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., but SB 905 (Wiener) proposes to extend cutoff time for alcohol sales in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to 4 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Community Prevention Services Task Force has strongly recommended against extending alcohol sales hours based on substantial evidence that a 4 a.m. closure time adds cost and resource needs to local law enforcement for tracking DUI's, breaking up fights, investigating violent alcohol-related crimes, and cleaning up bloody highway collisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, with the concurrence of the Mayor, by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 905 (Wiener), which would extend the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m. in California, to reduce the public health and safety harms and costs that extended alcohol sales and consumption will produce.

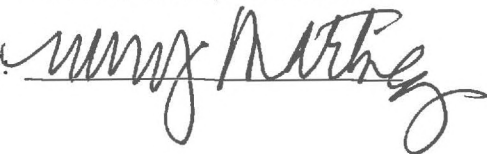
PRESENTED BY:



Paul Koretz

Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY:



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