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RE: Letter of OPPOSITION to SB 58, CIS in SUPPORT of CF 19-0002-S39

On Monday, March 25th 2019, the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council voted unanimously (9-0) to write a letter of OPPOSITION to [Senate Bill 58](#) Alcoholic Beverages: hours of sale. On Monday, April 22nd 2019, CHNC voted unanimously to submit our letter of opposition as a CIS in SUPPORT of CF 19-0002-S39 (8-0).

While we understand the bill's stated purpose to promote a "well-planned and managed nightlife that can have a profound positive impact on a local economy, generating direct tax revenues, and growing public funds through revitalized business districts, and increased tourism", we are highly concerned that this legislation will have many unintended consequences that will negatively impact our community and thus, cannot in good conscience support its passage.

Per a [report](#) by the Coalition to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harms in LA, Central Hollywood has an exceptionally high density of Alcohol Outlets - nearly four times as many as adjacent Neighborhood Councils. Where LA County averages 1.6 liquor stores per square mile, Central Hollywood averages 16.3. These numbers have surely grown as a Master Conditional Use Permit was recently granted to the Crossroads Hollywood project and scores of CUB cases continue to be presented before our Board every month. Just as alcohol outlets are highly concentrated in Central Hollywood, the harms of Senate Bill 58 will be correspondingly concentrated in our neighborhood. As an entertainment and nightlife district, we understand the importance of the economic activity generated by outlets that sell alcohol, but need to strike a balance between the needs of local businesses and public safety.

In this [study](#) published in the journal Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research, the authors concluded that "[p]ositive, statistically significant associations were observed for total alcohol establishment density and each of the violent crime outcomes." While Senate Bill 58 does not increase the density and concentration of alcohol outlets in Central Hollywood, these crime trends make our neighborhood a high-risk area should this legislation become law.

Our primary concern is that Senate Bill 58 will create an inconsistently applied framework for alcohol outlets, both within our neighborhood and in the broader community. Should Los Angeles begin expanding service hours for alcohol, some

businesses will participate and others will not. At present, service hours are generally uniform and community resources can be directed as needed on a predictable schedule. For example, police officers know to patrol the entertainment districts around 2:00 AM because that is when most patrons leave the bars and clubs. Should the “cut-off” times range between 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM, police will be forced to expend valuable time and resources to patrolling an unpredictable and inconsistent waves of intoxicated patrons leaving the bars. With a patchwork system, whereby operators and municipalities will no longer have this uniformity, the ability to respond appropriately to alcohol-related harms will be severely limited. This will put an undue burden on the resources of Central Hollywood and neighboring communities.

The harms of this proposed new system is exacerbated by Los Angeles’s driving culture. As a city that is oriented around automobiles as a primary mode of transit, those patronizing alcohol outlets with expanded hours will pose an additional danger to public safety as they leave the Central Hollywood entertainment district. A 4:00 AM closing time will additionally create the risk for morning commuters which is especially worrisome for families with young children travelling to school.

For these reasons, the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council stands in opposition to Senate Bill 58 and supports City Council’s resolution to oppose this legislation.

Steve Ducey, on behalf of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council Board
Chair, Legislative Action Committee