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Jose Hernandez, Ph.D. Member Re: Support for Council File: 19-002-S39 - Councilmember Koretz's motion opposing the Late-Night Bar Bill (SB 58-Weiner)

Dear Councilmember Wesson, Jr.,

Pueblo Y Salud is writing to express support for Council File: 19-002-S39 - Councilmember Koretz's motion opposing the Late-Night Bar Bill (SB 58-Weiner). SB 58 would allow ten cities in California, including Los Angeles, Long Beach and West Hollywood, the option to extend last call at nightclubs, bars and restaurants from 2am to 4 a.m.

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We are particularly concerned about the "splash effect," whereby drivers leaving bars at 4 a.m. will hit the road at around the same time as hundreds of early morning commuters, including school buses. If the City of Los Angeles implements this program, our neighboring cities will be affected by individuals coming from numerous bars, restaurants and nightclubs and driving back to their homes.

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For these reasons, we at Pueblo Y Salud strongly support Councilmember Koretz's resolution against SB 58. We hope all members of LA City Council put the safety of neighborhoods first and support Councilmember Koretz's resolution- Council File: 19-002-S39.

Sincerely,

Ruben Rodriguez **Executive** Director

Pueblo Y Salud



April 19, 2019

Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations Committee 200 N. Spring St. Los Angeles CA 90012 <u>andrew.choi@lacity.org</u>

Dear chairman Herb J. Wesson,

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