

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, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that alcohol abuse costs Californians \$35 billion annually, including 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, under existing California state law, the sale of alcohol is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., which helps prevent over-consumption and lessens the worst of alcohol's deleterious impacts on our society, and

WHEREAS, SB 58 (Wiener) would allow the cities of San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Long Beach, West Hollywood, Los Angeles, Coachella, Cathedral City, and Palm Springs to issue permits allowing a bar, restaurant, or nightclub to extend the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Community Prevention Services Task Force and the California Highway Patrol have 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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 58 (Wiener), which would allow select cities in California to issue permits extending the cutoff time for alcohol sales to 4 a.m.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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