



MEDIA ADVISORY

Community Rally to Protest State Senator Ricardo Lara's Support of SB 905 –The Dangerous 4 a.m. Bar Bill Experiment

LOS ANGELES, CA (March 11, 2018) -- [California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\)](#), [Alcohol Justice](#) and the [Los Angeles Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance](#) have organized a community rally to protest State Senator Ricardo Lara (D- Bell Gardens) in response to his continued support and co-authorship of SB 905 to extend alcohol sales at bars, restaurants and clubs to 4 a.m. in Los Angeles. The bill will be heard in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee this coming Tuesday (3/13) in Sacramento. Senator Lara is a member of the committee. A number of his Huntington Park and Long Beach constituents will be present.

WHAT: Protest Rally

WHEN: Monday, March 12, 2018, 12 p.m.

WHERE: Sen. Ricardo Lara's Huntington Park District Office, 6550 Miles Ave., 2nd Floor
Huntington Park, CA 90255

WHY:

- On the heels of failing to pass a 4 a.m. bar bill last year (SB 384), State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), and State Senator Ricardo Lara (D- Bell Gardens), have introduced SB 905, a dangerous six-city, five-year experiment to extend last call hours until 4 a.m.
- This bill, like three others that have failed in previous sessions, will spread alcohol overconsumption, loss of life, injury, and nuisance across the state
- Fatal DUI is a chronic, worsening problem for California
- The U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force found that every 2-hour increase in last-call times results in greater vehicle crash injuries and E.R. admissions. (Hahn et al., 2010)
- There is no such thing as "local control" in alcohol policy. The harm from one city's decision to change last-call times "splashes" over to every surrounding community.
- **California already suffers over 10,500 alcohol-related deaths and \$34 billion in costs annually**
- **Senator Lara has accepted \$62,171 in campaign finance contributions from beer, wine and liquor businesses.** (followthemoney.org)

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