



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

for events occurring August 5, 2022

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**Los Angeles City Council to Vote on Resolution  
Opposing SB 930 – the 4 a.m. Bar Bill**

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (August 5, 2022) – [Los Angeles Drug & Alcohol Policy Alliance \(L.A. DAPA\)](#), [California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\)](#) and [Alcohol Justice](#) will be present today in City Council chambers to support passage of [Resolution #22-0002-S106](#) introduced by Los Angeles City Council Member [Paul Koretz](#). The Resolution opposes California SB 930, San Francisco State Senator Scott Wiener’s 4<sup>th</sup> attempt since 2013 to disrupt the protections of California’s statewide uniform last call.

**What:** City Council Hearing

**When:** Friday August 5, 2022 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** John Ferraro Council Chamber Rm 340, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Who:**

- Paul Koretz, Los Angeles City Council (District 5)
- Nury Martinez, Los Angeles City Council President (District 6)
- Raul Verdugo, Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (Co-Sponsor)
- Mayra Jimenez, California Alcohol Policy Alliance

**Why:** [SB 930](#) would allow closing times for on-sale retailers to be extended from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. as part of a dangerous “pilot program.” The experiment would take place in 6 cities: San Francisco, Oakland, West Hollywood, Cathedral City, Coachella, and Palm Springs. Originally, Fresno was the 7<sup>th</sup> city in the pilot program but requested to be removed from the bill last week due to intense opposition among Fresno city leaders who will be voting on their own opposition resolution next week.

In Los Angeles, the powerful Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) came out against SB 930 in a [letter](#) made public before a City Hall [opposition rally](#) last week.

One of the main points of opposition is that there is no “local control” when it comes to alcohol because the danger, harms and costs will not stay in West Hollywood where the drinking occurs. If this bill becomes law, Los Angeles will be surrounded by late night drinkers -- drivers traveling drunk back through other districts in the early morning commute hours.



According to the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC), California currently suffers more annual alcohol-related harm than any other state: 11,000 alcohol-related deaths, \$35 billion in total costs, \$18.5 billion in state costs. The [CDC](#) also identifies maintaining existing last call times as one of the 10 key policies for reducing the harms from reckless drinking and from alcohol-related motor vehicle deaths.

**SB 930:**

- Is a poorly conceived and inadequately funded pilot project
- Strips away uniform protections of statewide 2 a.m. last call
- Costs the state at least \$3-4 million per year to administer, mitigate the harm, and clean the blood off the highway; costs cities and towns in [“Splash Zones”](#) millions more
- Disregards 40 years of peer-reviewed, public health research on the dangers of extending last call
- Ignores the existing annual catastrophe of alcohol-related harm in California
- Uses the false narrative of COVID economic recovery to subsidize and reward late-night alcohol-sellers at government and tax-payer expense

**Alcohol Justice encourages the public to TAKE ACTION to STOP SB 930: Text JUSTICE to 313131 or visit: <https://alcoholjustice.org/take-action/stop-sb-930-no-late-last-calls-in-ca-not-now-not-ever>**

