



July 11, 2017

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate
State Capitol – Room 3086
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 378 – Alcoholic Beverages: Licenses: Emergency Orders – Notice of Support

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the City of San Marcos, I am writing to inform you of the city's support for Senate Bill 378. This measure provides the Director of the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) the authority to temporarily suspend or condition a license when, in the opinion of the department, action is urgent and necessary to protect against an immediate threat to health or safety that is reasonably related to the operation of the business.

SB 378 would give ABC the authority to quickly deal with problem businesses that pose an immediate danger to the health and safety of individuals, while at the same time protecting the businesses' due process rights. The bill closes a problematic enforcement gap by allowing the agency to address problem liquor stores within the timeframe expected by the surrounding neighborhoods. Additionally, SB 378 establishes a mechanism for cities to formally request that the ABC Director seek a temporary restraining order under this law, thereby providing an avenue for local law enforcement and city agencies to help identify the most egregious cases.

The City of San Marcos appreciates your leadership in bringing this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Jim Desmond
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Marie Waldron
Senator Joel Anderson
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League of California Cities