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COMMUNITY TOWN HALL ON THE 4 A.M. BAR BILL Does a 4 A.M. Last Call Mean No Safety, No Peace, No Control?

LOS ANGELES, CA (March 7, 2018) -- [California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\)](#), [Alcohol Justice](#), Institute for Public Strategies, and Behavioral Health Services in Hollywood are sponsoring a Community Town Hall meeting and panel discussion for residents of Los Angeles and West Hollywood on allowing alcohol-serving establishments in California to stay open until 4 a.m.

INVITED:

- Paul Koretz, Los Angeles City Councilmember
- Dr. Deborah Allen, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Oren Katz, Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
- Carson Benowitz-Fredericks, Research Manager, Alcohol Justice
- Local Law Enforcement
- West Hollywood City Council Members
- Concerned Residents

WHAT: Town Hall Meeting & Panel Discussion on SB 905 (Wiener) – the 4 a.m. Bar Bill

WHEN: Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. (Check-in & Snacks) to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: [Mears Center Auditorium, Hollywood Presbyterian Church](#), 1760 Gower St., Los Angeles, CA 90028 (Parking off Carlos Ave.)

WHY:

- On the heels of failing to pass his 4 a.m. bar bill (SB 384) last year, State Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) has 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 stalled out 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 every surrounding community.
- **California already suffers over 10,500 alcohol-related deaths and \$34 billion in costs annually.**

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