



***New Report Release: The Late-Night Threat: Science, Harms, and Costs of Extending Bar Service Hours***

**4 a.m. Bar Bill Opponents to Rally on Capitol Steps**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (June 18, 2018) -- [California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\)](#), and [Alcohol Justice](#), will release a timely new report on the statewide public health and safety threats of extending alcohol sales to 4 a.m. in California. The report will be released at a rally on the Capitol steps in Sacramento where groups and individuals will protest SB 905. The proposed bill would launch a dangerous seven-city, five-year experiment that could expose over 76% of California’s population to increased alcohol-related harm. The bill will face a key committee vote on Thursday, June 28, 2018.

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Mark B Horton**, MD, MSPH, Health Leadership Consultant, Prior State Health Officer and Director, California Department of Public Health
- **Lynne Brown**, Program Manager/Law Enforcement Liaison, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- **Sarah Blanch**, Director of the Westside Impact Coalition, Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (LADAPA).
- **Thomas Renfree**, Deputy Director, Substance Use Disorder Services, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Pamela Weller**, recent graduate from the public health program at CSU-Dominguez Hills
- **Ramon Castellblanch**, President, Quality Healthcare Concepts, Professor Emeritus, Health Education, San Francisco State
- **Genesis Jerez**, member Coalition to Prevent Alcohol-Related Harms in LA Metro (COPALM)
- **Carson Benowitz-Fredericks**, Research Manager, Alcohol Justice
- **Sandy Logan**, Prevention Coordinator, National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependence (NCADD) of San Fernando Valley,
- **Bruce Lee Livingston**, Executive Director/CEO, Alcohol Justice



**WHAT:** Protest Rally on SB 905 (Wiener) – the 4 a.m. Bar Bill; Release of New Report **The Late-Night Threat: Science, Harms, and Costs of Extending Bar Service Hours**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Check-in 10:30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon)

**WHERE:** [North Steps, State Capitol Building, 1100 L St., Sacramento, CA 95814](#)

**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) introduced SB 905, a dangerous seven-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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