

MEDIA ADVISORY For events occurring October 22, 2019 CONTACTS: Cynthia Nickerson, 323-675-8785 Mayra Jiménez 323 683-4687

## LOS ANGELES DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE (L.A. DAPA) PRESS EVENT: DATA REVEALS CITY-WIDE AFFLICTION WITH ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY CORRELATING TO HIGHER CRIME

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019) — The Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (L.A. DAPA) will host a Press Event to reveal a newly developed resource to assess the correlation between alcohol over-concentration and crime. Policy makers for all 15 City Council Districts will now have the means to observe, identify, and act upon hard data to reduce the alcohol-related harm long-endured in their Los Angeles communities. L.A. DAPA is confident this new data resource will help the City Council pass an Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistrict (ARUS) Ordinance.

When: Tuesday October 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Los Angeles City Hall - Los Angeles, CA 90012 (1st Street Steps) Who:

- Randal Henry, DrPH, MPH, Founder, Community Intelligence
- Sarah Blanch, Co-Chair, Los Angeles Drug and Alcohol Policy Alliance (L.A. DAPA)
- Jerry Hall, Founder, PourSafe
- Brenda Villanueva, Co-Chair, L.A. DAPA
- Miriam Castro, Community Member, City of Los Angeles
- Loren Bustillo, Community Member, City of Los Angeles
- David Ryus, Councilmember, City of Los Angeles

## Why:

- Councilmembers need to understand the harm their constituencies face
- An excess of alcohol availability threatens community safety/welfare
- Elected officials have become too dependent on alcohol revenue
- Action needs to be taken to improve our communities/reduce alcohol over-concentration and related harm
- Legislation (ARUS) is required to addresses these issues that some city officials have chosen to ignore

## L.A. DAPA Member Organization

## Alcohol Justice

Behavioral Health Services Inc. Children's Hospital Los Angeles COPALM Institute for Public Strategies Koreatown Youth and Community Center P3 Partnership for a Positive Pomona Paso Por Paso Inc. Pueblo Y Salud Spa-2 Communities in Action Social Model Recovery Services Tarzana Treatment Centers United Coalition East Prevention Project The Wall Las Memorias Project Women Against Gun Violence Women's Christian Temperance Union