



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 314 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to **SUPPORT SB 314 (Wiener)** and respectfully request you sign this measure into law when it reaches your desk. **SB 314** will authorize the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) to allow licensees to continue to exercise license privileges in an expanded licensed area for 365 days from the date the Covid-19 state of emergency is lifted pursuant to a Covid-19 temporary catering authorization. In addition, this bill allows a licensed manufacturer to share a common licensed area with multiple licensed retailers, as specified. Finally, **SB 314** increases the number of times, from 24 to 36 in a calendar year, that the Department of ABC can issue a caterer's permit for use at any one location.

Restaurants and bars throughout the state are in dire need of flexibility within the ABC Act, as many of the antiquated laws included in it make it much harder to conduct business, especially during the pandemic when other restrictions on gathering are in place. When the state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic ends, many local businesses will be one step away from bankruptcy. Easing the restrictions noted in **SB 314** will be critical to their future success.

SB 314 (Wiener) will act as a lifeline for many small businesses and ensure certain ABC regulations are more user-friendly for these businesses in the future. For these reasons, we respectfully request you take action to **SIGN SB 314 (Wiener)** into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Wunderlich

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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