



Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board
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"The mission of the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board is to assess family and community needs regarding prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug-related problems. Resultant findings and recommendations are forwarded to the Health Services Department and the Board of Supervisors. The Board also serves as an advocate for these findings and recommendations to the communities that we serve."

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors,

The Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board, during its scheduled March 23, 2016 meeting, voted to request a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for AB 2121 (Gonzalez). This bill would require that starting in July 1, 2020, a person who is affiliated with selling or serving alcoholic beverages successfully complete an approved Responsible Interventions for Beverage Servers (RIBS) Training Course within 3 months of employment and every 3 years thereafter.

This RIBS Training Course will focus on teaching people who are affiliated with serving alcoholic beverages about how to develop policies within their establishments to discourage sales to minors or intoxicated patrons. Such requirements would help to ensure that all precautions are taken to make sure underage youth do not access alcohol, or people of age are not overserved.

The Advisory Board believes that this bill will benefit from the support of the Board of Supervisors. A letter of support sent to the author of the bill would be necessary to accomplish this goal.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this recommendation on this important issue.

On behalf of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board,



James Ryan, Chair

Attachment: language of AB 2121 (Gonzalez)

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