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The Honorable Phil Ting  
State Capitol  
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**RE: SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 471 (Ting) – Alcoholic Beverage Licenses**

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously today to support your measure, Assembly Bill (AB) 471, that seeks to increase the number of liquor licenses in certain areas, including San Francisco and Napa County.

The Board wishes to thank you for your leadership on this issue. AB 471 would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to grant to a county of the 6<sup>th</sup> class (population size) five new original neighborhood-restricted special on-sale general licenses each year until a total of 30 are issued. The bill would also extend by four additional years the current law that allows Napa County to receive five new liquor licenses in 2017 given to bonafide eating establishments. The extension will begin January 1, 2018.

Tourism is one of the major economic drivers for San Francisco and Napa County, generating billions of dollars each year in visitor revenue. The limited number of liquor licenses allowed by the ABC hinders the earning potential of local restaurants, hotels and other establishments that contribute to the Bay Area economy. Further, the scarcity of liquor licenses has driven the price of an available license to prohibitive amounts for most establishments.

For these reasons, the Board unanimously endorses AB 471 and looks forward to its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Belia Ramos".

Belia Ramos

Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Dodd  
Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
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