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ABC ANNOUNCES ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES FOR NAPA COUNTY

Sacramento – Jacob Appelsmith, Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, announced authorization for the issuance of five (5) new on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating places in Napa County, as authorized in Section 23826.10 of the Business & Professions Code. These licenses are to be issued only to premises having a seating capacity for 25 or more diners. These licenses are available only during the 2017 Priority Period.

From September 11, 2017 through September 22, 2017, the Department's Santa Rosa District Office will accept applications for the new original on-sale general licenses at 50 D Street, Room 130, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Only one priority application will be accepted from any one applicant. A fee of **\$13,800** is to be paid when filing a priority application for a new original general license. Only a certified check, cashier's check or money order will be accepted for payment of the application fee, which should be made payable to *Alcoholic Beverage Control*.

If the number of applicants is equal to or less than the number of licenses available, all applicants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

If the Department receives more applications than there are licenses available, a public drawing will be held. To participate in such a drawing, an applicant must have been a resident of California for at least 90 days prior to the date of the scheduled drawing. Successful drawing participants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

Unsuccessful drawing participants will be automatically refunded their application fee (minus a \$100 service charge) within 90 days of the priority drawing, but will retain their priority ranking until a new priority list is established in 2018.

Applicants are encouraged to file their applications early in the filing period to avoid a lengthy wait.

In the coming weeks, additional information and instructions regarding application for original and inter-county transfer of general licenses will be made available on the Department's website at (<http://www.abc.ca.gov/>) and at District and Branch offices (www.abc.ca.gov/distmap.html).

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