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**ABC Disciplines Business for Illegal Drink Solicitations and Lewd Conduct***Crack Down on Lewd Activity and Multiple Illegal Solicitations of Alcoholic Beverages*

(Los Angeles) - On Thursday, February 9, 2017, The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and The Los Angeles Police Department posted a 365 day Notice of Suspension at El Troquero. ABC disciplined the premises for violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and California Code of Regulations. The business is located at 2119 E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles. Alcohol sales are prohibited at the location for the next year.

Los Angeles Police Department Vice Detectives conducted an in depth investigation and discovered numerous violations involving the illegal service of alcohol and lewd conduct. The bar allowed its servers to charge patrons extra money for alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping them company. Additionally, bar employees participated in illegal lewd conduct activity in public view of patrons during business hours. Such practices can contribute to the over-service of alcohol and other violations of law. When an ABC licensed premises allows this type of activity it puts patrons and the public at risk.

This investigation was made possible by a grant from the ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP). The program has provided a boost to public safety by partnering ABC agents and local law enforcement in the field together to increase protection for youth, address problem establishments that have over served patrons, and raise public awareness about the importance of pursuing higher compliance with alcoholic beverage laws. In addition to the GAP program, ABC also runs prevention programs such as the LEAD program, Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs. This free three hour workshop is available to all licensees and their employees and is designed to help increase compliance and build stronger and safer communities. ABC licensed establishments play a significant role in the effort to improve overall safety. They can do their part by checking identifications, avoiding illegal drink solicitations and promoting patron safety. For more information on ABC programs that can help save lives visit <http://www.abc.ca.gov/>

The mission of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is to provide the highest level of service and public safety through licensing, education and enforcement. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Service and Housing Agency.