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EXECUTIVE REPORT

Dear Friends of CalCAP,

We are about to enter into the High School Prom and Graduation season. These are events that deserve to be enjoyed and celebrated. This is a season of limousines, tuxedos, prom dresses and graduation gowns. It is also a season of alcohol related crashes and deaths, and alcohol-fueled parties and fights. It is also a time when alcohol-influenced actions can change the dreams and promises of youth into lifelong nightmares caused by alcohol-based decisions. Please pray for our youth and their families during this season of celebration, and hope that they will be spared the sorrow and grief that accompanies the mixture of alcohol and youth.



The quotation on the envelope is from Louis D. Brandeis, U.S. Supreme Court Justice from 1916-1939, and serves as a vivid reminder of our responsibility and opportunity to affect change in our families, communities and state.

Together, in prayer and action, let us celebrate the difference we can make.

James B. Butler,
Executive Director

A STEP TOWARD VICTORY!

We took another small step toward victory on the Alcopop issue. **AB 346** (Beall) was approved by committee vote, and will continue its journey through the legislature. This bill will simply require “Alcopop” type drinks to be clearly labeled that they contain alcohol. However, the vote in the commit-

tee was very close because the alcohol industry resisted even this small step toward preventing underage drinking.

Each small step is a victory as it helps us move toward preventing the terrible damage caused by underage drinking.

We Celebrate and Continue!

Now you Know!

Between 12% and 20% of all alcohol consumed in this country is drunk by people who are legally too young to drink at all, and among adults 76% of the alcohol is consumed by 23% of the drinkers.

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED LEGISLATION



AB Assembly Bill

SB Senate Bill

ACR Across the Desk - Introduced Bill

These are some of the bills that we are following related to Alcohol and other drugs during this legislative session.

AB 116 (Aghazarian): Doing certain drugs in presence of a child constitutes abuse and is punishable for 16 months to three years.

AB 336 (Dymally): Will provide \$1 million each to two counties (one north one south) for demonstration projects on substance abuse treatments.

AB 345 (Saldana): States that the intention of the Legislature is to use additional funds from the proper classification of Alcopops to help prevent underage drinking, including education and enforcement.

AB 346 (Beall): Addresses the labeling of Alcopop type drinks in order to have them clearly identified as containing alcohol.

AB 951 (Steinberg): America River ban on alcohol on all water-craft during specified holidays, including July 4.

AB 1165 (Runner and Spitzer): For five years after conviction of DUI, legal limit is 0.01.

AB 1461 (Krelorian) Two year study of intervention treatment models for Methamphetamine users.

AB 1487 (Fuller): If driver has been convicted of DUI in the last ten years, police may seize car if DUI is 0.08 instead of 0.10 and lowers the BAC needed for referral to DUI programs.

AB 1657 (Runner and Torrico): Punishes as misdemeanors or felonies adults who provide alcohol to youth who then cause damage (personal or property) to self or others.

ACR 9 (Dymally): Study of Problems caused by alcohol and other drugs (Public Health) and report findings and recommendations to governor and legislation by Sept. 30, 2008.

SB 177 (Migden): Persons convicted of DUI may be required to install ignition interlock system.

SB 530 (Dutton): Will require 300 feet between facilities selling alcohol in residential areas to prevent overconcentration of facilities.

“INTERPRET AND APPLY TAX AND FEE LAWS CORRECTLY, CONSISTENTLY, AND FAIRLY.”

THE FIRST GOAL OF THE B.O.E.



Alcopops are fruit-flavored, colorful, youth oriented alcoholic beverages. They often cost less than some sodas or flavored waters.

ALCOPOPS AND THE B.O.E.

On May 17, the Board of Equalization will hold a second informational hearing regarding the proper classification of “Alcopops”, those fruit-flavored, colorful, youth oriented drinks that contain distilled spirits, but are called beer. We have provided both verbal testimony and a written response to this issue, and will again participate on May 17. It seems that Califor-

nia law is clear that these beverages should be taxed at the rate of \$3.30 per gallon instead of 30 cents. When this change is made (the vote will be in August) it will not only raise the price and limit the accessibility of these products, but the extra revenue of \$40 to \$50 million might be used to fund underage drinking prevention programs. (See **AB 345**)

GAMBLING RELATED LEGISLATION

Below are some of the bills that we are following related to Gambling during this legislative session. Not listed individually are the bills that will ratify the new Tribal Compacts, all of which we oppose.

AB 91 (Garcia): Revenue sharing provisions from Tribal Casinos will allow each eligible tribe to receive \$2 million a year

AB 560 (Richardson): Allows Card Clubs to be relocated within same jurisdiction (city, county) without local approval, either council or people.

AB 688 (Portantino): Money to Gambling Addiction Program fund from Advance Wagering on Horse Races.

AB 1336 (Bass): Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling to develop grants

for gambling and substance abuse treatment

AB 1339 (Torrico): Establishes a Problem Gambling Advisory Board and instructs the Office of Problem Gamblers to develop a strategic plan and to deliver it to the Governor and Legislature by Jan. 1, 2009

AB 1389 (Torrico): Amounts deposited to Special Distribution Funds determined by number of gambling devises in the county. The monies in this fund are to be used to offset impacts of gambling

AB 1697 (Richardson): Would allow money from the General Fund to be used in the Revenue Sharing Fund if there were insufficient funds in the Revenue Sharing Fund and the Special Distribution Fund

AB 1737 (Assembly GO Committee): Reorganize existing compacts

AB 1740 (Assembly GO Committee): Allows tribes with less than 350 gambling devises to receive money from the Special Distribution Fund and Revenue Sharing Fund. The prior eligibility was non-compact tribes, those that did not have any class III gambling(slot machines or cards).

SB 62 (Florez): Will fund Revenue Sharing program from specified tribal contributions. If those funds are inadequate, tribal monies given to the General Budget will be used.

SB 152 (Florez): Will allow card rooms to expand by 35% without a vote of the people



One Southern California tribe has committed \$20 million to promote passage of tribal compacts.

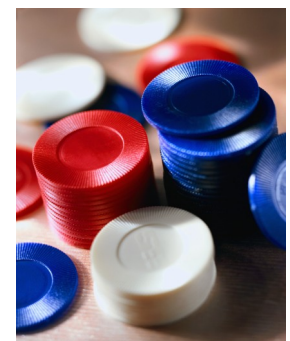
RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED TRIBAL COMPACTS WILL CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST EXPANSION OF GAMBLING IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

HELP STOP THE TRIBAL COMPACTS

Ratification of the proposed tribal compacts will constitute the largest expansion of gambling in the history of the United States. This fact, along with the economic and social costs of problem and pathological gambler (more than \$1 billion a year), and the empty promises of

gambling revenue (the lottery) should mean that these compacts will be easily defeated. However, many of the legislators are already supporting these compacts. It is time for the people of California to wade into this debate. It is time for you and your church to write, e-mail,

fax, phone or visit your representatives and tell them that you oppose these compacts and the expansion of gambling in California. If you need assistance in your efforts (names, numbers, addresses, specific bill information, etc.) contact our Sacramento office.



When is enough enough?
Now!



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TIME TO CELEBRATE
TIME TO ACT

OUR TASK AND MISSION

The CalCAP family, which includes the California Council on Alcohol Problems (CalCAP), the Alcohol-Narcotic Education Foundation (ANEF) and the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion (CCAGE), is a statewide, faith based organization that seeks to prevent the moral, economic, scientific and social problems caused by alcohol and gambling. This is done through research, education, advocacy and lobbying. Thus, we raise the awareness of these problems among the people, and address the legislature regarding alcohol and gambling issues.

We are funded entirely by gifts from denominations, churches, church groups and individuals. We do not receive any financial support from any governmental agency or political party.

If you would like to be part of our information network, arrange for a program or preaching date, or support our work through-out California, please contact our Executive Director, the Rev. James Butler, or our Sacramento office, at 916 / 441-1844 or calcap@sbcuc.net. Our Mailing address is 803 Vallejo Way, Sacramento CA 95818.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF DIXON

On April 17, the people of Dixon, California stood against the power and money of the horse racing industry and defeated a city-council approved race track in their community. These citizens gathered signatures, and forced a vote on the approval of a race track in Dixon. They raised the many detrimental issues associate with gambling, the horse racing industry, this particular developer and emphasized the negative changes this would mean to their community. These citizens declared that they were aware of the problems that gambling would bring to their community, and in spite of the huge amount of money spent by the track developers, voted to keep the quality of life that they presently enjoy.

Although there are only about 7,400 registered voters in Dixon, Magna, the developer and owner of other race tracks, spent more than \$500,000 to try and persuade the voters to support their efforts to bring gambling into their community.

Congratulations to the citizens of Dixon! They have shown us once again the power and importance of the voter. In spite of the money that the gambling industry will spend trying to convince and persuade, when the voters have the opportunity to voice their opinions, they will raise that voice, act and make a difference.



Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

John Q. Adams