



CITY OF MURRIETA

March 3, 2021

The Honorable Scott Weiner
State Senator, 11th District
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 314 (Weiner) Alcoholic Beverages
Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Weiner,

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, we are writing to express our support for SB 314, your measure that would help local restaurants, bars, and music venues manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected the entertainment and food industry and its ability to provide services to residents. In order to keep afloat, small businesses had to adapt to the new environment in order to create an experience that is safe for their customers and employees. Your bill would make permanent some of the temporary pandemic regulations allowing significantly expanded outdoor restaurant seating and continuation of outdoor alcohol service, which would enable our small business owners to successfully keep their businesses open safely and timely.

These small businesses form the backbone of our economy, and it is critical that we help to alleviate the impacts on them during this unprecedented pandemic.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta supports SB 314. If you have any questions, or need more information about the City's position, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Vinton".

Scott Vinton
Mayor

Cc: Murrieta City Council
Senator Melissa Melendez
Assembly Member Kelly Seyarto
Erin Sasse, League of California Cities Public Affairs manager