

**LIMITING CONCURRENT SALES OF GASOLINE AND ALCOHOL
AND THE PROLIFERATION OF OUTLETS**

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- WHEREAS,** Alcohol use among our teenage population is epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** The proliferation of outlets which sell alcohol within communities is growing, especially in terms of the increasing numbers of gas station mini-marts; and
- WHEREAS,** Thirty-five (35) cities as of July 1, 1984, have enacted legislation that disallows concurrent sales of alcohol and gasoline; and
- WHEREAS,** The number of retail alcohol outlets within some geographic areas is considerable, based on a per capita percentage, according to statistics by the State of California; and
- WHEREAS,** Minors are often able to purchase alcohol in these outlets; and
- WHEREAS,** Adolescent alcohol abuse can lead to early addiction, increased incidence of crime and death rates, i.e., suicides, traffic fatalities, and accidental death; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to promote public awareness to the increasing availability of alcohol to youth at gas station mini-marts; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to promote adequate enforcement of state laws relating to the sale of alcohol to minors within their community; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to encourage support of regulations in their local communities limiting the proliferation and availability of alcohol vendors.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The proliferation of gas station mini marts selling alcoholic beverages and gasoline is causing much concern to communities throughout California. The State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has the exclusive right and power to license and regulate various facets of the liquor industry, including the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession and transportation of alcoholic beverages within the state.

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Local governments have the power to enact zoning ordinances that could limit the availability of alcohol vendors by clearly defining such items as: operating hours, noise limits, lighting and exterior signs, architectural design, parking availability, set-back requirements, litter, etc. Gas station mini-marts are usually licensed to sell beer and wine for off-premise consumption.

This resolution urges PTAs to encourage and support local regulations (ordinances) to limit the proliferation of availability of these alcohol vendors.