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Public Comment Packet

ITEM(S)

2-K (ID 24-370) BILL (for introduction) - Adding Article 35 to Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code, Relating to Naloxone.

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Local restaurants are currently trying to manage new costs already imposed by the state (SB 478, 2023) for other employer financed training as of this year. This shift took what was a modest employee expense for food safety training and moved that onto the employer to pay- - which when compounded across the employee base for the industry will be a massive costs shift and will take time to settle out.

Again, with no outreach for discussion with our restaurant community, no compelling data to justify targeting restaurants, and a new state law that addresses this larger issue of fentanyl overdose by focusing on larger public gathering spaces- we feel this proposal before you is misguided.

Perhaps a different approach could be considered- one that focusses on education and awareness for employers and the public- rather than targeting an industry that has been battered the last many years and yet continuously provides financial support to the community and local government services.

For these and other reasons, we are opposed to the proposed mandate on restaurants and would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Sincerely,



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California Restaurant Association

