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### ***El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce Advocates for Local Restaurants***

***El Dorado Hills, CA*** - The signing of Senate Bill 1452 in September of 2022 represents a positive development for El Dorado County, particularly for the restaurant industry and the broader local economy. The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce recognized the pressing need for additional liquor licenses in the county. El Dorado Hills Town Center Owner, Kevin Nagle, shared frustrations that new restaurants were at a disadvantage by locating to El Dorado Hills.

Understanding the challenges faced by local business owners, Debbie Manning, President, and CEO of the El Dorado Hills Chamber, saw an opportunity for legislative action. The Chamber reached out to Senator Brian Dahle to carry a bill which would strengthen El Dorado County by authorizing more liquor licenses. Upon being signed into law on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the bill granted El Dorado County an additional ten type 47 liquor licenses, up to four in a year.

Beginning in 2023, the Alcoholic Beverage Control began issuing up to four licenses per year until the county receives an additional ten. "I can confirm that the four El Dorado County Priority Licenses were specifically awarded in 2023 due to SB1452," Devin Blankenship, Public Information Officer for ABC said. "The population in El Dorado County did not have enough growth the prior year for them to receive any additional licenses." Without the passage of SB1452, El Dorado County would have seen zero type 47 licenses issued in 2023.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts between the El Dorado Hills Chamber and Senator Dahle, the future looks brighter for restaurants and the local economy. The Chamber's proactive approach demonstrates the power of community advocacy. The El Dorado Hills Chamber is actively working with Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil and Assemblyman Joe Patterson for further legislation on solving this inequity in distribution of type 47 licenses.

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