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## **ABC Suspends License of Downtown San Jose Bar**

*Location Allowed Minors to Enter and Remain in the Bar for Third Time in Three Years*

**San Jose** – On November 12, 2008, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control suspended the alcoholic beverage license of the Mission Ale House, located at 97 East Santa Clara Street in San Jose for 10 days because a minor was allowed to enter and remain inside the bar. In addition, Mission Ale House will be on probation for one year and will face stiffer penalties if another violation occurs.

The enforcement action is a result of an investigation by ABC and San Jose Police. Officers of the San Jose Police Department substantiated evidence of underage drinking law violations. The police department sent officers undercover and they witnessed persons under the age of 21 who were allowed to enter and remain in the premises, a violation of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

The owner of the bar can continue to sell non alcoholic beverages but will not be allowed to sell alcohol until the suspension period has ended. The bar was cited and disciplined in 2006 and 2007 for similar violations.

“This action is part of an ongoing effort with local law enforcement to reduce youth access to alcohol and help keep young persons safe,” said ABC San Jose District Administrator Karyn Nielsen. “ABC is pressing forward with a statewide effort to increase compliance with the law through strong enforcement. ABC wants to send a very clear message that selling or furnishing alcohol to minors will not be tolerated.”

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