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ABC Revokes License of Hol Bar in Vista

Bar Employee Sold False Permanent Residence Alien Card to Undercover Officer

Vista - The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today revoked the license of Delegates (Hol Bar), located at 2004-06 East Vista Way in Vista. The license was revoked for illegal activity involving the sale of a permanent resident alien card and conspiracy, both violations of the California Penal Code. The disciplinary action means the bar must stop selling alcohol and alcohol will not be sold at the current location for a period of at least one year. The bar owner must transfer the existing license to another individual or group of individuals who are acceptable to the department, and the license must also be transferred to a completely different location.

One of the ABC investigators who worked undercover for months on this operation received a California Law Enforcement Challenge Award. The investigator was recognized because of the dedication and diligence to this specific investigation. The investigator was recently honored for his work in Sacramento.

Since 2005 to the present, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department has received several citizen complaints referencing ongoing disturbances and possible criminal activity occurring at Delegates. The Sheriff's Department, along with ABC and other agencies have conducted several operations at this location. Since 2005 there have been numerous arrests, in addition, multiple reports have been taken on this location for a wide variety of alleged criminal activity. The most recent operation involved several agencies including the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, ABC, ICE, the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (Department of Industrial Relations), the Employment Development Department (EDD), the Department of Treasury and City Code Enforcement. As a result of the operation, several arrests were made. It was also discovered the original owner of the business has not been involved with the business for approximately four years, however, the owner was reportedly receiving cash each month from the current manager to keep the alcohol and cabaret license active. As a result of the combined law enforcement efforts, Delegates (Hol Bar) has been subject to several fines and ABC is revoking their alcoholic beverage license.

California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) investigators worked undercover between November, 2007, and March, 2008, and substantiated evidence of the illegal sale of a permanent resident alien card and conspiracy.

The initial investigation began after law enforcement received complaints about the location from the community.