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## **ABC Investigating Complaints of Possible Fraud**

### *Citizens Warned About Potential Scam*

**San Francisco** - ABC Investigators are looking into a possible scam involving persons who have called residents in the Bay Area requesting that they fill out a form and donate money to help the ABC with enforcement of underage drinking laws.

Callers in the Bay Area have asked citizens to donate money to help the ABC investigate underage drinking at ABC licensed locations.

ABC wants to alert the public that this information is false and appears to be some type of scam. ABC does not solicit donations from the public. ABC is a public governmental agency and is funded through alcoholic beverage license fees.

If anyone receives a call from a person who says they represent ABC, and the caller tells citizens to fill out a form and send money, then they should contact their nearest ABC office immediately. It is requested that anyone who receives this type of call try to get the person's name, their phone number, the name of the organization they represent, whether they work for a governmental agency or charitable organization, what city they are calling from, and then pass this information on to ABC.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.