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ABC Agents Post Revocation at La Fonda Restaurant and Bar in Azusa *Illegal Drink Solicitations lead to License Removal*

(Azusa) – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents have posted a Notice of Revocation at the La Fonda Restaurant and Bar located at 1044 West Gladstone Street in Azusa. The revocation was posted because ABC agents discovered the bar was not compliant with the law and allowed an illegal drink solicitation scheme involving employees who worked at the bar.

During the investigation, ABC agents and the Azusa Police Department established that female employees were allowed to solicit the sale of alcoholic beverages from bar patrons, including the undercover agents. The employees would add a surcharge to their alcoholic beverages for keeping male patrons company. The bar would receive the cash for the alcohol and pay out a commission to the female employee. This type of drink solicitation and commission scheme is a violation of the California Business and Professions Code Section 24200.5(b), 25657 (a) and 25657 (b).

The Department received several complaints from the community regarding the operation of the bar. ABC agents worked closely with the Azusa Police during an on-going investigation to develop information.

The investigation revealed the establishment was in violation of the rules and laws governing the operation of a business with a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.