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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for Ken Fulk and St Joseph's Art Society.

As a small business owner and resident of District 6 since 1997, I am filled with gratitude and pride that such an ambitious restoration and community-minded endeavor has been realized in my neighborhood.

My boutique beverage catering company, Rye On The Road, is one block away and has flourished over the past 10 years due to the support, generosity, and professionalism that Ken Fulk has practiced.

My affiliation with St Joesph's Art Society has allowed my business to employ several hospitality professionals with a living wage in a city that is increasingly a challenge for people in my profession. The additional good fortune of being exposed to the creative arts and sharing the space with our community has enriched this experience.

Please do not hesitate contact me with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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August 15, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Room 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE- AB 1370 (Chiu)- Alcoholic beverage licenses: nonprofit arts foundation**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of, Steel + Lacquer (salon company), we request your signature on AB 1370 (Chiu). AB 1370 would allow the historical Saint Joseph's Church, a National Historic Landmark as well as a San Francisco Landmark (#120,) to retain a special on-sale general license through the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the purposes of permitting the Saint Joseph's Art Foundation to allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol during events. These events provide access to cultural and artistic assets throughout the year, which help to support the mission of the foundation as well as various non-profits and community groups sponsoring and hosting the events.

Saint Joseph's Church is a 22,000 square foot Romanesque revival church located at 1401 Howard Street in the City and County of San Francisco. After receiving significant damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the structure was closed and abandoned until 2008, when a local developer and contractor purchased Saint Joseph's Church and began the laborious process of obtaining National Park Service and local approvals for the rehabilitation and restoration of Saint Joseph's Church. The restoration was completed in 2018 and Saint Joseph's Church re-opened its doors on October 1, 2018.

Since its reopening, the Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Saint Joseph's Arts Society, has begun holding various public programming events and daily tours, and hosts events for local non-profits and community groups. In less than four months, events hosted at Saint Joseph's Church and facilitated by the Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation, have raised over \$8 million for local non-profit theater companies, Maternity Care, clean water and affordable housing for disaster victims.

Currently, any event that is held at Saint Joseph's Church where alcohol is served requires partnership with an existing ABC licensee, for which that entity holds an active Type 47 or Type 48 license at an existing location in San Francisco. This entails the license holder applying in person at least 3 business days in advance at the local ABC District office for a Caterer Permit, which authorizes the licensee to serve and charge for alcoholic beverages upon the premises, in addition to paying a fee of \$142 and \$25 for each day of service. Furthermore, under the license rules and requirements each location that uses such a license, in this case Saint Joseph's Church, is limited to a maximum of 24 licensed events per year. Not only is the process and time to obtain each caterer event permit arduous and complex, it places a limit on the number of licensed caterer permit events allowed in one year, significantly straining Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation's ability to use the landmark structure to

facilitate events for local community groups, non-profits, local artists as well as events to support the foundation's mission.

AB 1370 would allow for an ABC license that would permit the types of events envisioned in Saint Joseph's Church. The license proposed would allow the Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation to operate within Saint Joseph's Church, providing access to cultural and artistic assets throughout the year to people of all ages and allowing for the sale of alcohol during these events to support the mission of the foundation, as well as various non-profits and community groups sponsoring and hosting the events.

For these reasons we ask you to sign AB 1370. Saint Joseph's Church is not a bar or a nightclub, nor it is a private club, event space or restaurant. It is a cultural asset, a National Landmark and a San Francisco Landmark (#120). It sat vacant and unused for 30 years and now is a restored community and cultural asset that is proposed for public and community use in support of the arts.

Thank you for your consideration in signing AB 1370. **If you should have any questions, please contact me at 415-503-1210.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jarrod", followed by a stylized, loopy flourish.

Jarrod Aldama  
Co-founder of Steel + Lacquer (salon company)