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### **Local Libertarians support local businesses from proposed Boca Raton alcohol ordinance**

Boynton Beach,, Fla – Last night, March 27, 2017, the Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County’s Executive Committee voted to support two bars as the City of Boca Raton proposes to hurt their businesses. Tonight the city council will introduce an ordinance proposing that two bars stop serving their customers alcohol at 2 a.m. instead of their normal 5 a.m. The two bars’ serving times were grandfathered in when those two locations were annexed by the city.

Specifically, the Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County opposes the prohibition when any Palm Beach County resident can be served alcohol and suggests the City of Boca Raton and all cities in the county end their arbitrary 2 a.m. cut off time. Businesses, not politicians, should decide how to best operate.

Karl Dickey, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County, said this morning, “Businesses should be able to serve alcohol when their customers demand and not when a government commands it so. It should be between the business and the customer. Under this proposed ordinance, the City is endangering the lives of its residents as later-nighters will be traveling longer distances rather than stay within the city limits.”

The City of Boca Raton would be jeopardizing the livelihood and the potential survival of these two late-night businesses by instituting this restriction. Dickey added, “Nippers has been there since the Olympiad building opened which is over 30 years ago and now the city wants to suddenly change their business plan for them? Apparently those in city leadership do not believe in the free market, and are all too willing to unnecessarily change the rules midstream deciding when and how a business operates.”

The Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County wants all citizens of Palm Beach County to have abundant opportunities to achieve economic success. A free and competitive

market allocates resources in the most efficient manner. Each person has the right to offer goods and services to others on the free market. The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected. All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

