

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,

To the Honorable, the Common Council, San Diego, California:

GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned herewith respectfully petitions your Honorable Body
as follows:

To the Committee on Health and Morals
of the Common Council of the City
of San Diego, Cal.

Gentlemen:—

According to published reports your committee will consider tonight the ordinance introduced by Mayor Capps regarding sideentrances to saloons, and as one directly concerned in the matter, I respectfully ask your kind consideration of the following matter.

I desire to advance a few reasons why a harassing policy towards saloons does no good for San Diego.

It is a well known fact that San Diego is one of the most orderly seaport cities. Our chiefs of police in the past and present have had very little complaint to

make against the saloon methods that have obtained here. One of the main sources of income to San Diego is the large transient element that visit here summer and winter for pleasure and amusement. The liberal policy of the city is what draws them. That policy has made San Francisco the richest city in the world of its size. What harm is there in a man taking his wife into the sideroom of a saloon to get a glass of beer? Has not woman about the same appetite as man? This privilege and right is not denied in any large city in the Union.

The claim is made that young girls get ruined. There is a law in California making it unlawful to sell to minors. No

self-respecting saloonkeeper objects to the enforcement of this Law.

Parents in a great many instances are to blame for not keeping a more watchful eye on their sons and daughters.

As a class we are interested in elevating our business not in degrading it, and favor good regulations, but it should be our right to arrange our saloons to accommodate the views of the respectable drinking public. What difference does it make to the general public, what does a man go into to a saloon or whether he takes his beer and sandwich at the bar or in a side room away from the gaze of others? In conclusion will say that in my opinion if the laws and City ordinances

that pertain to saloons are enforced, the business will be conducted on lines that no unprejudiced person could object to.

Respectfully submitted

Herman M. Fritz.

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City Clerk.

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Deputy.

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