

Letterhead of CALIFORNIA RED KARAOKE BOX

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To whom it may concern,

Re Karaoke Establishment Bills

We refer to the advertisement from the committee members of Karaoke Establishment Bills, Legislative Council invites the relative trade for opinion letters (*Ming Daily Newspaper, March 6, 2001*). In representing one of the entertainment business trade in Hong Kong, California Red Karaoke Box, we would like to share our opinion and points of view with you for your serious consideration to the captioned ordinance. Please also reflect our position with earnest internal consultation and discussion with expertise to the public during consultation and legislation.

We are much obliged if you could take a urge concern herewith our viewpoints and put in thoughtful consideration:

1. Tough karaoke ordinance is not compatible to the existing economic and business conditions in Hong Kong.
2. In more further cruel and tight control put the trade's future in jeopardy. Not even upsets the existing business and also keeps away the future investors. How would this trade be survived?
3. It leads to an even unstable and unclear outlook to the trade business environment and also affects the related trade and vendors. Furthermore, it becomes a big echo in the public, who is going to take this responsibility?
4. The unfortunate tragedy happened few years ago at the Karaoke Box is a rare and arson case and conducted to be a criminal behavior.

5. Under years of improvements in the safety conditions of the karaoke boxes and the public's conscious of safety requirement in high-lighting the exit signage of evacuation, extending the exit lights, the knowledge of extinguishing the fire hazard towards the investors, operators, employers, employees and customers.
6. The existing liquor licence and restaurant (including the light refreshment licence) applications endorse the karaoke business type means the measures are controlled, sufficient and applicable the capability of the business operation.
7. In comparison of the Karaoke Establishment Bills and the Consultation papers, we found that the Consultation papers mostly concern the area of the safety requirement whereas the Karaoke Establishment Bills is not and only put the harsh requirements to the trade. It clearly states the government tries to deceive by pretending to be democratic to the trade and the public.
8. In order to have a fair and feasible ordinance for the investors, employers and employees to operate and implement the trade business, the by-laws of the ordinance should have to be discussed and compromised with the karaoke trade.
9. Lastly but not the least, we would like to have a CLEAR DEFINITION of Karaoke Business Operation.

Looking forward to receiving your favorable commentary as per afore-mentioned.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
California Red Limited