



PRESS RELEASE

Inland Empire Brew Witches Unequivocally Support Women in Craft Brew, Will Host Informal Gathering in Response to Revelations of Harassment and Assault in the Industry

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The Inland Empire Brew Witches express their full support to Brienne Allan, a brewer at Notch Brewing, in her work to expose instances of sexism, harassment, and assault in the craft brewing industry. The Witches are hosting a meeting, open to all, on Saturday, May 22, from 2PM to 5PM at Rowdy's Brew Co. (10002 6th St A, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730) for women and those who support them, to informally discuss these revelations, to stand together, and to feel the support of the community for women in beer.

Founded in early 2017, the Brew Witches is a 501(c)(7) nonprofit with a simple mission: supporting women who love craft beer. Over the years, the Brew Witches have expanded their actions in support of this mission -- organizing with breweries to fundraise for local charities, providing educational opportunities in the craft beer industry, and building a community of women and those who support them -- but the essential mission of creating a space in the craft beer community where women who love beer are safe, valued, and included remains unchanged.

“I am shaken by the stories Brienne is sharing,” says Founding Mother Sage M. “It breaks my heart that this industry, where I’ve worked so hard to create a space for myself and the people I love, remains riddled with such vile behaviors and beliefs. The Brew Witches was founded to counter the sexism too many of us have encountered in the craft beer world, and this reckoning shows us how far we have to go.”

Founding Mother and Vice President Destiny R. adds, “It is essential to clearly state that the Brew Witches support Brienne and the survivors bravely coming forward. We are here for our community in the Inland Empire, and throughout Southern California, and anywhere women are creating a space for themselves in the brewing community. As always, though more urgently now than ever, we are working to convene community events that will strengthen and support the voices -- voices that we believe are the majority -- that advocate for the inclusion of women and other marginalized groups in this industry, and for accountability for the perpetrators Brienne has exposed.”

“Brew Witches is communicating with our sponsors and other breweries in our community about how to address these issues,” says Laura F., Board Member. “We are committed to using our strength and influence to ensure that the craft beer world becomes a safer space for women.”

About Inland Empire Brew Witches

Founded in early 2017, the Inland Empire Brew Witches have a mission: supporting women who love craft beer. The Brew Witches build community through educational events, social outings, and community service. For further information on the Inland Empire Brew Witches, check out their website at www.brewwitches.org or their social media accounts at [@iebrewwitches](https://www.instagram.com/iebrewwitches).