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National Organization for Women accuses Hooters of catering to children

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A children's t-

shirt for sale on Hooters' Website.

The California chapter of The National Organization for Women (NOW) filed complaints against its local Hooters restaurants in four counties this month, accusing the chain of catering to children.

NOW's California president Patricia Bellasalma says Hooters is violating state and local laws, which prohibit 'adult' businesses from serving minors.

In the complaints filed with police and prosecutors, NOW makes the case that several of the Hooters restaurants in California, which are classified as 'adult entertainment' establishments, provide children's menus and high chairs, and sells bibs that say "I Love Hooters" and T-shirts for kids that read, "Future Hooters Girl."

"That's saying sexual entertainer in the making and that's what's really sad and that's what's against the law in California," Mona Lisa Wallace, the attorney who filed the complaint, told KTVU in San Francisco.

The restaurant chain's [Website](#) states: "Hooters does not market itself to families, but they do patronize the restaurants. Ten percent of the parties we serve have children in them. Hooters is in the hospitality business and provides the best possible service to anyone coming through the door. For this reason, the chain offers a children's menu."

Wallace points out that in previous lawsuits over equal employment opportunities, Hooters has called itself, not a restaurant, but an adult business that provides 'vicarious sexual entertainment.'

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Wallace says Hooters can't have it both ways. What do you think? Leave your comments below.

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