

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, kratom leaves contain two major psychoactive ingredients, mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine, which interact with opioid receptors in the brain; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), people may use kratom to try to overcome opioid addiction, however, kratom itself may have the potential to be addictive; and

WHEREAS, though the long-term effects of kratom use are not yet well understood, harmful contaminants such as heavy metals and disease-causing bacteria have been found in some kratom products; and

WHEREAS, kratom is currently legal and accessible online and in stores in many areas of the United States with estimates showing that nearly 25 percent of kratom sales are in California; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City of San Diego and the City of Oceanside banned the use and sale of kratom followed by the City of Newport Beach in 2024 who approved an ordinance to prohibit the sale and distribution of kratom; and

WHEREAS, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the abuse of kratom has increased in recent years with several cases of psychosis being reported, where individuals addicted to kratom exhibited psychotic symptoms, including hallucinations, delusion, and confusion; and

WHEREAS, AB 1088 (Bains) would add kratom products containing 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH products) to the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law and prohibits the sale of kratom products and 7- OH products to persons under 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the bill would also require the packaging of kratom products and 7-OH products to be child resistant and prohibits the sale of a kratom product or 7- OH product that are attractive to children or that contain a level of 7-OH that exceeds 2% of the total kratom alkaloids in the product;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1088 (Bains) which would add kratom products containing 7-hydroxymitragynine to the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law and prohibits the sale of kratom products and 7-hydroxymitragynine products to persons under 21 years of age.

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