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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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RE: Community Impact Statement For Council File 25-0916 —Interim Control Ordinance / Tobacco, Nicotine, and Related Products / Prohibition of Establishment or Expansion / Operations Near Sensitive Uses

Position: SUPPORT

The Watts Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the actions associated with Council File 25-0916 and Ordinance No. 188977 establishing interim land-use controls addressing Smoke & Vape Shops and related tobacco retailer permits within Council District 15.

Watts NC recognizes tobacco-retailer concentration and youth exposure as matters of public health, land-use equity, neighborhood quality of life, and environmental justice. Communities already experiencing cumulative environmental and economic burdens should not have to wait until potentially harmful land-use patterns become entrenched before preventative action is taken.

We thank Councilmember Tim McOsker and the Council District 15 Office for advancing a districtwide response and encourage the City to use the interim period to establish equitable permanent regulations addressing retailer concentration, proximity to sensitive receptors, enforcement, youth exposure, and meaningful community participation.

We further encourage the City to examine conditions specifically within Watts and other historically underserved CD15 communities and to incorporate Neighborhood Councils, youth, schools, faith institutions, public-health organizations, local businesses, and residents into the development of permanent standards.

Preventive land-use planning is environmental justice.

The Watts Neighborhood Council supports protecting our communities while simultaneously advancing commercial corridors characterized by healthy, locally serving businesses and economic opportunities that improve community well-being.





In Service,

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Letter of Appreciation & Support

August 11, 2026

Councilmember Tim McOsker

Los Angeles City Council, District 15

RE: Appreciation and Support for Proactive Community Health & Land-Use Protection — Ordinance No. 188977 / Council File 25-0916

Dear Councilmember McOsker and Council District 15 Team:

On behalf of the Watts Neighborhood Council, we extend our sincere appreciation to Councilmember Tim McOsker and the Council District 15 Office for your leadership in advancing **Ordinance No. 188977**, the Interim Control Ordinance addressing the proliferation of smoke and vape shops and related tobacco retail uses throughout Council District 15.

The Watts Neighborhood Council **supports this important action and recognizes it as a meaningful step toward protecting youth, families, public health, and neighborhood quality of life throughout our district.**

For Watts, this action carries particular significance.

Our community has historically experienced a disproportionate concentration of environmental burdens and land uses that affect the health and quality of life of residents. For communities facing cumulative environmental, economic, and public-health challenges, decisions about what businesses are permitted, where they are concentrated, and their proximity to children and families are fundamentally matters of **health equity, environmental justice, and responsible land-use planning.**

We appreciate that Ordinance No. 188977 recognizes concerns surrounding the concentration of smoke and vape establishments in communities already experiencing economic and environmental strain, particularly when such establishments are located near schools, churches, parks, daycare centers, residential neighborhoods, and other sensitive uses.

We are also encouraged by the ordinance's preventive approach.





Historically burdened communities should not have to wait for harm to become entrenched before government acts. Preventive land-use planning is environmental justice.

The ordinance documents significant tobacco-retail activity within CD15 and identifies concerns regarding youth exposure, accessibility, targeted marketing, enforcement, and the proliferation of establishments selling tobacco and vaping products. We commend the Council District 15 Office for recognizing concerns initially identified in Wilmington and advancing a districtwide response capable of protecting communities throughout CD15, including Watts.

Watts is home to children, families, elders, schools, houses of worship, parks, community organizations, entrepreneurs, and small businesses working every day toward a healthier and more prosperous future. Our neighborhoods should not become default locations for an excessive concentration of businesses or land uses that may adversely affect public health or expose young people to addictive products.

As the City uses this interim period to consider long-term regulations, the Watts Neighborhood Council respectfully encourages the City and Council District 15 to evaluate conditions within Watts and throughout the district, including:

- the number and geographic density of existing tobacco retailers;
- proximity to schools, childcare facilities, parks, recreation centers, churches, residential neighborhoods, and youth-serving institutions;
- patterns of permit violations, suspensions, investigations, illegal sales, and youth access;
- cumulative environmental and public-health burdens within historically underserved communities;
- appropriate distance and concentration standards for future uses;
- meaningful enforcement mechanisms and community reporting procedures; and
- ongoing engagement with Neighborhood Councils, youth, schools, public-health organizations, faith institutions, businesses, and community stakeholders as permanent regulations are developed.

We also encourage the City's long-term planning efforts to consider not only **what uses should be limited**, but **what types of businesses should be intentionally attracted to our communities**.

Healthy land-use policy should help create commercial corridors that support healthy food access, locally owned businesses, healthcare and wellness services, youth and family-serving enterprises, cultural businesses, green businesses, workforce development, and other investments that contribute positively to community well-being and economic opportunity.



The Watts Neighborhood Council therefore respectfully asks that the interim protections established through Ordinance No. 188977 serve as the beginning of a broader conversation about **healthy, equitable, community-centered land-use planning throughout Council District 15.**

Councilmember McOsker and the CD15 team, thank you for recognizing this issue and acting proactively on behalf of the communities you serve. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to continued collaboration as permanent solutions are developed.

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