

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to prohibit the establishment or expansion of any retail business that permits the sale or on-site use of tobacco or nicotine products, 'Tobacco Retailer', near sensitive uses within the geographical boundaries of Council District 15.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (McOsker - Lee):

INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP), in consultation with the City Attorney, and with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) and the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) as needed, to prepare a report with recommendations within 45 days on best practices from other jurisdictions, such as but not limited to Redondo Beach, Long Beach, San Francisco, and New York City, on zoning, licensing, buffer zones, youth-access controls, and permitting related to tobacco and smoke-shop businesses, including responses to the five specific questions detailed below:

1. What is unique about the 15th Council District regarding tobacco or nicotine sales?
2. How a buffer zone around sensitive uses will be applied and enforced?
3. How the Department of Finance will determine whether an applicant is within a buffer zone, or whether a business is being expanded?
4. What resources are needed to develop, implement and enforce a ban on tobacco and nicotine sales near sensitive uses?
5. What is the immediate threat to public health, safety or welfare such that tobacco regulations cannot be amended through the normal code amendment process?

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the Chief Legislative Analyst nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Westside Neighborhood Council

Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on October 28, 2025, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (McOsker - Lee) relative to instructing the DCP, in consultation with the City Attorney, and with the assistance of DBS and DCR, to prepare an ICO to prohibit the establishment or expansion of any retail business that permits the sale or on-site use of tobacco or nicotine products, 'Tobacco Retailer' as defined in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 46.90 (1), and commonly referred to as 'smoke-shops', near sensitive uses within the geographical boundaries of Council District 15. Councilmember Blumenfield read five specific questions into the record for inclusion in the report, and stated that once the questions are adequately answered the

Committee will look at the ICO. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the Motion as amended, requesting a report from the DCP, including addressing the five specific questions provided by Councilmember Blumenfield, and including any other pertinent information that is a necessary precursor to implementing the ICO. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
HUTT	YES
NAZARIAN	ABSENT
LEE	YES
RAMAN	YES

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