

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to urge LA city council to oppose agenda #7, file # 25-1357, the ban of kratom and 7-hydroxymitragynine. There are an estimated 200,000 people who use kratom products in your city and many of them would be negatively impacted by a ban, possibly pushed toward street drugs or counterfeit pharmaceuticals. I use both kratom and 7oh and live in a state where 7oh was banned and kratom may be soon. It is threatening my mental health and my ability to remain employed due to chronic pain. I was addicted to heroin for years before being injured in a roll-over crash of a car I was a passenger in that killed a friend and left me with a fractured vertebrae. I spiraled further into addiction and ended up in prison for trafficking. I got addicted to smuggled suboxone while in prison and was able to quit by using kratom when I got out. When I began working, the pain was too much for just kratom, I found a way to save my job in 7oh. I have been clean and employed at the same job for over 2 years now, I am doing better than I ever have before. I don't know what my future now holds because of the changing laws in my state. I don't wish to see others put in a situation like mine. I encourage you to adopt stricter regulations that keep consumers safe while still allowing safe and legal access to something many people rely on for pain or harm reduction. Thank you for your time!