

RESOLUTION

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, on November 7, 2025, the Department of Public Health (DPH) issued an order for retailers to immediately stop selling and remove products containing kratom and the synthetic kratom compound known as 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) from their shelves; and

WHEREAS, according to the DPH, 7-OH is being synthetically concentrated into various products that are sold in gas stations, smoke shops, and other retail and online venues in the form of tablets, gummies, drink mixes, and concentrated liquid extracts or shots for drinking; and

WHEREAS, such products are unregulated and often labeled with the terms "plant alkaloids" or "alkaloid" and marketed as dietary supplements to address a broad range of issues such as pain, anxiety and mood disorders, opioid withdrawal, or energy/general well-being; and

WHEREAS, beginning the week of November 10, 2025, the DPH warned that Public Health inspectors were to begin inspecting tobacco shops and other retailers to ensure that kratom and 7-OH products are not being sold; and

WHEREAS, the announcement follows reports of six overdose deaths among people aged 18 to 40 years old in the Los Angeles County area due to 7-OH ingestion; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) issued warning letters to seven companies for illegally marketing concentrated 7-OH products as 7-OH is not lawful in dietary supplements and cannot be lawfully added to conventional foods; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2025, the Council resolved to include in the City's 2025-26 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby supports the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's efforts to ban the sale of products containing kratom and the synthetic kratom compound known as 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) amid overdose risk.

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