

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, under current law, tobacco smoke shops are subject to a number of regulations, in an effort to reduce the availability of tobacco and paraphernalia to individuals under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, despite current regulations, there currently exists no state-wide regulation on the location or hours of these businesses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to tobacco products, a number of smoke shops sell nitrous oxide, also known as “whippets” or “galaxy gas;” and

WHEREAS, inhaling nitrous oxide can lead to severe health complications, including paralysis, brain and nerve damage, heart irregularities and in extreme cases, death from hypoxia; and

WHEREAS, the sale of nitrous oxide at smoke shops has grown significantly in recent years; and

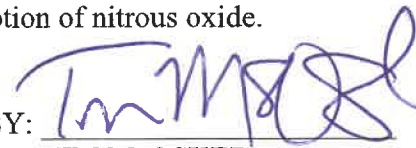
WHEREAS, SB 1314 (Menjivar) would strengthen regulations on smoke shops, including prohibiting them from being located within a 600-foot radius of a school or daycare in existence at the time a retail license is issued, or operating between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, SB 1314 would also prohibit a smoke shop from possessing, storing, owning, or selling nitrous oxide or paraphernalia relating to the consumption of nitrous oxide; and

WHEREAS, SB 1314 would address growing concerns with nitrous oxide sales in California, and ensure that smoke shops are not located in areas frequented by minors;

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 SB 1314 (Menjivar), which would establish additional regulations on smoke shops, including business hours and location restrictions, as well as prohibit a smoke shop from possessing, storing, owning, or selling nitrous oxide or paraphernalia relating to the consumption of nitrous oxide.

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