

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on prohibiting the fabrication and installation of artificial stone products containing more than 1 percent crystalline silica.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Hernandez, et al. – Hutt),
SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2026-27 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's advancement of emergency rulemaking and permanent regulatory action to prohibit the fabrication and installation of artificial stone products containing more than 1 percent crystalline silica, and urges Cal/OSHA to move expeditiously through the emergency regulatory process to protect workers from the ongoing and life-threatening silicosis crisis in California.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 2, 2026, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a June 23, 2026 Resolution (Hernandez, et al. – Hutt), relative to prohibiting the fabrication and installation of artificial stone products containing more than 1 percent crystalline silica. According to the Resolution, Cal/OSHA's Silica Special Emphasis Program has already issued more than 900 citations totaling approximately 1.9 million dollars in proposed penalties and conducted 465 on-site consultations reaching over 27,000 employees, demonstrating the scale of noncompliance and the urgent need for stronger and enforceable standards. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT

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