

XOXO VAPOR BAR

February 14, 2014

The Honorable Tom LaBonge
Vice Chair, Arts Parks Health Aging and River Committee
200 N. Spring St. Room 480
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council Motion 13-1204-S1

Dear Councilman LaBonge,

I opened the XOXO Vapor Bar on Ventura Blvd. in August 2013 because I believe that E-cigarettes are fun, sassy, classy, sophisticated and a healthier alternative to cigarettes. They are the wave of the future. I've owned and run other business before and I want to elevate the image that people currently have of Vaping and Vapor Bars.


I am writing to you because I am very concerned that the draft ordinance to ban the use of e-cigarettes everywhere cigarettes are prohibited may have a detrimental impact on my business unless there is an exemption included that would allow my adult customers to continue to vape inside my Vapor Bar.

If the ordinance is adopted as currently drafted, my customers would no longer be allowed to vape inside the XOXO Vapor Bar. Similar to cigar shops, my Vapor Bar is limited to customers who are over the age of 18. We ask for identification for anyone who appears to be under the age of 27.

Before you pass any legislation impacting vapor lounges, I hope that you will take time to learn about e-cigarettes and the many new businesses like mine that have opened recently to meet the growing demand for our products. I invite you to come to my Vapor Bar so I can show you they products we offer for sale and the environment in which we serve our customers.

I look forward to an opportunity to discuss amending the draft ordinance with you in greater detail, preferably before the Committee hearing.

Sincerely yours,


Step Jones
Owner

cc: Arts Parks Health Aging and River Committee Members