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Comments for Public Posting: You have proposed a motion in the Los Angeles City Council to ban Cannabis vaping products in response to the social media driven hysteria from the string of health problems and unfortunate deaths that people are suffering from using illegal black market cannabis vape products cut with the hazardous filler agent Vitamin E Acetate, haphazardly sold by illicit vape chemical suppliers under the names Honey Cut, Florplex Uber Thick, Mr Extractor Clear Cut, etc. Black market cannabis vape cartridge manufacturers use these as a way to cut and dilute pure THC oil while maintaining thickness and giving people the impression it is uncut. Black market dealers cut the pure THC oil the same reason they cut cocaine with some other white powder and similar for other drugs, to stretch their supply and make more money for themselves. Previously, the black market would cut the pure THC oil with other fillers but this would result in thinning it out leading to the nickname "hot dog water" for these black market thc vapes, as it would have a thin consistency. Since pure THC oil is incredibly thick, not moving at room temperature, this made it too obvious to people who bough black market products that it was diluted, leading to the use of Vitamin E Acetate as a filler as it allowed the black market dealers to sell cut and diluted products while fooling people and thinking they're getting a pure product since the Vitamin E Acetate filler has a thick consistency. Vitamin E Acetate is unsafe to vape as it is a heavy long chained oil. Pure and clean Cannabis oil is safe and vaping uncut, pure cannabis oil is no different than vaping or smoking cannabis "flower", the traditional method of consuming cannabis. It is this filler and cutting agent making people sick, not cannabis itself or vaping itself. No legitimate, licensed brand of cannabis vape cartridges sold in legitimate licensed recreational dispensaries uses any fillers of any kind, its all pure. Improvements can be made in testing such as ensuring vape cartridge hardware is lead free but as I understand it, such improvements are already underway and either case, things like lead don't cause the lipid pneumonia black market users are suffering from and would be a long term issue not a short term one like vitamin e acetate, nor would a legal ban help anyone but the black market. Education portion over.... You have ignorantly or corruptly decided the response to dangerous impure black market cannabis products is

to ban the clean, pure, tested, licensed and safe cannabis products which are sold in licensed recreational dispensaries. This makes no sense unless you are either incredibly ignorant and know absolutely nothing about the situation, which demonstrates you are inept at your job and are willing to pass a ban having huge consequences for legal legitimate businesses and consumers based on social media hearsay and hysteria....or it demonstrates you are corrupt and purposefully trying to use the damage done by the black market tainted products to destroy the legal clean market with the purpose of actually driving more business to the black market, perhaps because you are on the payroll of the various gangs and organized crime behind the majority of the black market products. So which is it, are you inept or corrupt? Are you trying to destroy the legal and SAFE market of clean and pure cannabis oil vape products because you're too lazy or stupid to educate yourself on actual facts about the situation instead of relying on social media hysteria and ignorance from people who never read or educate themselves beyond the titles on their facebook news feed...OR... are you working for the gangs and criminals, trying to destroy their competition, the legal, clean, safe market so as to drive more customers to the black market. I'm betting you're corrupt. Either way, those of you who are in favor of this don't belong on the City Council and this motion is a sham which will only aid and abet organized crime and the black market.