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Recent news accounts have highlighted the growing problem of the sale of so-called bath salts that produce a meth-like high, particularly for young people in nightclubs. These bath salts containing two synthetic drugs (mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylvalerone or MDPV) are being used as legal alternatives to cocaine and meth. The federal DEA has expressed concerns regarding these drugs which reportedly produce an intense high, euphoria, extreme energy, hallucinations and insomnia and cause users to be easily provoked to anger.

These drugs have been banned in several states and the European Union, and state and federal law makers around the country (including New York Senator Chuck Schumer) are calling for additional restrictions. Most bath salts do not contain these dangerous chemicals. Thus these legislative actions are not restricting the marketplace for legitimate products.

Ideally, Sacramento and Washington will restrict the sale of these new designer drugs. In the interim, however, it is critical that the City of Los Angeles do everything in its power to restrict the sale and use of these dangerous substances.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst report to the City Council regarding legislation in other jurisdictions restricting the sale of these "bath salts" completely and/or based upon age, manner of sale and/or other reasons.

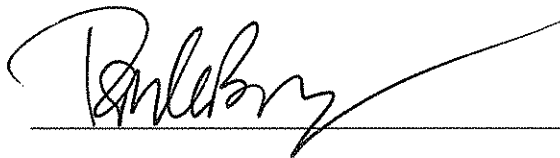
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance based on the consideration of these facts to outlaw and/or restrict the sale and use of these designer drugs in the City of Los Angeles.

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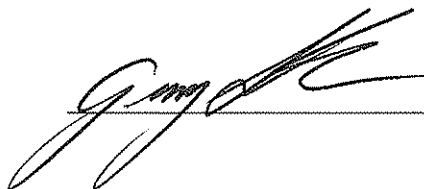


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