

RESOLUTION
RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the use of synthetic cannabinoid, often referred to as "spice" or "K2" is a significant and growing problem in California; and

WHEREAS, synthetic cannabinoid is often far cheaper than naturally occurring marijuana, and often significantly more potent; and

WHEREAS, the use of synthetic cannabinoid can result in serious medical emergencies, with individuals who overdose on these drugs experiencing cardiac problems, losing consciousness, becoming paranoid or suffering from psychotic episodes; and

WHEREAS, there have been serious overdose incidences across the state, including two large incidences on Skid Row in the last month; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the state passed SB 420 (Hernandez) legislation to ban the sale, manufacture, possession and distribution of five specific formulations of synthetic cannabinoid; and

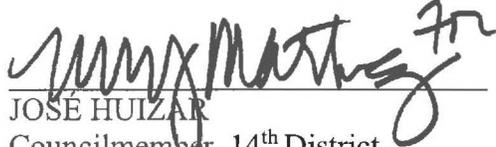
WHEREAS, manufacturers of synthetic cannabinoid reacted to this new law by tweaking the formulations of their product to get around the ban; and

WHEREAS, SB 1036 (Hernandez) would address this issue by expanding the definition of a controlled substance analog to synthetic cannabinoid; and

WHEREAS, SB 1036 would effectively shut down the loophole in current law that enables drug manufacturers to adjust their chemical compounds to skirt California law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 1036 (Hernandez), which would make it a crime to possess, sell, transport or manufacture an analog of a synthetic cannabinoid compound.

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