

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the implementation plan for a comprehensive, multilingual public awareness campaign to inform impacted communities, industry workers, and consumers about the hazards of engineered stone products containing crystalline silica, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield - Padilla - Rodriguez - Hutt):

INSTRUCT the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of Department of Building and Safety, Bureau of Sanitation, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and in partnership with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, to report on an implementation plan for a comprehensive, multilingual public awareness campaign to inform impacted communities, industry workers, and consumers about the hazards of engineered stone products containing crystalline silica, such as:

1. Development of multilingual educational materials, including brochures, posters, and digital content, explaining the health hazards related to silica dust, safe handling practices for engineered stone, and the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE).
2. Organization of workshops and training sessions conducted by industry professionals, including labor representatives, to instruct stone-fabrication workers on the latest safety protocols, risk mitigation strategies, and compliance with legal regulations, and proper use of tools and PPE. After completion of such workshops and training sessions, each stone fabrication worker can become certified with the approved program.
3. Implementation of a community engagement strategy that includes the distribution of multilingual public service announcements through local media and partnerships with promotoras, organizations, and community leaders to ensure wide-reaching communication on silica safety.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 21, 2024, your Committee considered Motion (Blumenfield - Padilla - Rodriguez - Hutt) relative to the implementation plan for a comprehensive, multilingual public awareness campaign to inform impacted communities, industry workers, and consumers about the hazards of engineered stone products containing crystalline silica, and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve as amended the recommendation detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HERNANDEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT

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