

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council

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Council File No: 18-1104

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember: Please see attached letter from Pacific Palisades Community Council, setting forth our position in support of the City Attorney's Report (calling for a ban on sales of all flavored tobacco products used in vaping) in the above-referenced council file and our opposition to exceptions for menthol and "hookah" flavors. Thank you, Chris Spitz Secretary, PPCC



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2020

Honorable Mike Bonin
Councilmember, Council District 11

Via email: mike.bonin@lacity.org

Re: Council File 18-1104 – Proposed Ban on Sales of Flavored Tobacco Used in Vaping

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

As you know, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization and has been the voice of the Palisades since 1973.

At its regularly scheduled board meeting on January 9, 2020, after due consideration and full discussion, the PPCC board voted nearly unanimously in favor of the following motion recommended in part by WRAC leadership:

“Referencing Council File 18-1104, Pacific Palisades Community Council supports the findings of the City Attorney regarding vaping products, as expressed in the September 18, 2019 Report regarding “Policy Options for Banning or Restricting the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products to Youth,” and opposes a carve-out for menthol products as well as hookah.

In addition, Pacific Palisades Community Council supports proposed SB 793 (Hill), which would ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products statewide, without exception.”

We understand that the Health, Education, Neighborhood Councils, Arts, Parks & River Committee (HENPARC) recently voted in favor of a ban on sales of flavored tobacco products with exceptions for menthol and “hookah.” In the overriding interest of protecting the health & safety of our youth, we urge you to support the City Attorney’s report, to oppose exceptions for menthol and hookah, and to vote only for a **ban on sales of all such products, without exception.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz, Secretary
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Hon. David Ryu, Chair, HENPARC
Hon. Nury Martinez, President, LA City Council
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