

July 22, 2019

The Honorable Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products (Support)

Dear Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti

The student leaders of United Parents and Students (UPAS) along with our parents, community members and teachers are in strong support of a proposed ordinance ending the sale of candy – and sweet-flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. As you know, UPAS is an organization comprised of parents and students who work to address barriers outside of the classroom that affect the learning process in school. We the student leaders represent over 4,000 students from 6 different schools across Los Angeles.

Over the past few years there has been a drastic increase in the use of flavored tobacco products, especially vaping products, within our schools and communities. We have seen firsthand the illegal use of these products in school settings including but not limited to: classrooms, restrooms, locker rooms and local parks.

Tobacco remains the leading cause of preventable death in our country, and sadly more than 4 out of 5 young adults ages 18-24 who have ever used tobacco reported that the first product they used was flavored. Furthermore, over half of current high school e-cigarette users report using a menthol or mint flavored product.¹

This issue is very important to us. On a daily basis we as students have to navigate gang violence, poverty, food deserts and homelessness. We should not also have to fight tobacco companies who target black and brown youth. We are doing our part to bring drug prevention programs to our schools and to provide education and awareness workshops to our parents. We are counting on you to protect us on a legislative level and support ending the sale of flavored tobacco products. Cities like Beverly Hills and Manhattan Beach have prioritized their community's health and their student's health. We believe that the City of Los Angeles can and should do the same.

We look forward to seeing your leadership on this issue. Thank you for your continued support of United Parents and Students and the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

The Student Leaders of United Parents and Students
1149 S. Hill St., Ste 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015
unitedparentsandstudents.org

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Seun-ding O. Oka

Signature: Seun-ding O. Oka

Date: 7. 27. 19

Address: 8906-Beach St. AL.

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I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Regina Hernandez

Signature: Regina Hernandez

Date: 7/27/19

Address: 2308 W. Compton Blvd

Compton, CA 90220

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Kathy Burns

Signature: Kathy Burns

Date: 7/27/2019

Address: 1250 W. 80th St.

Los Angeles, CA 90044

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

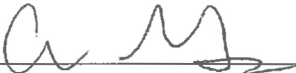
_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Cecilia Medina

Signature: 

Date: 7-24-19

Address: 155 W 69th St.

Los Angeles CA, 90003

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Jonathan Garzon

Signature: 

Date: 7-27-19

Address: 712 1/4 E 43rd Pl

Los Angeles CA 90011

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_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

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and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Gloria Jackson

Signature: Gloria Jackson

Date: 1-27-2019

Address: 3944 MONTCLAIR ST

Los Angeles, 90018

I am a: ____ student (age: ____)

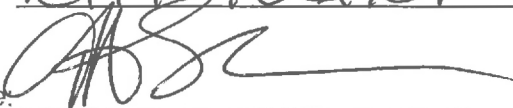
✓ ____ parent (school: Animo South LA)

____ teacher (school: _____)

____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Terri Tucker

Signature: 

Date: ~~2711 West 116th~~ July 27, 2019

Address: 2711 West 116th St
Hawthorne CA 90250

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

✓ teacher (school: Animo Legacy)

_____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Nancy Romano

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7/24/19

Address: 12227 S. Western Ave

Los Angeles, CA 90047

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

☒ teacher (school: Animo Legacy)

_____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Kathia Tejeda

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7/24/19

Address: 12226 S. Western Ave
LA, CA 90047

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

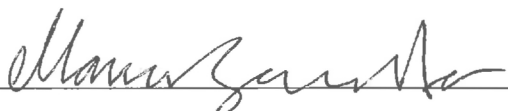
_____ parent (school: _____)

✓ teacher (school: Animo Jefferson M.S.)

_____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Maria Zavala

Signature: 

Date: 7/24/2019

Address: 3830 E. 6TH ST

Los Angeles CA 90023

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Gabrielle Seiwert

Signature: 

Date: 7/24/19

Address: 3436 Madera Ave #1

Los Angeles, CA 90039

I am a: ____ student (age: ____)

____ parent (school: _____)

☒ teacher (school: Animo James B. Taylor)

____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Roberto Guzman

Signature: 

Date: 7/24/19

Address: 810 E 111th Pl.

Los Angeles, CA 90059.

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)

✓ _____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

_____ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Guillermina E Sidorov

Signature: _____

Date: 7/27/19

Address: 173 W 43rd St

LOS CA 90037

I am a: _____ student (age: _____)


_____ parent (school: _____)

_____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Esai Vergara

Signature: 

Date: 07/27/2019

Address: 2125 8th Ave

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____ parent (school: _____)

____ teacher (school: _____)

☒ community member

and I stand with the students of United Parents and Students and their desire to see an end on the sale of flavored tobacco products, *including mint and menthol*, in the City of Los Angeles.

Name: Veronica Toledo

Signature: 

Date: 7/25/19

Address: 4210 Via Arboleda #327
Los Angeles, CA 90042