

Rae Gabelich, Chair
Gary DeLong, Vice Chair
Tonia Reyes Uranga, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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At 3:12 P.M., Councilmember Reyes Uranga called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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Councilmembers DeLong and Reyes Uranga

Present:

Councilmembers Gabelich

Excused:

Also present: Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager; Theresa Marino, Community Health Bureau Manager; Larry Brugger, Superintendent of Building and Safety; Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

SECOND ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Gabelich, DeLong and Reyes Uranga

Present:

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1. [09-1184](#) Recommendation to discuss and formulate a draft ordinance amending Chapter 8.68 to provide an exemption for "private smokers lounge" or cigar bars to the City Council.

Vice Chair DeLong presiding.

Theresa Marino, Community Health Bureau Manager, gave a brief staff report and responded to questions.

Chair Gabelich presiding.

Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Pat Etum, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Melinda Cotton, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Helene Calvet, MD., City Health Officer, spoke.

Lawrence Brugger, Superintendent of Building and Safety, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Melinda Cotton, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Katie Van Cleave, American Lung Association of Los Angeles representative, spoke.

Evan Braude, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Claudette Powers, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Carmen, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Long Beach Cigar Owners' representative spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Theresa Marino, Community Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Reyes Uranga and Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Jeannine Montoya, Customer Service Supervisor, spoke.

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Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Theresa Marino, Community Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

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Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

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Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Reyes Uranga and Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager.

Vice Chair DeLong spoke.

Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Reyes Uranga spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Councilmember Reyes Uranga and Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gabelich and Nelson Kerr, Acting Environmental Health Bureau Manager.

Councilmember DeLong spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gabelich and Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney.

Ron Arias, Director of Health and Human Services, spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Vice Chair DeLong spoke.

Chair Gabelich spoke.

Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gabelich and Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney.

A motion was made by Vice Chair DeLong, seconded by Member Reyes Uranga, to approve recommendation to support staff's recommendations and forward to the full City Council with the following adjustments: Financial Management, Business License Division as the lead department with involvement from the Health Department; food and beverage regulations - only limited to sales; Special consideration be given to current operating smoking lounges who currently have separate ventilation systems installed, and those that operate in stand-alone buildings be exempt from the ventilation system requirement; Smoking lounge permit revocations may be appealed to the City Council; Reinstate the section allowing the granting of exemptions based on undue financial hardship; and extend the moratorium for an additional year. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Reyes Uranga

No: 1 - Gabelich

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public addressed the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:39 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Gabelich declared the meeting adjourned.