

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-22-0199

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH ACKNOWLEDGING FENTANYL  
5 AND OPIOID OVERDOSES AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS  
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7 WHEREAS, since 1999, the United States has experienced an opioid  
8 overdose epidemic; and

9 WHEREAS, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
10 opioid overdose deaths quadrupled between 1999 and 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, opioid overdose deaths were exacerbated by the COVID-19  
12 pandemic, as the 12-month period ending in May 2020 saw the highest number of  
13 overdose deaths ever recorded in a year by the CDC, who suggest the pandemic  
14 accelerated overdose rates beyond expectation; and

15 WHEREAS, this is particularly concerning when considering the impact it has  
16 had on younger, more vulnerable populations; and

17 WHEREAS, in Los Angeles County, the crude rate of opioid-related death  
18 among people aged 15-19 increased by 248.8% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019 to the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
19 quarter of 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, a major driver increasing overdose deaths has been the surge  
21 in the amount of fentanyl being consumed; and

22 WHEREAS, fentanyl is a synthetic drug similar to morphine that is 50 to 100  
23 times more potent; and

24 WHEREAS, although fentanyl can be prescribed, it is also made and used  
25 illegally; fentanyl is often combined with other drugs and pressed into pills that resemble  
26 prescription opioids, contributing to its reputation as a "street drug" and increasing risk for  
27 consumers; and

28 WHEREAS, according to the CDC, synthetic opioids contributed to over 82%

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1 of all opioid-related deaths in 2020. Fentanyl was also responsible for the seven overdoses  
2 and one death among Los Angeles Unified School District students in September of 2022;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
4 follows:

5 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby  
6 acknowledges that fentanyl and opioid overdoses are a Public Health Crisis.

7 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
8 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

9 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council  
10 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of November 15, 2022, by the following vote:

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12 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,  
13 Saro, Austin, Richardson.

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: Uranga.

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20 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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24 City Clerk

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