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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Governance Committee Agenda

DATE: March 12, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

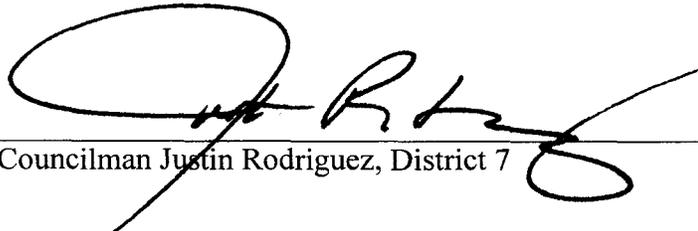
I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Your support is requested to direct the Departments of Health and Police to study the emerging public health issue of Salvia Divinorum, a powder-like substance that produces a narcotic effect similar to, if not more dangerous than, marijuana. Such study should include the feasibility in limiting the availability of said substance to the maximum limits local law allows as well as determining a method of regulating the distribution and treating Salvia Divinorum as an illegal controlled substance.

Brief Background

Salvia Divinorum is dubbed as an herbal meditation supplement by retailers and distributors, is sold in packets, and is reasonably priced. Salvia Divinorum was the focus of a recent local media outlet's investigation where YouTube video of young people on Salvia are depicted as being in an impaired state of mind. At the present time, the sale and distribution of the herbal narcotic drug Salvia Divinorum is sold to the general public at stores such as Planet K. Presently, eight states have already banned the drug including Oklahoma and Louisiana Your support is therefore appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration
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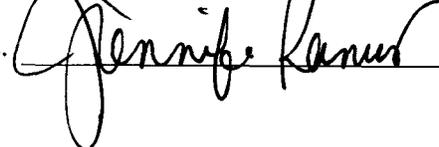


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