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Submitted on September 17, 2025

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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

kratom/7-OH ban

State your position below

Oppose

Do you need a Spanish translator?

No

Comments

I'm an addiction neuroscientist who researches kratom and 7-OH, authored the book Kratom is Medicine, & consults chronic pain patients.

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Thank you,
Riverside County Clerk of the Board

Submitted on September 17, 2025

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Agenda Date

09/17/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

Do not Ban 7OH. Keep me alive.

State your position below

Oppose

Comments

I am a 37 year old father of 2, oil and gas commercial diver who had a near fatal incident that left me disabled and debilitated for nearly a decade. 7OH has literally saved my life from chronic pain that has left me in 2 suicide attempts in 15 years. Once I found 7oh, my entire life took an upwards turn and I was able to actually work and provide for my family. If you take away this life saving natural molecule, I will literally be dead. Please, I urge you to NOT KILL ME OR TURN ME INTO A CRIMINAL! My own children rely on me to be a present father who can provide for them. If you take away my only lifeline, you will harm MUCH more than just me. Please reconsider and do the research on 7oh. It is a PARTIAL AGONIST opioid unlike dangerous drugs like fentanyl or deadly pharmaceuticals that depress breathing and will kill you. Please reconsider!

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**Thank you,
Riverside County Clerk of the Board**

Submitted on September 17, 2025

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Agenda Date
09/17/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment
Agenda item 3.6

State your position below

Support

Comments

Hello, my name is Jorge Cuevas, I am 32 years of age and I live in Temecula, CA

I am a chronic pain patient who has been on opioid maintenance for 9 years. Before this I struggled with addiction to heroin and my mother found me blue in the lips a few too many times,(8 overdoses since 2010)

God bless her soul ❤️ I am sorry mother and sister for letting you through that. I can't even imagine the trauma of losing your son and brother.

I transitioned to fentanyl when my doctor cut me off of M.A.T. for 9 years of daily use.

I went back to the streets for the first time in a decade and was only able to find fentanyl in the streets...so I tried it my first time, I overdosed, luckily they narcan me just in time. Then again I overdosed the second and then again a third and final time. This was right when I heard about 7-Hydroxymitragynine on reddit. So I decided to give it a try and I went back to feeling completely pain free without the nod, it has been great as a mild stimulant for my A.D.D. as I feel normal, mildly stimulating and even clear-headed on this stuff. It has helped my other mental health issues (depression, panic disorder, & G.A.D.) as well!

Ever since I got on 7-Hydroxymitragynine, I HAVE NOT HAD ANY CRAVINGS for fentanyl and even ALCOHOL! ALL THANKS to 7-Hydroxymitragynine!

This stuff has saved my life and if access to it be taken away from me I and millions of others will be heart-broken, and even dead, as a result, we would have to find a lethal alternative..I have done suboxone maintenance for 6 years and even sublocade for two years but those didn't help my cravings and pain nearly enough as my 7-Hydroxymitragynine. PLEASE, I beg of you, do NOT ban 7-Hydroxymitragynine, this would only lead us to search for dangerous alternatives like nitazenes and carafentanil..

7-HYDROXYMITRAGYNINE does not get me high, I do not "nod out" on this stuff as it affects the beta-arrestin pathway postively (meaning, that it does not depress our heart rate/breathing, which is what causes so many deaths. 😞

PLEASE HELP US! Please do more research, give us time so you can see there is no LD50 for adults with 7-Hydroxymitragynine orally.

I, and countless of thousands of others do not want to die, we just want to live a life without crippling pains and anxieties..

I have been on 7oh for about 14 months, and the 7-Hydroxymitragynine helps very well with cravings (to both opioids, fentanyl and alcohol/benzodiazepines) have completely went away!

What a miracle this 7oh is!

I use it as my chronic pain maintenance medication for my herniated disc's (upper back pain, from years of skateboarding and boxing) and also for my Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

It is my most effective tool in my toolbox for my A.D.D., P.A.D., G.A.D, Depression and chronic pain of course. Please do not ban 7-Hydroxymitragynine and its alkaloids, it has killed 3 birds with one stone with its analgesic, anxiolytic, and anti-depressant properties..may God bless our souls. Please do not ban 7-Hydroxymitragynine. Overdose deaths will rise tremendously if we lose access to this medication..please just keep it regulated like alcohol and cannabis. There is a lot of money you guys could make by taxing 7-Hydroxymitragynine at dispensaries for 21+ up people only..banning this substance would be flat out cruel, even criminal as we would be dead if not for 7-Hydroxymitragynine.

"Lord, I pray to you that we do not lose access to this safe alternative, please help us, we are broken people but, we do not want to die, we just want to function and live a normal life!"

Thanks for reading my testimony,

Sincerely, Jorge A. Cuevas,

a 32yr old male with chronic back pain, depression, anxiety disorders and a need to contribute to my community..I am searching for mental and financial stability along with fulfillment, gratitude, joy and happiness and 7-Hydroxymitragynine has helped me with that.

Peace Love Unity and Respect 🕊️❤️🤝😊

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**Thank you,
Riverside County Clerk of the Board**

Submitted on September 17, 2025

Submitted values are:

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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

Agenda 3.6

State your position below

Oppose

Comments

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reject Agenda Item 3.6 and not move forward with an ordinance based on the failed 2024 "Haney bill" (AB 2365). Reject Agenda Item 3.6 — Protect Access to 7-OH.

It has saved to many lives and will only take lives in multiple ways of banned!
Help the people!

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**Thank you,
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Submitted on September 17, 2025

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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

3.6

State your position below

Oppose

Comments

Dear Chair and Members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reject Agenda Item 3.6 and not move forward with an ordinance based on the failed 2024 “Haney bill” (AB 2365).

Kratom and its natural metabolite, 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), are important tools for thousands of Californians who rely on them for pain management, recovery support, mental health, and overall wellness. For many, kratom has been a life-saving alternative to traditional opioids, alcohol, and other harmful substances.

The Haney bill language that Riverside is considering was opposed across the board because it:

Mischaracterizes 7-OH, even though it is naturally produced in the body when consuming kratom.
Over-regulates small businesses while giving unfair advantage to only a few large corporations.
Would impose costly and unnecessary burdens on consumers, law enforcement, and the county.

Instead of pursuing an ordinance that will harm consumers and businesses, I urge you to consider a balanced regulatory approach:

Banning or over-regulating kratom and 7-OH will not improve public safety — it will only push people toward unregulated, underground markets. Responsible regulation with clear safety standards is the path forward.

Please stand with Riverside residents who use kratom responsibly every day. Reject Agenda Item 3.6 and protect consumer access to safe, natural alternatives.

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From: Acquia Mail
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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

3.6

State your position below

Oppose

Do you need a Spanish translator?

No

Comments

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From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 3:38 PM
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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

7-hydroxymitragynine ordinance

State your position below

Oppose

Do you need a Spanish translator?

No

Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 8:53 PM
To: michael.burnelljr@gmail.com
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Submitted on September 18, 2025

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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

7-hydroxymitragynine ordinance

State your position below

Oppose

Do you need a Spanish translator?

No

Comments

I am a 100% Disabled Veteran . 7-OH is a very important part of me being able to function and enjoy any quality of life.

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Submitted on September 19, 2025

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Agenda Date

09/22/2025

Agenda Item # or Public Comment

Agenda Item 3.6 — 7Oh

State your position below

Oppose

Do you need a Spanish translator?

No

Comments

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Flores, Kate

From: Joshua C <perfectimageyachts@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 8:45 PM
To: Clerk of the Board

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