

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.42
(ID # 29110)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Introduction of Ordinance No. 1004 Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products. All Districts. [Total Cost - \$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce, read title, waive further reading of, and adopt on successive weeks, Ordinance No. 1004 Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products within unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

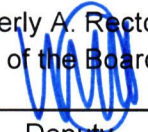
ACTION:Policy


Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 10/16/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and that the above Ordinance is approved as introduced with a waiver of reading.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: October 21, 2025
xc: EO

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Kratom (*mitragyna speciosa*) is a botanical product native to Southeast Asia that has been used traditionally for its stimulant and pain-relieving properties. Its two primary active alkaloids, mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), bind to the same opioid receptors in the brain as morphine and heroin. While low doses may act as a mild stimulant, high doses can cause sedation, dependence, and opioid-like withdrawal symptoms.

In recent years, highly concentrated and synthetic kratom-based products (marketed in the form of powders, capsules, gummies, and “energy shots”) have proliferated in the U.S. These products are commonly sold online, in smoke shops, and at convenience stores, often with no quality control or labeling standards. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has repeatedly warned that these products may be contaminated or adulterated and has not approved kratom for any medical use. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) lists kratom and 7-OH as “Drugs and Chemicals of Concern.” On July 29, 2025, the FDA formally requested that the DEA place 7-OH products on the federal controlled-substance schedule.

Research has shown that 7-OH is significantly more potent than morphine, binding to opioid receptors with higher affinity and producing stronger pain-relieving and euphoric effects. High-concentration 7-OH products have been linked to addiction, overdose, liver injury, and psychosis, including hallucinations and confusion. Los Angeles County health officials recently issued a public health alert after several deaths were tied to high-potency 7-OH products.

At the state level, Assembly Bill 1088 (Bains), which passed the Assembly 76-0 and is pending in the Senate Health Committee for 2026 consideration, would establish statewide standards for kratom and 7-OH products, including:

- Restricting sales to individuals 21 years and older.
- Child-resistant packaging requirements.
- Prohibition of marketing appealing to children.
- Potency cap consistent with the natural alkaloid concentration found in kratom leaves.

Several California cities, including Jurupa Valley, Newport Beach, Oceanside, San Diego, and Solano Beach, and at least one county, Orange, have already taken local action.

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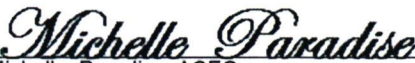

The proposed ordinance for Riverside County, which has been considered and reviewed by the Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Behavioral Health, RUHS Public Health, County Counsel, and the Executive Office seeks to balance public health protection with regulatory clarity for businesses. As drafted, the ordinance:

- Prohibits the sale, distribution, or possession of kratom and 7-OH products exceeding 2% 7-OH concentration.
- Prohibits the sale of kratom or 7-OH products to persons under 21 years of age.
- Bans packaging and marketing that are "attractive to children," including candy-style or cartoon labeling.
- Prohibits the sale of products containing synthetic or semi-synthetic kratom alkaloids.
- Requires age verification at the point of sale.
- Establishes penalties for violations, including misdemeanor prosecution, fines up to \$1,000, and potential business-license revocation.
- Effective 30 days after adoption.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The ordinance enhances public safety by addressing emerging health risks linked to high potency kratom derivatives while maintaining a clear distinction between unregulated synthetic products and naturally occurring kratom. It provides law-enforcement authority to remove high-risk substances from retail circulation and establishes consistent countywide standards aligned with neighboring jurisdictions. The ordinance also promotes consumer protection and market transparency, helping ensure that any future kratom-related products are sold responsibly pending statewide regulation.

ATTACHMENT A. Ordinance No. 1004

 Michelle Paradise, ACEO	10/16/2025	 Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel	10/15/2025
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1 Health officials, including the FDA, have raised concerns over the safety of kratom products,
2 particularly those with higher concentrations of 7-OH, which may increase the potential for abuse and harm
3 public health.

4 At least one county in California, and several cities in California, has recently taken steps to
5 regulate or ban kratom products, recognizing the need to protect public safety, especially among vulnerable
6 populations.

7 The Board of Supervisors, in its commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of
8 its residents by ensuring that products available for sale do not pose undue health risks, hereby restricts the
9 sale and distribution of kratom and 7-OH products containing more than 2% of 7-OH in the alkaloid
10 fraction, thereby reducing potential risks to public health and safety.

11 **Section 2. AUTHORITY.**

12 This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the County's plenary police powers to protect public safety, health
13 and welfare.

14 **Section 3. DEFINITIONS.**

15 As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 16 a. 7-OH product means a product containing hydroxymitragynine.
- 17 b. Attractive to children means any of the following:
- 18 1) Use of images that are attractive to children, including, but not limited to, images of any of
19 the following, except as part of required health warnings:
- 20 a) Cartoons, toys, or robots.
- 21 b) Any real or fictional humans.
- 22 c) Fictional animals or creatures.
- 23 d) Fruits or vegetables, except when used to accurately describe ingredients or flavors
24 contained in a product.
- 25 2) Likeness to images, characters, or phrases that are popularly used to advertise to children.
- 26 3) Imitation of candy packaging or labeling, or other packaging and labeling of cereals, sweets,
27 chips, or other food products typically marketed to children.
- 28 4) The terms "candy" or "candies" or variants in spelling such as "kandy" or "kandec."

- 1 5) Brand names or close imitations of brand names of candies, cereals, sweets, chips, or other
2 food products typically marketed to children.
- 3 6) Any other image or packaging that is easily confused with commercially available foods that
4 do not contain kratom and are typically marketed to children.
- 5 7) Any other packaging used that is attractive to children considering all relevant facts and
6 circumstances.
- 7 c. Kratom leaf means the leaf of the kratom plant, also known as mitragyna speciosa, any form.
- 8 d. Kratom leaf extract means the material obtained by extraction of kratom leaves by any means.
- 9 e. Kratom product means a product consisting of kratom leaf, kratom leaf extract, or both; any part
10 of a leaf of the plant mitragyna speciosa in fresh, dehydrated or dried form or a kratom extract
11 or any product that contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite.
- 12 f. Total kratom alkaloids means the sum of mitragynine, speciociliatine, speciogynine,
13 paynantheine, and 7-OH in a kratom product.
- 14 g. Synthesized means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created by chemical synthesis
15 or biosynthetic means (including but not limited to: fermentation, recombinant techniques, yeast
16 derived enzymatic techniques) rather than traditional food preparation techniques such as
17 heating or extracting. It also includes alkaloids that have been further exposed to chemicals or
18 processes that would confer a structural change in the alkaloids contained within the extract.

19 **Section 4. PROHIBITION ON SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM AND 7-OH**
20 **PRODUCTS.**

- 21 a. Except as otherwise authorized by law, an individual, business, or other entity shall not sell,
22 attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product to a person under
23 21 years of age.
- 24 b. Except as otherwise authorized by law, an individual, business, or other entity shall not sell,
25 attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product with a level of 7-
26 OH that is greater than 2 percent of the total kratom alkaloids in the product.
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1 c. Except as otherwise authorized by law, an individual, business, or other entity shall not sell,
2 attempt to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a kratom product or 7-OH product that is attractive
3 to children.

4 d. Any individual, business, or other entity that sells, attempts to sell, offers, provides, or distributes
5 a kratom product or 7-OH product shall conduct age-verification to ensure compliance with
6 subdivision (a).

7 e. No person or entity shall offer for sale any kratom product that contains or is adulterated with
8 synthesized or semi-synthesized kratom alkaloids or kratom constituents.

9 **Section 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

10 Any person or entity who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof
11 may be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the
12 County jail for a period of not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment. This section
13 shall not serve to limit any other legal remedies or actions that the County may have to address violations
14 of section 4.

15 **Section 6. SEVERABILITY.**

16 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this article is held invalid or unconstitutional
17 by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not
18 affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would
19 have adopted this article irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the
20 invalid portions should be severed, and the balance of the article be enforced.

21 **Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
24 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
25 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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27 By: _____
28 Chairman

1 ATTEST:

2 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 4:50 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public Comments Web Submission
Attachments: 7ha_riverside_102025_oua.pdf



The Clerk of the Board has received your public comments and will forward them to the Board of Supervisors. If you wish to call in and speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting, please select <https://rivcocob.org/request-to-speak> and fill out the request to speak form.

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

Submitted on October 20, 2025

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Agenda Date

10/21/2025

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Item #42

State your position below

Oppose

Comments

Note that we Oppose Unless Amended. Letter attached. Thank you.

Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx)

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October 20, 2025

Riverside County Board of Supervisors
County of Riverside

RE: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED: Agenda Item 42 re: Ordinance 1004
Public health: Kratom and 7-Hydroxymitragynine

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors for Riverside County:

On behalf of 7 Hope Alliance, a 501c3 designated for science and public education on 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), **we respectfully take an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED to Ordinance 1004** regarding the regulation of kratom and its constituents.

7 Hope Alliance is advocating for a complete set of regulations for the entire kratom plant and all its metabolites and does not support any sort of prohibition. As written, this ordinance would serve to establish a *de facto ban* on one single compound in the plant, while creating a monopoly for kratom and mitragynine products, allowing them to go wildly unregulated under a loophole that allows for dangerous kratom products to be put right into the hands of unknowing consumers.

We support a set of reasonable regulations for 7-OH and kratom in Riverside County and in California. Child safety and child protection are of extreme importance to our organization, and we fully support those items in the ordinance. Additionally, we support labeling restrictions, testing parties, milligram caps, packaging requirements and adverse event reporting. In other words, except for any attempt to ban 7-OH, including a 2% cap and a misleading definition of “kratom products,” we support ALL the rest of the ordinance. **If this Board removes any reference to a prohibition on 7-OH, 2% cap, synthesis or semi-synthetics, our position will quickly change to one of SUPPORT.**

There are approximately 20m Americans who use kratom and approximately 2m who use 7-OH. Despite what you may be reading in the media, the facts are that there have been nearly one billion servings of 7-OH sold, and to date, ZERO deaths attributed to 7-OH alone. Every single death reported that has 7-OH in it, also has kratom, as well as multiple other drugs including alcohol, benzodiazepines, anti-psychotics, SSRI’s, cocaine, heroin and traditional opioids like fentanyl and morphine. Any death you see reported that claims to be linked to 7-OH has not been proven to be a death caused by 7-OH.



We believe policymakers should look to science to provide answers to these decisions rather than engaging in an industry-on-industry battle between kratom which, on one side, contains mitragynine and on the other side, 7-OH, a naturally-derived metabolite of kratom.

We understand the goal of Ordinance 1004 is to improve consumer safety related to kratom. That is also our goal. 7 Hope Alliance is currently undergoing a fresh battery of research and safety studies to continue to explore the potential for 7-OH to be an effective harm reduction tool. The nationwide opioid epidemic has claimed too many thousands of lives, and while we acknowledge that continued research is forthcoming, these studies are well underway.

By example, some of the safety studies in progress are:

- **Maximum Tolerated Dose**
Published science shows that 7-OH has very minimal risk to consumers because it does not cause respiratory depression nor is there is an LD50 (lethal dose) as referenced in: *Pharmacological Comparison of Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxymitragynine (Obeng et al., 2021)
- **Acute Liver Toxicity**
To determine the safety and overall impact on the liver
- **Pharmacokinetic (in rodents and humans)**
Tracks the journey of the drug from the moment it enters the body until the moment it leaves
- **CYP Enzyme Inhibition and Induction**
Follows the special proteins that help break down the drug, measuring how slow or fast this process occurs
- **Metabolic Stability**
Tracks how fast the drug breaks down in the liver measuring if it's too slow or too fast
- **High Mitragynine Potency**
Understand how increasing doses of Mitragynine in mice affect pain, behavior, and safety.
- **High 7-OH Potency**
Tests how effective and strong 7-OH is with mice when eating or inhaling it, and how it affects pain response and behavior.

Research is expensive and it takes time. There was a tremendous amount of pre-planning and aggregating existing science that was required to take place before the current research got underway. We believe it is a good sign that these new studies are being conducted and we expect to find many additional benefits of 7-OH throughout this



process. If timelines go as projected, we will begin to receive pre-clinical results by summer followed by additional data in 7-14 months.

We have collected nearly one thousand customer testimonials, some saying they use it as a safer alternative to opiates or alcohol, while others say they use it to help their varying issues including **endometriosis, Chron's disease, chronic pain, migraines, spinal cord compression, Lyme disease, arthritis, fibromyalgia** and so many more. Our goal is to provide a harm reduction tool for people to move themselves into a more autonomous way of living by increasing the overall quality of their lives.

To illustrate how the language in this ordinance would look in the real world, if you passed it with the prohibition language included, this is what you would end up with:

- **This would be legal:** 1500mg kratom product metabolizing to 30mg 7-OH in the body
- **This would be illegal:** 30mg 7-OH tablet

The average person takes anywhere from 50mg-150mg of kratom per serving. **In the example above, 1500mg of kratom is HIGHLY DANGEROUS**, but due to the 2% loophole on 7-OH, would be considered LEGAL. This is not consumer safety. It's the story of one collapsing industry trying to save its market share by trying to kill the competition.

We all want to protect our children and of course, adults. It is also clear that we do not want to allow high mg dangerous kratom products out into the marketplace. We have an opportunity right now. **With respect, we encourage this Board to remove the 2% cap and any ban language relating to 7-OH** and protect all Riverside County consumers, not just some.

Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie'.

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Flores, Kate

From: Acquia Mail
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 10:49 AM
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**Thank you,
Riverside County Clerk of the Board**

Submitted on October 20, 2025

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State your position below

Oppose

Comments

Please see my letter in opposition of ordinance 1004. We need smarter regulations, not a repeat of the failed Baines bill.

Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx)

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Dr. Michele Ross

OPPOSE Ordinance 1004

October 20, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors for Riverside County,

I am writing to strongly oppose Ordinance 1004 and any other proposal to ban 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) kratom alkaloid products.

I am an addiction neuroscientist who has studied chronic pain and alternative medicines including kratom for over 16 years. I am the author of *Kratom Is Medicine*, and serve as the Chief Scientific Advisor to the nonprofit 7-HOPE Alliance. I work with kratom consumers across the United States, including California.

Both kratom and 7-OH kratom alkaloid products need stronger regulations, not bans.

This ordinance makes the false conclusion that kratom and kratom extract products are safe, and kratom alkaloid products such as 7-OH are not. The liver toxicity and seizures associated with kratom use are not from 7-OH, but from mitragynine. One study even called kratom-induced seizures an emerging health crisis (Fletcher and Dhyani, 2025). Preclinical studies suggest 7-OH is less toxic than mitragynine to a range of cell types (Kampmeyer, 2025).

Kratom is used by 20 million people nationwide with over 15 years of mainstream use in the United States. Since California is roughly 11.8% of the U.S. population, I estimate there are roughly **2.4 million kratom consumers in California and at least 118,000 7-OH consumers**. The primary use of kratom and 7-OH is chronic pain relief and the secondary use is recovery from opioid use disorder (OUD).

If you ban kratom alkaloid products that contain 7-OH via this 2% cap, you will cause real harm to consumers, including forced withdrawal and potentially even overdoses and deaths as 7-OH users seek far more dangerous illicit opioids to deal with their chronic pain or addiction issues. There were **7,847 opioid overdoses in California in 2024**. It is likely you will see an *increase in the number of drug overdoses in your county if you ban 7-OH*, similar to other states like Utah that created bans.

Secondly, the kratom industry will ramp up production of high dose mitragynine products which are advertised as metabolizing into 7-OH in the body and are currently sold as legal "7-OH substitutes." In fact, because **24% of mitragynine in kratom products is metabolized into 7-OH**, a 115 mg mitragynine tablet is converted into 27 mg of 7-OH in the body and a 375 mg mitragynine shot is converted into 90 mg of 7-OH in the body (Maxwell, 2020).

These high dose mitragynine alkaloid products are potentially more dangerous than 7-OH alkaloid products because of the increased toxicity of mitragynine on the liver, heart, and other

cell types referenced above.

I propose reasonable mg caps of both mitragynine and 7-OH in products versus what the ordinance provides: a virtual ban on 7-OH alkaloid products via a 2% cap and ban on semi-synthetic kratom with no regulation on high dose mitragynine alkaloid products that are marketed as kratom extracts.

What makes a kratom product safe isn't how it is processed (extracted versus oxidized or fermented). What makes it safe is lack of adulterants, bacteria, mold, heavy metals and residual solvents. Historically, traditional kratom products have had issues with all of these, and must require third-party lab testing and COAs available to consumers. Applying these requirements to kratom extracts and kratom alkaloid products such as 7-OH would protect consumers.

I propose adding a requirement for third-party lab testing and public COAs for kratom leaf, kratom extract, and kratom alkaloid products including 7-OH.

I also propose changing a ban on sales of semi-synthetic alkaloids to a ban on sales of all novel alkaloids that cannot be produced during harvest (aka ban all alkaloids for sale that are not 7-hydroxymitragynine or mitragynine pseudoindoxyl).

The route of administration and dose can also impact safety of a substance. Kratom and kratom alkaloid vapes are dangerous due to increased risk of addiction as well as lack of science on the health risk of inhaling unstable kratom kratom alkaloids.

I propose banning all kratom vapes including 7-OH vapes.

I'd like to clear up some misinformation in Ordinance 1004. On lines 15-17 - "Research has also shown that 7-OH binds to opioid receptors in the brain with greater affinity than morphine, making it significantly more powerful in relieving pain."

The primary active alkaloids in kratom, mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), are atypical opioids both in chemical structure and because they both function as **G protein-biased partial mu opioid agonists**, meaning they can never activate the opioid receptor to the same magnitude as a traditional opioid like fentanyl, morphine, or oxycodone that are *full* mu opioid agonists.

This translates to minimal euphoria and even dysphoria at higher doses of kratom or 7-OH, little activation of the beta-arrestin pathway that causes respiratory depression, and low likelihood of overdose and death when taken alone. Compare this to traditional opioid drugs with very real risk of addiction, overdose and death. Kratom including kratom alkaloid products like 7-OH are the *safer* option with established therapeutic use.

In fact, zero deaths nationwide have been attributed to 7-OH alone. While there are safety

issues with taking 7-OH with alcohol or other sedatives, this is true of traditional kratom leaf and kratom extracts as well.

The science shows 7-OH products are not as dangerous as this ordinance suggests and deserves regulations, not a ban.

Finally, I urge the Board of Supervisors to follow science, not fear and to ignore the misleading attacks you may hear from certain kratom industry groups specifically on 7-OH. These individuals are being misinformed by industry members seeking market control, not consumer safety, and they do not represent the experiences of the thousands of Riverside County residents who rely on kratom and use 7-OH responsibly every day.

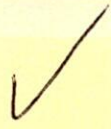
Instead of effectively banning the commercial sale of natural kratom alkaloids including 7-OH and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl (both are oxidation products of harvesting), I urge the Board of Supervisors to support reasonable regulation, quality standards, and transparent labeling - approaches that protect consumers while preserving access to an important natural alternative for pain relief.

Please follow the science, not fear, and do not ban the sale of 7-OH kratom alkaloid products. I am available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Request to Speak

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

SPEAKER'S NAME: RYAN SHERMAN

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City: ROCKLIN Zip: 95765

Phone #: 916 580-5464

Date: 10/21/25 Agenda # 3.42

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

Support Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

Parking validations available for speakers only – see Clerk of the Board.

(Revised: 04/23/2025)

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. **Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.**

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chair:

The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.