

RESOLUTION NO. 18-026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENTS, EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOXES IN THE CITY, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE

WHEREAS, in 2014, the results of the National Survey on Drug Use found that more than 54.4 million people in the United States had misused prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Coroner data shows that prescription opioids were involved in about 60% of all drug related deaths from 2006 to 2012 in LA County; and

WHEREAS, 43.66% of adolescents (ages 12-17) in the South Bay are at risk of misusing prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control's 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 17.8% of high school students took prescription drugs without doctor's prescription (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax), once or more in the past year; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 survey, adolescents in the South Bay who experiment with nonmedical use of opioid pain relievers identified school, parties, friends and the home as the most common places to obtain prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, Xanax is identified as the most commonly abused prescription drug in the South Bay; and

WHEREAS, medications flushed down the toilet or in drains pass through the sewer system and eventually enter our oceans and water ways. This could lead to increased bacterial resistance to antibiotics and interference with growth and reproduction in aquatic organisms; and

WHEREAS, in order to minimize the potential negative and irreversible impacts to our oceans and water ways, it is important that we limit the disposal of waste medications to the sewer; and

WHEREAS, one component of a comprehensive public health approach to addressing drug abuse is the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including controlled substances; and

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WHEREAS, per an October 2014 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency rule, police departments and pharmacies may now provide safe disposal boxes for controlled substances like OxyContin, Vicodin, Valium, and Ritalin; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of law enforcement agencies, pharmacies and health care facilities in the South Bay are providing permanent prescription drug drop boxes for the safe disposal of controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, South Bay Communities Creating Change (SBC3), a coalition of substance abuse prevention agencies located in the South Bay, has launched a new effort to promote safe disposal of prescription drugs by community outreach and support to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Carson, California:

Section 1. Support the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take-Back events and other community-based educational activities and awareness campaigns on prescription drug misuse and abuse; and

Section 2. Support efforts to encourage availability and use of prescription drug drop boxes in the City for safe disposal of unused and expired prescription drugs. Such drop boxes should be regionally accessible and language-appropriate for limited English-speaking residents.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that City Staff will coordinate with the Carson Sheriff's Station and the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) in the implementation of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 6th day of March 2018.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

