

## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**FROM:** Sean Rabé, Town Manager  
**DATE:** May 9, 2023  
**RE:** Letter of Support for Fentanyl Legislation

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Town Council authorize Mayor Cartwright to sign the attached letter regarding fentanyl legislation.

### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

The League of California Cities has requested its member cities to send letters of support for various legislation regarding the ongoing fentanyl crisis in California. Communities throughout California are struggling with a quickly evolving opioid crisis, which is now being driven by the increase in synthetic opioid-related deaths — primarily fentanyl. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 71,000 people died from synthetic opioid-related overdose in the United States in 2021, of which, 7,000 deaths occurred in California. In other words, 1 out of every 10 deaths from synthetic opioids in the United States occurs in California. Placer County has seen several fentanyl deaths as well.

### **CEQA Requirements**

There are no CEQA implications associated with the recommended action.

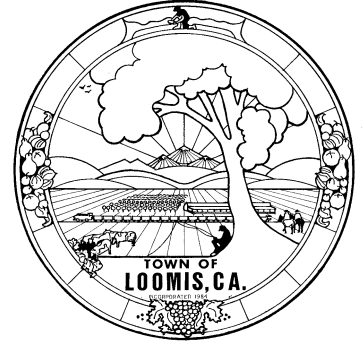
### **Financial and/or Policy Implications**

None.

### **Attachments**

- A. Letter of Support

# TOWN OF LOOMIS



May 9, 2023

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer  
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **RE: Support of Fentanyl and Substance Use Related Legislation**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer,

The Town of Loomis is encouraged that the Assembly Public Safety Committee will be considering a slate of bills that could help save countless lives throughout our state. The Town of Loomis supports several critically needed fentanyl and substance use-related pieces of legislation. These measures would stem the tide of illicit substance-related deaths in California and bring relief to the many communities mourning tragic, preventable deaths.

This is particularly true in Placer County, which have seen several high-profile deaths of our youth from fentanyl, including Rocklin High School student Zach Didier.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 71,000 people died from synthetic opioid-related overdose in the United States in 2021, of which, 7,000 deaths occurred in California. In other words, 10 percent of all deaths from synthetic opioids in the United States occurs in California. The increase of drug-related overdose deaths is largely being driven by the increase in synthetic opioid-related deaths, primarily fentanyl.

Local communities experience the realities of the opioid epidemic every day through the increasing toll on families, first responders, educators, child welfare agencies, public safety officials, health professionals, and community organizations, among others. As committed partners in finding solutions to address the growing substance use crisis in our state, the Town of Loomis supports the following measures:

- Assembly Public Safety Special Hearing on Fentanyl
- AB 33 (Bains) Fentanyl Addiction and Overdose Prevention Task Force.
- AB 367 (Maienschein) Controlled Substances: Enhancements.
- AB 474 (Rodriguez) State Threat Assessment Center: Transnational Criminal Organizations.
- AB 955 (Petrie-Norris) Controlled Substances

The Town of Loomis firmly believes that now, more than ever, is the time to take action on measures that will preserve human life and improve the safety and well-being of all Californians.

For these reasons, the Town of Loomis requests your support on these fentanyl related measures.

Sincerely,

J. Daniel Cartwright  
Mayor  
Town of Loomis

cc: Loomis Town Council  
Members, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
Honorable Assembly Member Joe Patterson  
Honorable Senator Brian Dahle  
Charles Anderson, League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager