

RESOLUTION R24-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDE ESTATES, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO OPT INTO THE KROGER OPIOID SETTLEMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND – KROGER SETTLEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE KROGER OPIOID SETTLEMENT, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVERT FUNDS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION.

WHEREAS, the opioid overdose epidemic has taken the lives of countless Californians over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year (including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement); and

WHEREAS, certain counties and municipalities in California joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distribution companies, and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been reached in litigation against the Kroger Company (“Kroger”) as well as its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in the Kroger settlement; and

WHEREAS, the state and local governments maximize California’s share of opioid settlement funds by joining the settlements to ensure the needed resources reach communities as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to all Californians for local governments to sign onto the settlements to demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis, and maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received by state and local governments to help abate the harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO VERDES ESTATES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his or her designee to execute all documents necessary to enter into opioid settlement agreements with Kroger and to provide such documents to the relevant parties as required. The City Manager or his or her designee is also authorized to take all other necessary steps required to effectuate the intent of this resolution. The City Manager is further authorized and directed to revert the City's share of the settlement funds to the County of Los Angeles.

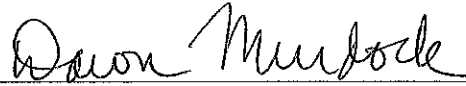
SECTION 3. The City Council finds this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty, as in this case, that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

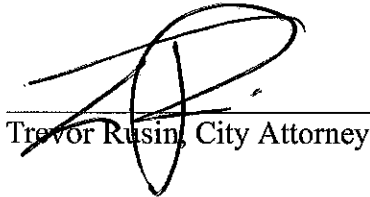
The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California held on the 10th day of September 2024, by the following vote:

CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES



Dawn Murdock, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Trevor Rusin, City Attorney

ATTEST:

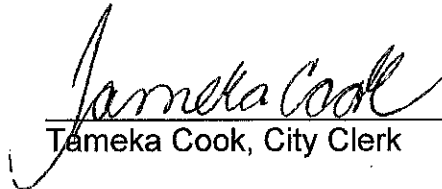

Tameka Cook, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

I, Tameka Cook, City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **R24-46** was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 10th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	McGowan, Roos, Kemps, Lozzi, and Murdock
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE



Tameka Cook, City Clerk