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Last weekend’s Electric Daisy Carnival at Exposition Park and Memorial Coliseum sent numerous youths and adults to hospital emergency departments, primarily to be treated for drug intoxication. Tragically, one teenager who reportedly attended the event died from an apparent drug overdose.

Musical events like the Electric Daisy Carnival, commonly known as “raves,” tend to be held over a long periods of time - sometimes days – in large venues on both public and private property. While the Coliseum Commission has taken steps to temporarily stop these events from being held on its property, the County must work with other key community stakeholders to look to the larger public health risks posed by raves and other similar events, regardless of whether they are held at public or private venues. Issues to be considered include educating potential ravers about how to avoid risks if they choose to attend these events, and/or restricting the location, hours, size and manner in which these events can legally be held.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Departments of Health Services and Public Health to convene a task force consisting of appropriate representatives from local cities, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, the

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County's Emergency Medical Services and Public Health Commissions, and community health providers to identify the extent of the public health concerns associated with rave parties. The task force should develop countywide recommendations to enhance rave safety by mandating that rave promoters and sponsors incorporate public health recommendations into their event planning, for example by requiring the use of private emergency medical staff. The task force should also consider the feasibility of a public education effort to raise awareness about the potential dangers of rave parties and how participants can protect themselves. The task force should provide a report to the Board with its findings and recommendations within 120 days.

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