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I came to the hearing today, Sept 20, 2017, in support of Ord 17-28, to amend Chapter 324 of the Legislative Code by adding menthol, mint or wintergreen, and fruit to the definition of flavored products.

As a physician I have spent countless hours and considerable emotional energy helping to free my patients from their addictions to tobacco. We know the health risks of ~~it~~ tobacco; we know it is easier to prevent an addiction than to cure or control one; we know that "sweetening" the early use of tobacco makes for increased use by young people and children.

I strongly support any regulations that can reduce access and attractiveness of tobacco in any form to young people and children.

Bara Berg