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**SUBJECT:        ADOPT AN ORDINANCE BY ADDING CHAPTER 6.74 TO TITLE 6 OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY  
ORDINANCE CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN AND AROUND MULTI-UNIT RESIDENCES WITHIN  
THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF  
ALAMEDA**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt an ordinance by adding Chapter 6.74 to Title 6 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code to prohibit smoking in and around multi-unit residences in unincorporated areas of Alameda County, within the Urban Growth Boundary encompassing Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, Castro Valley, and San Lorenzo.

**DISCUSSION/SUMMARY**

The health risks of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are well documented. More than 40,000 Californians die each year from smoking-related disease, making tobacco use the number one cause of preventable death. The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and the California Air Resources Board has classified secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant.

Secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing can and does drift through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems and plumbing. The Surgeon General has stated that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke exposure, and that separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot completely prevent secondhand smoke exposure.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the risks of smoking. Smoking doubles the risk of developing respiratory infections and doubles the risk of getting sicker from COVID-19. In addition, COVID-19 is causing more individuals to stay at home, making secondhand smoke policies more important.

**Ordinance Summary**

The proposed ordinance seeks to reduce exposure to harmful secondhand smoke in multi-unit residences within the Urban Growth Boundary. The ordinance would require multi-unit residences to be smoke-free in the following areas:

- Indoor and common areas, such as halls, pathways, lobbies, stairwells, mail areas/rooms, community rooms, playgrounds, pools, laundry rooms, and parking lots;

- Individual units, including exclusive use balconies, porches, decks and patios;
- A buffer zone of 25 feet around any doorway, window, opening or vent into a multi-unit residence.

For purposes of the proposed ordinance, a “multi-unit residence” means a lot with two or more units, including apartments, townhomes, condominium complexes, senior and assisted living facilities, long-term health care facilities, hotels, and motels.

The following types of housing are not considered a multi-unit residence: a single-family home with an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit and mobile homes in a mobile home park.

The proposed ordinance prohibits smoking of cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookah, electronic smoking devices, and cannabis/marijuana.

### **Addressing Health Inequities**

The proposed ordinance is designed to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in multi-unit residences, which house many of the county’s most vulnerable residents. Secondhand smoke exposure in multi-unit housing contributes to tobacco-related health inequities. For example, in California, when compared with adults who live in single-family homes, adults who live in multi-unit housing are more likely to be people of color; lower income or below the poverty line; lacking a high school diploma; and uninsured.

Additionally, secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing is a significant threat to the health and safety of California children. About a quarter of those who live in multi-unit housing (25.2%) are under the age of 18 and the home is the primary source of secondhand smoke for children.

### **Ordinance Feedback**

The proposed smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance was presented to the Unincorporated Services Committee on July 28, 2021. The Committee was supportive of the ordinance and asked the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) to seek input on the proposed ordinance from the Municipal Advisory Committees (MAC). Staff made presentations about the ordinance at the following meetings:

- Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Committee (8/16/21) – the Castro Valley MAC voted to oppose the ordinance by a vote of 7-0, raising concerns about homeowners’ rights and government overreach.
- Fairview Municipal Advisory Committee (9/7/21) – the Fairview MAC voted 2-2 on a motion to support the ordinance and remove the “no eviction” clause from the ordinance. The MAC expressed support for protecting tenants from secondhand smoke and concerns about whether landlords would have sufficient authority to enforce the ordinance.
- Eden Area Municipal Advisory Committee (9/14/21) – the Eden Area MAC voted 4-0 in favor of a motion to support the ordinance as presented.
- Sunol Municipal Advisory Committee (9/15/21) – the Sunol MAC did not vote on whether to support the ordinance. Two members stated that the issue was not relevant to their community and that secondhand smoke exposure was not a major issue.
- East County Bureau of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) (9/23/21) – the East County BZA was not asked to vote on the ordinance and did not see the issue as relevant to its geographic area.

A total of 41 supportive comments and 15 supportive letters were received in public testimony at the MAC and BZA meetings from community members and residents directly affected by drifting secondhand smoke. Three

public comments were received at the meetings in opposition to the ordinance: all were affiliated with the Rental Housing Association.

The feedback from the MAC and BZA meetings was presented to the Unincorporated Services Committee on October 27, 2021. The Committee supported the ordinance and recommended that it be presented to the Board of Supervisors with a few changes. Based on the direction from the Committee, the following changes were made to the ordinance:

- The ordinance is limited to multi-unit housing within the Urban Growth Boundary, urban areas separate from surrounding nature and agricultural lands.
- Landlords must include the smoking prohibition in any lease that is entered into, renewed, or continued after July 1, 2022.
- The penalties were clarified to indicate that landlords will not be held liable for a tenant's smoking in violation of the ordinance.
- Language was added to the ordinance making clear that ACPHD will educate community members about the ordinance as well as establish and implement a process for issuing up to three warnings for violations of the ordinance.

### **Implementation and Enforcement**

If adopted, the smoke-free requirements in the proposed ordinance would take effect on July 1, 2022. At that time, smoking will be prohibited in common areas, inside units, and within 25 feet of multi-unit residences. During the implementation period, ACPHD will provide outreach and education to tenants, owners, and managers of multi-unit residences. The outreach will include a mailing to all multi-unit residences and hosting educational forums.

Landlords and others who are responsible for setting rules in a multi-unit residence (e.g., property managers, homeowners' associations, condominium boards, etc.) will have the following responsibilities under the ordinance:

- Providing notice to tenants, prospective tenants, and buyers of the smoke-free housing requirements by June 1, 2022; and
- Posting "No Smoking" signs in areas where smoking is prohibited by July 1, 2022.

Additionally, landlords must include "no smoking" requirements in any lease that is entered into, renewed, or continued after July 1, 2022.

Once the ordinance is in effect, ACPHD will provide education in response to complaints about smoking in violation of the ordinance. Specifically, ACPHD will provide three notices to the person who is alleged to be smoking and will offer cessation resources for residents who are interested in quitting tobacco use.

If, after three educational warnings, the smoking continues in violation of the ordinance, ACPHD may refer the violator to the Community Development Agency (CDA). The CDA may issue a fine for additional violations, beginning with a \$100 fine for a first violation in a three-year period; \$200 for a second fine within three-years; and \$500 for a third fine within three-years. The CDA will not issue any fines for ordinance violations unless ACPHD has issued at least three documented written warnings to the person accused of violating the ordinance. Landlords will not be fined for a tenant's smoking in violation of the ordinance.

If the tenant fails to pay the fine, it will be referred to the County's central collections agency. If unpaid fines are issued to a person who owns his/her property (e.g., a condominium), the penalty will be added as a lien on the property. Anyone who receives a penalty may appeal the decision to the CDA Planning Director.

As a last resort, landlords would be permitted to evict a tenant who has received three educational warnings from ACPHD and three notices of violation from the CDA.

The Unincorporated Services Committee requested that ACPHD will return to the Committee within 12 months after implementation of the ordinance to report on enforcement and compliance results.

### **Support for Smoke-free Housing**

ACPHD supports adoption of the smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance as written. The ordinance will provide protections to tenants against unwanted secondhand smoke infiltrating their homes. In Alameda County, the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville also require 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing.

According to a poll conducted by the American Lung Association (poll of 71 individuals), nearly half of California apartment owners and managers have had tenants complain about secondhand smoke drifting into their apartments. In a 2020 survey conducted by La Familia of residents in the Eden area of unincorporated Alameda County, 93% of survey respondents report having smelled smoke or vape aerosols inside their unit or on the property. Additionally, almost three out of four respondents (72%) said that they support or strongly support a 100% smoke-free policy for where they live.

### **FINANCING**

Costs for education and implementation of the ordinance would be funded through the existing budget of the ACPHD. There is no impact to net County cost as a result of approving the recommendations. If any fines are issued, costs for enforcing the fines would be borne by the CDA. The assessment of the ordinance 12 months after adoption will specifically analyze the impact, if any, on CDA to determine if future funding will be needed to support the agency's role in enforcement of the ordinance.

### **VISION 2026 GOAL**

Prohibiting smoking in and around multi-unit residences in certain unincorporated areas of Alameda County meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of a **Healthy Environment, Thriving & Resilient Populations**, and **Safe & Livable Communities**.

Sincerely,

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ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-5

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COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
ALAMEDA THAT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I**

Chapter 6.74 is added to Title 6 of the General Code of the County of Alameda, to read as follows:

Chapter 6.74 – Prohibition on Smoking In and Around Multi-Unit Residences

Section 6.74.005. Findings and Declaration

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda finds and declares that:

- A. Secondhand smoke has repeatedly been identified as a health hazard.
  - 1. The U.S. Surgeon General concluded there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
  - 2. The California Air Resources Board categorized secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant, along with most toxic automotive and industrial air pollutants, for which there is no safe level of exposure.
  - 3. The California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) included secondhand smoke on the Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.
  - 4. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recommends that multiunit housing be free from secondhand smoke, cannabis smoke, and aerosol from electronic smoking devices.
  - 5. The American Heart Association has recommended all adults and children be protected from smoking in multiunit housing.
- B. Exposure to secondhand smoke causes death and disease.
  - 1. Since 1964, approximately 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from health problems caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.
  - 2. Secondhand smoke was responsible for an estimated 34,000 heart disease–related and 7,300 lung cancer–related deaths among adult nonsmokers each year during 2005-2009 in the United States.
  - 3. Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of coronary heart disease by 25% to 30% and increases the risk of stroke by 20% to 30%.

4. Secondhand smoke kills more than 400 infants every year.
- C. Electronic smoking device aerosol may be considered a health hazard.
1. Research has found at least ten chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm, such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, lead, nickel, and toluene.
  2. Electronic smoking device aerosol is not harmless water vapor as it contains varying concentrations of particles and chemicals with some studies finding particle sizes and nicotine concentrations similar to, or even exceeding, conventional cigarette smoke.
  3. Evidence continues to build that exposure to electronic smoking device aerosol, including secondhand exposure, has immediate impacts on the human respiratory and cardiovascular systems, and thus likely poses a risk to human health.
  4. Given the increasing prevalence of electronic smoking device use, especially among youth and young adults, widespread nicotine exposure resulting in addiction and other harmful consequences is a serious concern.
  5. A number of health authorities, including the U.S. surgeon general, ASHRAE, and State of California's Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) all support inclusion of electronic smoking devices in regulations of smoking and other tobacco product use.
- D. Secondhand cannabis smoke is a health hazard.
1. The California EPA included cannabis smoke on the Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer;
  2. Cannabis smoke contains at least 33 known carcinogens;
  3. In one study, exposure to cannabis smoke in an unventilated setting resulted in detectable levels of cannabinoids in nonsmoker participants' blood and urine, and participants experienced minor increases in heart rate and impaired cognitive performance; and
  4. A recent systematic review of the literature concluded that secondhand exposure to cannabis smoke leads to cannabinoid metabolites in bodily fluids and individuals experiencing self-reported psychoactive effects.
- E. Nonsmokers who live in multiunit dwellings can be exposed to neighbors' secondhand smoke.
1. Several peer-reviewed studies on drifting secondhand smoke in multiunit housing have confirmed that secondhand smoke transfers between units, seeping into smoke-free areas from areas where smoking occurs.
  2. Residents of multiunit housing have higher levels of cotinine (a biomarker for nicotine) in their blood and saliva than those living in detached houses.

3. Twelve peer-reviewed journal articles have found that between 26% and 64% of residents of multiunit housing report secondhand smoke drifting into their home.
  4. Between 44% and 46.2% of Californians living in multiunit housing with personal smoke-free home policies are exposed to secondhand smoke in their home.
  5. Surveys have found that 65% to 90% of multiunit housing residents who experience secondhand smoke in their home are bothered by it.
- F. Harmful residues from tobacco smoke can be absorbed by and cling to virtually all indoor surfaces long after smoking has stopped and then be emitted back into the air, making this "thirdhand smoke" a potential health hazard.
1. Thirdhand smoke contains carcinogenic materials that accumulate over time, presenting a health hazard long after the initial smoke is gone.
  2. A study found that thirdhand smoke remains months after nonsmokers have moved into units where smokers previously lived.
  3. Human exposure to these thirdhand smoke carcinogens can occur through inhalation, ingestion, or skin absorption through contact with carpeting, furnishings, or clothing.
  4. Thirdhand smoke potentially poses the greatest danger to infants and toddlers, who crawl on rugs and furnishings and place household items in their mouths.
  5. Nonsmoking people who are exposed to thirdhand smoke have significantly higher nicotine and cotinine levels than those who have not been exposed to thirdhand smoke.
  6. Research has shown that thirdhand smoke damages human cellular DNA.
- G. The Surgeon General has concluded that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke exposure, and that separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot completely prevent secondhand smoke exposure.
- H. Secondhand smoke exposure in multiunit housing contributes to tobacco-related health inequities. For example, in California, when compared with adults who live in single family homes, adults who live in multiunit housing are more likely to be:
1. People of color (63% of residents of multiunit homes versus 49.6% of residents of single-family homes);
  2. Lower-income or below the poverty line (46.8% versus 27%);
  3. Lacking a high school diploma (21.4% versus 14.8%);
  4. Current smokers (17.5% versus 13.2%);
  5. Uninsured (23.4% versus 14.2%).
- I. Secondhand smoke in multiunit housing is a significant threat to the health and safety of California children.

1. About a quarter of those who live in multiunit housing (25.2%) are under the age of 18.
  2. The home is the primary source of secondhand smoke for children.
  3. Fifty-six percent of youth living in apartment units in which no one smokes have elevated blood cotinine levels above 0.05 ng/mL, indicating they have been exposed to potentially dangerous levels of secondhand smoke.
  4. Children who live in apartments have mean cotinine levels that are 45% higher than cotinine levels in children who live in detached homes.
- J. A majority of multiunit housing residents, including a large portion of smokers, support smoke-free policies in multiunit residences.
1. Seventy-four percent of United States adults surveyed favor smoke-free public housing.
  2. Sixty-one percent of Californians surveyed favor limiting smoking inside apartment units and 69% would support limiting smoking in outdoor common areas of apartment buildings.
  3. Almost three out of four (72%) Eden area residents strongly support or support a smoke-free policy for where they live.

#### Section 6.74.010. Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the Board of Supervisors, in enacting this Chapter, to prohibit smoking in and around Multi-Unit Residences to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of residents within certain unincorporated areas of the County of Alameda.

#### Section 6.74.020. Definitions

The following capitalized words and phrases, whenever used in this Chapter, shall be construed as defined in this section:

“Adjacent Unenclosed Property” means any Unenclosed Area of property, publicly or privately owned, that abuts a Multi-Unit Residence, but does not include a Lot containing a single-family home.

“Cannabis” has the meaning set forth in California Business and Professions Code section 26001, as that section may be amended from time to time.

“Common Area” means every Enclosed Area and every Unenclosed Area of a Multi-Unit Residence that residents of more than one Unit are entitled to enter or use, including, but not limited to, halls, pathways, lobbies, courtyards, balconies, elevators, stairs, community rooms, playgrounds, gym facilities, swimming pools, parking garages, parking lots, grassy or landscaped areas, restrooms, laundry rooms, cooking areas, and eating areas.

“Department” means the Planning Department of the Community Development Agency of the County of Alameda and its authorized representatives, designees, or agents.

“Enclosed Area” means an area in which outside air cannot circulate freely to all parts of the area, and includes an area that has:

- A. Any type of overhead cover, whether or not that cover includes vents or other openings, and at least three (3) walls or other vertical constraints to airflow, including, but not limited to, vegetation of any height, whether or not those boundaries include vents or other openings; or
- B. Four (4) walls or other vertical constraints to airflow, regardless of composition, including, but not limited to, vegetation, that exceed six (6) feet in height, whether or not those boundaries include vents or other openings.

“Landlord” means any Person or agent of a Person who owns, manages, or is otherwise legally responsible for a Unit in a Multi-Unit Residence that is leased to a residential tenant, except this term does not apply to a tenant who sublets their Unit.

“Lot” means a separate parcel of land shown and identified as such on the records of the county recorder or on the final map of an approved and recorded subdivision.

“Multi-Unit Residence” means a Lot with two or more Units, including, but not limited to, apartments, townhomes, condominium complexes, senior and assisted living facilities, and long-term health care facilities; or a Lot with a Unit attached to another Unit on an adjacent Lot, including but not limited to attached townhomes. For the purpose of determining whether a property is a Multi-Unit Residence, the following do not constitute “Units”: secondary (or accessory dwelling) units, as defined by Ordinance Code section 17.04.010 (including junior accessory dwelling units); and mobilehomes in a mobilehome park, as defined by Ordinance Code section 3.32.020.

“Nonsmoking Area” means any Enclosed Area or Unenclosed Area in which Smoking is prohibited by this Chapter or other law.

“Person” means any natural person, partnership, cooperative association, corporation, personal representative, receiver, trustee, assignee, or any other legal entity.

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted, heated, or ignited cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, pipe, hookah, electronic smoking device, or any other device that delivers to a Person nicotine or other substances, including substances derived from Cannabis. “Smoking” includes using an electronic device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of Smoking.

“Unenclosed Area” means any area that is not an Enclosed Area.

“Unit” means a personal dwelling space, even one lacking cooking facilities or private plumbing facilities, and includes any associated exclusive-use Enclosed Area or Unenclosed Area, such as a private balcony, porch, deck, or patio. “Unit” includes, without limitation, an apartment unit; a condominium unit; a townhouse; a room in a senior facility; a room in a long-term health care facility, assisted living facility, or hospital; a room in a hotel or motel; a dormitory room; a room in a single-room occupancy (“SRO”) facility; a room in a homeless shelter. This definition does not include a room in an unlicensed group living facility with 6 or fewer residents. This definition does not include: secondary (or accessory dwelling) units, as defined by Ordinance Code section

17.04.010 (including junior accessory dwelling units); and mobilehomes in a mobilehome park, as defined by Ordinance Code section 3.32.020.

Section 6.74.030. Scope

The requirements in this Chapter shall apply only with respect to Lots within the Urban Growth Boundary, set forth in the Alameda County General Plan.

Section 6.74.040. Smoking Prohibition in Multi-Unit Residence Units

Beginning July 1, 2022, Smoking is prohibited in all Units of a Multi-Unit Residence, including any associated exclusive-use Enclosed Areas or Unenclosed Areas, such as a private balcony, porch, deck, or patio.

Section 6.74.050. Smoking Prohibition in Multi-Unit Residence Common Areas Except in Designated Smoking Areas

- A. Beginning July 1, 2022, Smoking is prohibited in Common Areas of a Multi-Unit Residence, except within a designated Smoking area meeting the following requirements:
  1. The designated Smoking area is established by a Person with legal control over a Common Area, such as a Landlord or homeowners' association.
  2. The designated Smoking area is:
    - a. An Unenclosed Area;
    - b. At least twenty-five (25) feet from Unenclosed Areas primarily used by children, Unenclosed Areas of K-12 school campuses, and Unenclosed Areas with improvements that facilitate physical activity including, for example, playgrounds, tennis courts, and swimming pools, including any accessory features (e.g., seating, water fountains) but not including parking facilities;
    - c. At least twenty-five (25) feet from any Nonsmoking Area;
    - d. At least twenty-five (25) feet from any doorway, window, opening, or other vent into an Enclosed Area, including an Enclosed Area not regulated by this Chapter.
    - e. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total Unenclosed Area of the Multi-Unit Residence for which it is designated;
    - f. Clearly marked with a perimeter;
    - g. Identified by conspicuous signs; and
    - h. Not within any Enclosed or Unenclosed Area where Smoking is otherwise prohibited by this Chapter or other law.
- B. Notwithstanding Section 6.74.050(A), on Lots one (1) acre or larger, a designated Smoking area need not comply with Section 6.74.050(A)(2)(f) and (g) (need not be clearly marked with a perimeter or identified with conspicuous signs).
- C. No Person with legal control over a Common Area in which Smoking is prohibited by this Chapter or other law shall permit the presence of ashtrays, ashcans, or other receptacles primarily used for disposal of Smoking waste within the area.

Section 6.74.060. Smoking Prohibition Within Buffer Zones

- A. Beginning July 1, 2022, Smoking is prohibited in Adjacent Unenclosed Property located within twenty-five (25) feet of any doorway, window, opening, or other vent into an Enclosed Area of a Multi-Unit Residence. This area shall be known as a "Buffer Zone."
- B. Section 6.74.060(A) above does not apply to a Person who is Smoking in a Buffer Zone while actively passing on the way to another destination where Smoking is permitted.

Section 6.74.070. Responsibility of Persons with Legal Control of Nonsmoking Areas

No Person with legal control over any Nonsmoking Area, including property owners, tenants, and subtenants, shall permit or suffer Smoking in a Nonsmoking Area in violation of this Chapter. For property subject to a lease agreement, a Landlord shall not be held responsible, and will not be liable, for a tenant's violation of this Chapter.

Section 6.74.080. Notice and Signage Requirements

- A. No later than June 1, 2022, every Landlord or Person responsible for establishing rules in a Multi-Unit Residence shall deliver to each Unit of a Multi-Unit Residence a written notice meeting the requirements of Section 6.74.080(D).
- B. Beginning June 1, 2022, prior to the signing of a lease agreement every Landlord shall provide prospective tenants written notice meeting the requirements of Section 6.74.080(D).
- C. Beginning June 1, 2022, prior to any sale every seller of a Multi-Unit Residence or Unit within shall provide the buyer a written notice meeting the requirements of Section 6.74.080(D).
- D. Written notice must provide the following information:
  - 1. Beginning July 1, 2022, Smoking is prohibited in all Units, including any associated exclusive-use Enclosed Area or Unenclosed Area, such as a private balcony, porch, deck, or patio; and
  - 2. Beginning July 1, 2022, Smoking is prohibited in all Common Areas except within specifically designated Smoking areas, if applicable.
- E. Beginning July 1, 2022, Persons with legal control over Common Areas shall post and maintain clear and unambiguous "No Smoking" signs in sufficient numbers and locations in Common Areas where Smoking is prohibited by this Chapter or other law.

Section 6.74.090. Exception for Drug, Device, or Combination Product Authorized by United States Food and Drug Administration

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted to restrict or otherwise regulate the use of a drug, device, or combination product authorized for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This exception does not apply to tobacco products regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

#### Section 6.74.100. Public Health Department Education

- A. The Public Health Department shall educate community members about the requirements in this Chapter.
- B. The Public Health Department shall establish and implement a process for issuing warnings. Each warning shall be accompanied by educational materials explaining the requirements of this Chapter.

#### Section 6.74.110. Administrative Enforcement

- A. Upon a finding that a Person has violated any provision of this Chapter, the enforcement officer designated by the Department shall give written notice of the violation to the Person in possession of the Unit; or to an owner, Landlord, or homeowners' association for a violation of Sections 6.74.080. Such notice shall be provided in person or by pre-paid certified mail, return receipt requested and shall include a copy of this Chapter and a statement describing the section(s) found to be violated.
- B. The enforcement officer designated by the Department may impose the following administrative penalties, which penalties may be assessed at the time of the notice of violation:
  - 1. A \$100 (one hundred dollars) fine upon a finding of a first violation of this Chapter within any three-year period.
  - 2. A \$200 (two hundred dollars) fine upon a finding of a second violation of this Chapter within any three-year period.
  - 3. A \$500 (five hundred dollars) fine upon a finding of a third or subsequent violation of this Chapter within any three-year period.
- C. The Department shall not issue any written notice of violation for or impose any administrative penalties upon a Person unless the Public Health Department has issued at least three warnings to the Person.
- D. Penalties must be paid directly to the County to the address indicated in the notice. Unpaid penalties may be collected via the County's central collections agency or may be added to the lien on the subject property under the process set forth in Chapter 6.65.
- E. Any Person receiving an administrative penalty under this section may appeal the violation to the Planning Director within 10 (ten) calendar days of the date the notice of penalty is sent to the Person. The appeal must contain:
  - 1. Specific identification of the address of the Multi-Unit Residence;
  - 2. The names and addresses of all appellants, including unit number, if any;
  - 3. A statement of the appellant's relationship to the property at issue (e.g., tenant, owner);



4. A statement in ordinary and concise language of the grounds for appeal, stating the facts supporting appellant's contention that they did not violate this Chapter or that the violation has been corrected;
  5. If the appellant is seeking a hearing before the Planning Director, a statement that a hearing is requested;
  6. The date and signatures of all appellants; and
  7. The verification (by declaration under penalty of perjury) of at least one appellant as to the truth of the matters stated in the appeal.
- F. Late appeals and appeals based on financial hardship will not be considered.
- G. The Planning Director will consider the appellant's written appeal and will issue a decision based on the written appeal unless the appellant requests a hearing.
1. If the Planning Director determines, based on the facts in the record, that the appellant violated this Chapter, the Planning Director shall uphold the declaration of violation, unless the appellant presents clear and convincing evidence that the violation has been corrected. If the Planning Director upholds the appeal, the notice of violation and administrative penalty will be rescinded.
  2. The Planning Director's decision shall be in writing. The decision will be provided in person or by pre-paid certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision shall be final.
- H. Planning Director appeal hearings shall not be conducted unless timely requested by the appellant and shall follow the following procedures.
1. The Planning Director shall set the matter for hearing at least 10 (ten) and not more than 60 (sixty) days from the date of the appeal. The Planning Director may hear additional evidence and may sustain, modify, or overrule the finding of violation.
  2. All hearings shall be electronically tape recorded.
  3. Hearings need not be conducted according to the California Code of Evidence.
  4. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the type of evidence upon which reasonable persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions in courts of competent jurisdiction in the state.
  5. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.
- I. An appellant whose appeal is denied may seek review by filing an appeal to be heard by the superior court under Government Code section 53069.4. Such appeal must be filed within 20 days after service of the final decision.

#### Section 6.74.120. Enforcement

- A. The remedies provided by this Chapter are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.
- B. Violations of this Chapter are subject to a civil action brought by the District Attorney, punishable by a civil fine not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.
- C. Causing, permitting, aiding, abetting, or concealing a violation of any provision of this Chapter shall also constitute a violation of this Chapter and shall be subject to enforcement as described in Section 6.74.110.
- D. In addition to other remedies provided by this Chapter or by other law, any violation of this Chapter may be remedied by a civil action brought by the County, including, for example, civil or criminal Code enforcement proceedings, and suits for injunctive relief.

Section 6.74.130. Termination of Tenancy; Requirements

No Landlord may terminate a tenancy for a Multi-Unit Residence regulated by this Chapter on the basis of a tenant's violation of this Chapter unless the Department has issued at least three written notices of violation to the tenant.

Section 6.74.140. Authority to Adopt Regulations to Implement this Chapter

- A. The Department may adopt rules and regulations that are necessary or appropriate to implement, administer, and enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 6.74.150. Severability

- A. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of this ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

## **SECTION II**

- A. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of passage.
- B. Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in the Inter-City Express, a newspaper published in the County of Alameda.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on January 25, 2022, by the following called vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, Haubert, Miley, Valle and President Carson - 5

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None



Keith Carson  
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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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County of Alameda

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Raymond Leung, Deputy County Counsel

1/11/22 Agenda  
Item 21

**Perkins, Cheryl, CAO**

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**From:** Paula Anne Carreon <paulaloren433@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 3:34 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #21: Public Input for Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

Hello Board of Supervisors,

My name is Paula and I am with BASTA. I live in Hayward, and I am here to show support for a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance.

This ordinance is important to me because I care about the well-being of everyone in our community, and any measures to minimize secondhand smoke exposure would be helpful and needed. Secondhand smoke exposure has negative - and possibly detrimental - health effects on others, especially to those who are already suffering from certain lung illnesses. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke at home increase their risk of developing lung cancer by 20 - 30%. Additionally, many multiunit housing properties are already smoke-free, so this policy would ensure that everyone has an equitable living space in terms of breathing clean air.

I have been working with BASTA for almost two years advocating for this ordinance and waiting for its approval. I have also attended MAC meetings to show support for this policy, and now I'm counting on the Board of Supervisors to protect the many citizens and future generations from being exposed to secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing properties. Lastly, the approval of this policy would serve as a great influence and model for other cities that need an ordinance like this, such as Hayward.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my concerns.

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cc: BOS, CAO, CBS



## Perkins, Cheryl, CAO

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**From:** Vince Hawv <vincenth748@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:46 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Agent Item #21: Public Input for Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing Ordinance

Hello! This is for Agenda Item #21 for the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 11th 2021.

Hello board of supervisors,

My name is Vincent Hawvichorst and I am a part of Basta. I live in a duplex in the San Lorenzo area. I wanted to speak on this issue directly on the 21st of December but when the issue got moved back I was unfortunately unable to make it to this meeting.

I really encourage you all to finally pass this policy. I've personally worked on passing this ordinance for almost 2 years, from educating the decision makers, the community, attended multiple public meetings to make public comments, and even worked alongside students and other youth in the Ashland and Castro Valley area to raise awareness of this issue. When I first joined BASTA people were stuck in their homes due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, now almost 2 years in, the coronavirus is still around, people are still stuck in their homes and yet nothing has been done in order to help the residents. How much longer do tenants have to wait for protections against second hand smoke in their own homes? I ask of you again to please finally make a decision on this policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak my piece on this issue

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December 20, 2021

The Honorables: President Keith Carson; Vice-President Nate Miley;  
Supervisor Richard Valle; Supervisor Dave Brown; and Supervisor David Haubert Alameda  
County Board of Supervisors  
1106 Madison Street  
Oakland, CA 94607  
Via e-mail: [CBS@acgov.org](mailto:CBS@acgov.org)

RE: Adding Chapter 6.74 to Title 6 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code to prohibit  
smoking in and around multi-unit residences in unincorporated areas of Alameda County

Dear President Carson and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast's enthusiastic support for an ordinance to provide protection from secondhand smoke for residents who live in multi-unit housing in unincorporated Alameda County (Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Hayward Acres, Fairview, and Sunol). Over 63 cities and jurisdictions in California have taken action to protect their residents from secondhand smoke, and a total of 32 jurisdictions in the Bay Area already have 100% smoke free multi-unit housing.

Breathe California, founded in San Jose in 1911, is dedicated to working to eliminate the negative health impacts caused by tobacco smoke.

In addition to the scientific research detailing the hazards of secondhand smoke and the US Surgeon General's declaration that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke, our agency has 30 years of experience with our Secondhand Smoke Helpline proving that neighbor's smoking is currently the most pressing secondhand smoke problem. This has never been more important than during the pandemic when we have all spent more time at home. The calls to the Helpline have become more urgent as families with children, elders, or those with lung or heart disease have been forced to sleep in their cars or stay with friends to avoid their neighbor's smoke. Most of our callers do not have the financial means to move, and many are afraid of their landlord's reaction if they complain.

We know that comprehensive smoke-free multi-unit housing policies can: 1) Protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke; 2) Reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks; 3) Promote decreased smoking among residents, and 4) Reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. The communities of Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities have adopted MUH ordinances. Please join them.

Surely breathing should not be a hazard nor a struggle in one's own home.

Thanks for Your Support of Public Health,

Margo Sidener, MS, CHES  
Chief Executive Officer



**Members of the Board of Supervisors**  
1221 Oak St # 536, Oakland, CA 94612

December 6, 2021

The Ashland Community Association (ACA) is writing to express strong support for an ordinance that protects residents living in multi-unit housing from secondhand smoke in Unincorporated Alameda County (Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Hayward Acres, Fairview, and Sunol). Over 63 cities and jurisdictions in California have taken action to protect their residents from secondhand smoke, and a total of 32 jurisdictions in the Bay Area already have 100% smoke free multi-unit housing.

The ACA is a resident-led group that has advocated for a healthy Ashland community since 2017. As a result of our actions, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate secondhand smoke exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Secondhand smoke can drift into non-smoking units through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems, plumbing, and open doors and windows. Ventilation systems, open windows, and filters cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Over 15,300 homes in the Eden Area are considered multi-unit housing, leaving thousands of children, seniors, and adults vulnerable to the risks of secondhand smoke. Our neighbors express:

"I have [Interstitial Lung Disease] but have had to live around smokers all my life. As an adult with lung problems, I would love to just live in a place where I didn't have to smell smoke for once in my life."

"I have a few neighbors that smoke, and I can't open the window at night, or sometimes during the day because of the smoke. My nose is sensitive and it gives me headaches, and I don't want to risk [my health with] secondhand smoke."

These situations reflect the realities of people living in multi-unit housing in the unincorporated area. Unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Our communities are highly susceptible to the health dangers of secondhand smoke due to the following:

- The Ashland and Cherryland communities have 59% of their homes in multi-unit housing properties.
- In the Ashland and Cherryland communities, people of color make up 88% and 82% of the population, respectively, meaning that our people of color are being disproportionately impacted by secondhand smoke.
- Ashland and Cherryland also have the same rates of asthma among children and adults, where one in six adults and one in five children suffer from asthma.
- In 2015, a study showed that smoking residents in the Eden Area made up more than half (63%) of adult smokers in all of Alameda County. Cherryland led with 15.8% of adult smokers, followed by Ashland (15.6%), San Lorenzo (11.4%), Fairview (11.1%), and Castro Valley (8.9%).



For over a year, residents have had to spend more time in their homes than anywhere else. This means there are more opportunities for people to smoke in their units, which leads to more chances of being exposed to secondhand smoke. Unfortunately, most of our families do not have the financial ability to simply move to areas where the health and safety of residents is prioritized, so families are being forced to breathe secondhand smoke in their apartment units.

There is no better time to act than now. Older people and those with underlying medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer—all of which can be caused and exacerbated by secondhand smoke—are more likely to develop a serious respiratory illness if infected with COVID-19. The health risks associated with this simply cannot be ignored. Strong and equitable smoke-free multi-unit housing policies have been proven effective in:

- 1) Protecting residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke,
- 2) Reducing smoke-triggered asthma attacks,
- 3) Promoting decreased smoking among residents, and
- 4) Reducing smoking prevalence among young adults.

For these delineated reasons and more, the Ashland Community Association once again expresses our full support for an ordinance that protects our families and neighbors from secondhand smoke.

Thank you for joining Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities in prioritizing the health and lives of our people, and for ensuring that all of Eden Area's 15,367 multi-unit homes enjoy the 100% smoke-free living spaces they deserve.

Sincerely,

Charles Pisano

Advocacy and Government Accountability Chair

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August 26, 2021

Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536  
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RE: Support for a Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Carson and members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is writing to express our support for a 100% smokefree multi-unit housing ordinance to protect the health and safety of all multi-unit residents in unincorporated Alameda County and to help ensure everyone's right to a smokefree living environment.

Alameda County has the opportunity to be a public health leader by protecting residents from the harmful effects of secondhand tobacco and marijuana smoke by prohibiting smoking in all multi-unit residences, including apartments and condominiums. Smokefree multi-unit housing is a powerful way to have a broad, positive community impact by reducing secondhand exposure where many people spend much of their time—especially children, the elderly, and people with disabilities—and can suffer from persistent levels of exposure.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that nearly 5 million California multi-unit housing residents who keep a smokefree home are still exposed to a neighbor's secondhand smoke. The U.S. Surgeon General confirmed that there is **no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke**, and that exposure can have both short and long term health risks, especially for people with existing health conditions like asthma and other respiratory conditions, heart disease, and cancer.

Smokefree multi-unit housing can help address health disparities faced by low-income residents and communities of color living in multi-unit residences. The CDC reports that 2 in every 5 children—including 7 in 10 black children—remain exposed to secondhand smoke, and the U.S. Surgeon General confirmed that the home is the primary place children are exposed. Studies show high rates of exposure to secondhand smoke in low-income multi-unit housing, and lower-income individuals are also more likely to have health conditions that are exacerbated by secondhand smoke.

Unincorporated Alameda County has some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Residents in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure, with 49% and 33% of residents, respectively, living in housing with two or more units. Likewise, surveys of Eden Area residents found that more than two-thirds of respondents were exposed to secondhand tobacco and/or marijuana smoke at home.

**All residents in Ashland, Cherryland, Eden Area, and other unincorporated areas of Alameda County deserve to have a stable and healthy living environment, including the right to breathe smokefree air at home, regardless of their financial situation.**



Action needs to be taken because secondhand smoke does not stay in the unit of a person who smokes. **Secondhand smoke can drift through multi-unit buildings** and enter common areas and units occupied by non-smokers, where it becomes a nuisance and health risk to other residents. Research shows that up to 65% of the air in an apartment unit can come from other units in the building, and that secondhand smoke drifts under doors, through windows, hallways, and ventilation ducts, and through gaps around outlets, pipes, fixtures, and walls.

Smokefree multi-unit buildings create a healthier living environment for all residents, including people who smoke and their families. It's important to note that a smokefree building does not mean that people who smoke have to quit and it does not require people who smoke to move out. People who smoke simply need to go outdoors to appropriate areas to do so.

**Alameda County would be in good company** by joining the California cities and counties with laws requiring all units of all multi-unit housing properties to be 100% smokefree—from both tobacco and marijuana—including Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, El Cerrito, Concord, and Contra Costa County.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights believes that Alameda County residents should be able to breathe air that is free from **all types of secondhand smoke exposure**. Multi-unit housing should be free from all types of smoking and vaping – both tobacco and marijuana. Marijuana should not be smoked or vaped inside multi-unit residences, just like it should not be smoked or vaped inside workplaces, because marijuana secondhand smoke and aerosol are a source of indoor pollution that poses health risks to non-users. While marijuana is now legal, it should not be used in ways that harm other people.

Thank you for your leadership and desire to make Alameda County the best place to live, work, and visit. Please feel free to contact me at 510-841-3045 if you have any questions, comments, or feedback.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Hallett, MPH  
President and CEO

*Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organization based in Berkeley, CA that is dedicated to helping nonsmokers breathe smokefree air since 1976.*

8/30/21

President Richard Valle  
Vice-President Keith Carson  
Supervisor Scott Haggarty  
Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Supervisor Nate Miley



RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

The Latino Coordinating Center for a Tobacco-Free California of the California Health Collaborative is writing to express strong support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

The California Health Collaborative is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and health of the people of California, particularly the underserved and underrepresented. Founded in 1982, the California Health Collaborative serves residents throughout the state including Alameda County. More specifically, the Latino Coordinating Center has collaborated with La Familia Counseling for the past four years in their tobacco-control efforts. As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Secondhand smoke causes more than 41,000 deaths among nonsmoking people nationwide every single year. The U.S. Surgeon General, has declared that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing is especially troubling, as smoke can, and does, transfer between units, seeping under doorways and through ventilation systems. Families and individuals residing in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure, where up to 49% and 33% respectively, of residents live in housing of two or more units. Results from a public intercept survey conducted in the Eden Area in 2018-2019 show that 66% of adults and 65% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke in their home; similarly, 63% of adults and 74% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand cannabis smoke in their home, which is just as detrimental to one's health.

Additionally, unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. The only way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure is to prevent it. A policy that provides the most protection prohibits smoking in all multi-unit housing, including condominiums and townhomes, and widely defines smoke to include hazardous emissions from tobacco, electronic smoking devices, and cannabis. Best practice defines multi-unit housing as two or more units. Such a policy would prohibit smoking inside individual units as well as on balconies, patios and in common areas. Strong and equitable Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing laws can protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke, reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks, promote decreased smoking among residents, and reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. This policy also supports Goal E identified in the County's Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element.

Thank you for joining Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities by prioritizing the health and lives of our people, and ensuring that all of Eden Area's 10,945 multi-unit homes enjoy the 100% smoke-free living spaces they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Ramirez", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Ramirez, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer  
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President Richard Valle  
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Supervisor Nate Miley

RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

Eden Youth and Family Center is writing to express strong support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

Eden Youth and Family Center is a non-profit community center that has establish programs such as Youth Advisory Council which focus of drug free communities and change of policy. Eden Youth and Family Center establish for over 40 years located in the city of Hayward, California with As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Secondhand smoke causes more than **41,000 deaths** among nonsmoking adults nationwide every single year. Families and individuals residing in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure, where up to 49% and 33%, respectively, of residents live in housing of two or more units where smoke can travel from unit to unit. Results from a public intercept survey conducted in the Eden Area in 2018-2019 show that 66% of adults and 65% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke in their home; similarly, 63% of adults and 74% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand cannabis smoke in their home, which is just as detrimental to one's health.

Additionally, unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Strong and equitable Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing laws can protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke, reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks, promote decreased smoking among residents, and reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. This policy also supports Goal E identified in the County's *Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element*.

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Sincerely,  
Flor Corral  
Program Coordinator  
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November 4, 2020

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Supervisor Nate Miley

RE: Support of a Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

The Health and Wellness Advisory Council of San Lorenzo Unified School District expresses strong support for the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. If approved, Alameda County would join the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making every home a smoke-free place where infants, children, elderly, and the differently-abled live, learn, play, and thrive.

The Health and Wellness Advisory Council along with its stakeholders recognize the link between student health and learning. The council collaborates to ensure students, staff, and families live, learn, and work in a healthy environment, including living in a safe and healthy home environment free of pollutants and second-hand smoke. As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and multi-unit housing complexes. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, we spend about 90% of our time indoors. For that reason, we believe it is important to pass this ordinance to protect our students, families, and community.

Secondhand smoke causes more than **41,000 deaths** among nonsmoking adults nationwide every single year. Families and individuals residing in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure. The unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Strong and equitable Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing laws can protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke, reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks, promote decreased smoking among residents, and reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. This policy further supports Goal E identified in the County's *Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element*.

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If you require any further confirmation of the hours, please contact me at (510) 317-4809.

Sincerely,

Diana Maravilla, MPH  
Health and Wellness Coordinator  
San Lorenzo Unified School District

November 18, 2020

President Richard Valle  
Vice-President Keith Carson  
Supervisor Scott Haggarty  
Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Supervisor Nate Miley

RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express strong support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

I am an apartment dwelling Alameda County resident and a member of the Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition. As a result, I am well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Drifting smoke from an adjacent unit forced me to leave my previous residence. I would wake up every morning with a dry mouth and eyes, feeling as if I had been the one smoking. Asthma, which I had not experienced the symptoms of in years, began to affect my breathing, especially during the colder months when windows and doors are closed, and heating vents are open. Since moving to a city with a comprehensive smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance the worst I experience is drifting smoke from the street. This is so much more manageable than smoke coming through the vents while I sleep.

Ashland and Cherryland residents already have some of the highest youth asthma rates and lowest life expectancies in Alameda county. Furthermore, the detrimental effects of COVID-19 fall disproportionately on those with existing health conditions as they do upon those of lower socioeconomic status, who often live in multi-unit housing and may lack mobility. A situation in which one must either compromise lung health or move residences during a time of rampant illness is not fair to anyone but is particularly malevolent towards those who already bear the greatest health burdens.

Thank you for joining Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities by prioritizing the health and lives of our people, and ensuring that all of Eden Area's 10,945 multi-unit homes enjoy the 100% smoke-free living spaces they deserve.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Subramanian, 94704





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RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

Project EAT - a program of the Alameda County Office of Education - is writing to express strong support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

Project EAT is a nutrition education and career development organization that engages youth to address issues related to overall wellness, develop marketable skills for careers in Public Health, Natural Resources, and Culinary Arts, and maintain outdoor education and food production spaces on school grounds. Established in 2005, it is housed in the Department of Pathways to College and Career at the Alameda County Office of Education. Project EAT has been directly engaged with youth in the San Lorenzo school district and in the Ashland/Cherryland neighborhoods for over a decade and supports the work of young people to advocate for policy, systems, and environment changes that promote community well-being. As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Secondhand smoke causes more than **41,000 deaths** among nonsmoking adults nationwide every single year. Families and individuals residing in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure, where up to 49% and 33%, respectively, of residents live in housing of two or more units where smoke can travel from unit to unit. Results from a public intercept survey conducted in the Eden Area in 2018-2019 show that 66% of adults and 65% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke in their home; similarly, 63% of adults and 74% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand cannabis smoke in their home, which is just as detrimental to one's health.

Additionally, unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Strong and equitable Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing laws

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can protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke, reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks, promote decreased smoking among residents, and reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. This policy also supports Goal E identified in the County's *Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element*.

Thank you for joining Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities by prioritizing the health and lives of our people, and ensuring that all of Eden Area's 10,945 multi-unit homes enjoy the 100% smoke-free living spaces they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ingrid Roberson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ingrid Roberson  
Chief of Learning & Accountability

November 19, 2020

President Richard Valle  
Vice-President Keith Carson  
Supervisor Scott Haggarty  
Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Supervisor Nate Miley

RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Mandeep Dhahan. I am a School Counselor and have had the pleasure to work with the Ashland Community. I care deeply about our students' health. I urge the support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

I have worked closely with multiple stakeholders. Ashland holds a special place in my heart, as this community is filled with hardworking families who deserve the same access to public health as other local communities. I have collaborated with the Edendale Middle School PTA, School Site Council, REACH Community Center, Students, Teachers and Residents of the community for over 2 years. I am writing to support my students, who are directly affected by secondhand smoke, and face dire health and social-emotional repercussions as a consequence. As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Additionally, unincorporated Alameda County faces some of the most egregious health disparities, with Cherryland and Ashland having the lowest life expectancy of any city/place in Alameda County. Strong and equitable Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing laws can protect residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke, reduce smoke-triggered asthma attacks, promote decreased smoking among residents, and reduce smoking prevalence among young adults. This policy also supports Goal E identified in the County's *Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element*.

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Mandeep Dhahan  
School Counselor  
mdhahan@nhusd.k12.ca.us  
[510-471-2520](tel:510-471-2520) Ext: 60026

December 8, 2020

President Richard Valle  
Vice-President Keith Carson  
Supervisor Scott Haggarty  
Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Supervisor Nate Miley

RE: Support of a Smoke Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance for Unincorporated Alameda County

Dear President Valle and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

San Lorenzo High School Parent Teacher Student Association (SLzHS PTSA) is writing to express strong support of the establishment of a Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance to protect residents of Unincorporated Alameda County from second- and third-hand smoke. Alameda County would be joining the ranks of other jurisdictions throughout California that are making homes smoke-free places where infants, children, the elderly, and the disabled spend the majority of their time.

SLzHS PTSA is a Non-profit parent group with a 127 year-history of advocating for our students. As a result, we are well acquainted with the local conditions and other factors that contribute to disproportionate tobacco exposure, especially among individuals who live in apartments and other multi-unit housing complexes.

Secondhand smoke causes more than 41,000 deaths among nonsmoking adults nationwide every single year. Families and individuals residing in Ashland and Cherryland are particularly vulnerable to secondhand smoke exposure, where up to 49% and 33%, respectively, of residents live in housing of two or more units where smoke can travel from unit to unit. Results from a public intercept survey conducted in the Eden Area in 2018-2019 show that 66% of adults and 65% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke in their home; similarly, 63% of adults and 74% of youth surveyed have been exposed to secondhand cannabis smoke in their home, which is just as detrimental to one's health.

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San Lorenzo HS PTSA  
cell (415)519-0184 email yecahuerta@yahoo.com



December 20, 2021

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Vice-President Nate Miley  
Supervisor Richard Valle  
Supervisor Dave Brown  
Supervisor David Haubert

**RE: Support of Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Protections for Unincorporated Alameda County**

Dear President Carson and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors,

The Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition is writing to express strong support for a comprehensive ordinance that protects residents living in multi-unit housing from secondhand smoke in Unincorporated Alameda County (Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Hayward Acres, Fairview, and Sunol). Over 63 cities and jurisdictions in California have taken action to protect their residents from secondhand smoke, and a total of 32 jurisdictions in the Bay Area already have 100% smoke free multi-unit housing.

For almost 2 years, residents have had to spend more time in their homes than anywhere else. This means there are more opportunities for people to smoke in their units, which leads to more chances of being exposed to secondhand smoke. Unfortunately, most families do not have the financial ability to simply move to areas where the health and safety of residents is prioritized, so families are being forced to breathe secondhand smoke in their apartment units.

There is no better time to act than now. Older people and those with underlying medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer—are more likely to develop a serious respiratory illness when exposed to secondhand smoke. The health risks associated with this simply cannot be ignored. Comprehensive smoke-free multi-unit housing policies have had a positive impact in:

- 1) Protecting residents from exposure to secondhand indoor smoke,
- 2) Reducing smoke-triggered asthma attacks,
- 3) Promoting decreased smoking among residents, and
- 4) Reducing smoking prevalence among young adults.

Please join the communities of Alameda, Pleasanton, Berkeley, Union City, and many other Bay Area communities in prioritizing the health and lives of residents and their families. We fully support a comprehensive ordinance that protects families and neighbors from secondhand smoke.

Thank you,

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Coalition Co-Chair

*Jennifer Duncan*  
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[Personal Story]

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

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City / Ciudad: \*

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Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have personally worked with youth in Unincorporated who have suffered from secondhand smoke since they were children. It is so saddening to hear that young folks in high school have had to deal with neighbors who are smokers and can't do anything about it. This issue is really important to me because people should be able to breathe clean air regardless of where they live, who they live next to or how much money they make.

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Paula Anne Carreon

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Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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For almost the last two years, I've been working with BASTA to educate and advocate for an SFMUH policy. I've participated in gathering signatures for support, creating content to educate the community about secondhand smoke, and making public comments at MAC meetings. I am really looking forward to the Board of Supervisors meeting and hoping that the SFMUH policy gets approved because it's been a long way coming to this point, and people living in multi-unit housing deserve to have a healthier place to live in.

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I used to live in an apartment a few years back where the floor below me use to like smoke, and I would smell it sometimes but I would just go outside and play with my friends usually when it happens because I think it's an unpleasant smell.

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Ethan Thai

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Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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From my personal experience with Secondhand Smoke, it has caused me to be in an uncomfortable situation and has put me in danger. I'm not very well-educated on the topic of secondhand smoke but it has made me hold in my breath and/or lift my shirt or jacket above my nose to avoid inhaling it whenever I see one smoking. I've been exposed to it many times throughout my life, and it is something that can be dangerous to all of us. Children can be exposed to it anywhere. Secondhand smoke can be inhaled from family, the environment that children live in, a local park, outside of a store, and many other possibilities. Taking small steps like BASTA has been doing can help this issue from spreading and will make our environment safer for the youth. I care and recognize how secondhand smoke is a serious health issue but don't see myself public speaking and participating in the events/program that BASTA offers. It's not my kind of thing and sort of out of my comfort zone but I appreciate you reaching out to me. I'm scheduled to have call tomorrow, December 11, 2021, but I'd like to cancel. Please and thank you for your time.

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Growing up in Hayward / San Lorenzo and being here since childhood it was nice to know that secondhand smoke has never been an issue for us. Since our move we have been subjected to the same struggles that prior neighbors and countless other residents in SLZ face

In regards to being outside and having the same resources and feeling of comfort as a single home house - I find that is not always the case. The smell, smoke does affect us especially those who are younger, immunocompromised and feel restless and trapped. Second hand smoke was not always there for us and the case at hand is the validity of our discomfort at home. There is available and safe, maintained and fun and order to be had in regards to being outside and being bombarded with the smell and feeling of secondhand smoke.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

kimberly avelar

City / Ciudad: \*

san leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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my grandfather smokes in the bathroom and whenever i had to use the bathroom i had to hold my breath while using the bathroom

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Danny anguiano

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Kristina Paul

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Maria Ramirez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Luis Romo

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Ashland

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jaeda Collins

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ilseh A Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My grandma used to smoke at night and even though it was always late at night, I still felt sad knowing she smoked because her health concerns me. I want there to be smoke free apartments because everyone should have a right to breathing clean air. We should be protecting the raspatory health of our neighbors, especially while still in a pandemic.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Allison Downs

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I live in an apartment complex where neighbors are smoking marijuana less than 10 feet from our window on a daily basis. I have had to have conversations with my 12 year old daughter to explain what the smell is and we close our windows to minimize how much smell comes into the house. It would make such an impact to have stronger regulations on where people can smoke and send a message to youth about how dangerous second-hand smoke really is.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Oscar Luo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Josue Patino Ruiz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Shaun Mejia

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have been at a few apartments and I have seen adults smoke with kids in the area. I don't want secondhand smoke to affect the future of those kids.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mayra Ruvalcaba

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Lorena Barrios

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

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I would really like to see this law passed. We have been advocating for such a long time. I don't deal with secondhand smoke but am looking into moving to an apartment and am having trouble finding an affordable smoke-free community.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ana Villavicencio

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Samuel Jorgensen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Pets can also be affected by secondhand smoke. I do not want my dogs to develop nasal or lung cancer because of other people's habits.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Daisy Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My next door neighbor used to smoke in his patio and I would be able to smell the smoke coming into my apartment. It go to the point in which my dog could no longer be in and out of the patio because the smoke would come in to our unit. Another one of my neighbors asked him to smoke elsewhere and he listened. This is not longer an issue for us. I wish it was this easy for everyone else, but honestly it is not. I have spoke with many tenants who do not feel safe confronting their neighbors. I have spoken to residents who have shown their neighbors a letter from the doctor stating that marijuana secondhand smoke is affecting their health and their neighbors ignore it still continue to smoke. These tenants need to be protected from secondhand smoke. It is not fair to them, they should not have to suffer because of the decisions of others.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Savion Easley

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

While living in an apartment about 10-12 years ago, my family and I would smell smoke through airways and from folks smoking directly outside our windows and patio. I am lucky to have not been effected by second hand smoke. My mom and nephew had it the worst, ending up having to use an inhaler most of our time living there. Once we moved they got better. It's not right they had to go through that because of secondhand smoke, nobody deserves to be put through that.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Wendy Nguyen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Zahara Safiq

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

### Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My name is Zahara Safiq and I am with BASTA [or Bay Area Strength Through Activism], a ACOE YAB member for TUPE, as well as a TUPE member and sophomore at AHS.

I live in San Lorenzo and I am emailing you today because I am in support of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and urge you to take action on protecting those around me from secondhand smoke.

Living in San Lorenzo, there is not a day where I do not witness my peers smoking, cigarette butts on the floor when walking home, and people dealing things like marijuana and vapes behind my school. I am lucky enough to only experience things like second and third hand smoke for a couple of minutes, unlike many of my community members who have to deal with second and third hand smoke every moment of the day. Knowing of the ghastly effects of tobacco use, it breaks my heart to see my peers doing things that they aren't educated on. Being educated on the topic of tobacco use and it's prevention I wish to share this knowledge with my community members to ensure that everyone can make educated decisions in this area. I have devoted countless hours to ensure that my voice is heard on school grounds but I sadly do not have the tools necessary to reach my whole community. The Board of Supervisors however, carries the power to make this wish come true. I am very lucky to live in a single family home at the moment where second hand smoke does not affect me at it's full capacity however my sister suffers from asthma and if we were to move into multi unit housing I would feel better knowing that my family is safe from the harms of secondhand smoke through this ordinance. I have family members who have died due to tobacco use. My family members who live in multi unit housing however are affected just as heavily by tobacco through the serious health effects of secondhand smoke. Although they may have never smoked in their life, they are experiencing all the health effects that a smoker would, including horrible diseases like lung cancer, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), chronic bronchitis, and diabetes.

I urge you to take action now and ensure that the ordinance that moves forward is strong and comprehensive so it effectively protects families from secondhand smoke. I also stand for the no smoking agreement to be included in the ordinance. Our community has been suffering long enough, the Board of Supervisors need to take action now! Your constituents cannot wait for another council meeting to happen before it is officially presented to the board of supervisors.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Cesia Gomez Marcelino

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

When I was younger, I lived in a complex where my neighbors would always be smoking. It was so bad that our home smelled like cigarettes. As a result, I would constantly cough but I was more concerned for the health of my newborn brother. Although this did not take place in Hayward, I would've really appreciated to have someone fighting for mine and my family's health through an ordinance like this one. I am sure there are a lot of people in our community with similar stories.

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mery Awad

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I experienced second hand smoke at my school in the bathrooms. As an asthmatic person, it is not a pleasant feeling. I also live in multi unit housing and understand how the actions of one person can affect the actions of others. I have been advocating for smoke free multi unit housing with BASTA (Bay Area Strength Through Activism) for a year and I have provided educational visits to many representatives to educate them about the matter. I have given multiple public comments in hopes of attracting more attention to the issue. I believe that it is time that we protect our multi unit housing residents from second hand smoke. Their health is important and should be treated as such.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Sophia Dela Cruz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94570

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Personally, I don't like the smell of second hand smoke. I remember walking around the streets in the Philippines when I was little. People would be smoking and I would dislike the smell.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

William Torbik

City / Ciudad: \*

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Ricardo Gamarra

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Joann shubbie

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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Jade Le

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94578

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Antonio Duenas

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have a neighbor who smokes a lot and I can smell it throughout my entire house especially at night. I have dogs and a big family and I don't want it to effect our health.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Dennis Salonga

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

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Reyna Lainez

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Ashland

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Adriana Villagomez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland/ San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Paula Anne Carreon

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94544

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For almost the last two years, I've been working with BASTA to educate and advocate for an SFMUH policy. I've participated in gathering signatures for support, creating content to educate the community about secondhand smoke, and making public comments at MAC meetings. I am really looking forward to the Board of Supervisors meeting and hoping that the SFMUH policy gets approved because it's been a long way coming to this point, and people living in multi-unit housing deserve to have a healthier place to live in.

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Kristina Paul

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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Maria Ramirez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

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I have two young grandsons and I do not want their health to be put at risk by secondhand smoke

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Luis Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jaeda Collins

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

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Ilseh A Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My grandma used to smoke at night and even though it was always late at night, I still felt sad knowing she smoked because her health concerns me. I want there to be smoke free apartments because everyone should have a right to breathing clean air. We should be protecting the raspatory health of our neighbors, especially while still in a pandemic.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Oscar Luo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Josue Patino Ruiz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Emiliano Ventura

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Belian Yasser Gomez Alcantar

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Walking through amusement parks, apartments, and streets where my young cousins, and little kids have to experience the harmful second hand smoke that hurt their health and lungs.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Lorena Barrios

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

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I would really like to see this law passed. We have been advocating for such a long time. I don't deal with secondhand smoke but am looking into moving to an apartment and am having trouble finding an affordable smoke-free community.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Samuel Jorgensen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Pets can also be affected by secondhand smoke. I do not want my dogs to develop nasal or lung cancer because of other people's habits.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Daisy Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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My next door neighbor used to smoke in his patio and I would be able to smell the smoke coming into my apartment. It go to the point in which my dog could no longer be in and out of the patio because the smoke would come in to our unit. Another one of my neighbors asked him to smoke elsewhere and he listened. This is not longer an issue for us. I wish it was this easy for everyone else, but honestly it is not. I have spoke with many tenants who do not feel safe confronting their neighbors. I have spoken to residents who have shown their neighbors a letter from the doctor stating that marijuana secondhand smoke is affecting their health and their neighbors ignore it still continue to smoke. These tenants need to be protected from secondhand smoke. It is not fair to them, they should not have to suffer because of the decisions of others.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Hailey Medeiros

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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People in single family homes, not just apartments, are effected due to second hand smoke. So making homes smoke free will help people of the future. It will save our health and our lungs.

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Savion Easley

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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While living in an apartment about 10-12 years ago, my family and I would smell smoke through airways and from folks smoking directly outside our windows and patio. I am lucky to have not been effected by second hand smoke. My mom and nephew had it the worst, ending up having to use an inhaler most of our time living there. Once we moved they got better. It's not right they had to go through that because of secondhand smoke, nobody deserves to be put through that.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Wendy Nguyen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94577

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Zahara Safiq

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

### Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My name is Zahara Safiq and I am with BASTA [or Bay Area Strength Through Activism], a ACOE YAB member for TUPE, as well as a TUPE member and sophomore at AHS.

I live in San Lorenzo and I am emailing you today because I am in support of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and urge you to take action on protecting those around me from secondhand smoke.

Living in San Lorenzo, there is not a day where I do not witness my peers smoking, cigarette butts on the floor when walking home, and people dealing things like marijuana and vapes behind my school. I am lucky enough to only experience things like second and third hand smoke for a couple of minutes, unlike many of my community members who have to deal with second and third hand smoke every moment of the day. Knowing of the ghastly effects of tobacco use, it breaks my heart to see my peers doing things that they aren't educated on. Being educated on the topic of tobacco use and it's prevention I wish to share this knowledge with my community members to ensure that everyone can make educated decisions in this area. I have devoted countless hours to ensure that my voice is heard on school grounds but I sadly do not have the tools necessary to reach my whole community. The Board of Supervisors however, carries the power to make this wish come true. I am very lucky to live in a single family home at the moment where second hand smoke does not affect me at it's full capacity however my sister suffers from asthma and if we were to move into multi unit housing I would feel better knowing that my family is safe from the harms of secondhand smoke through this ordinance. I have family members who have died due to tobacco use. My family members who live in multi unit housing however are affected just as heavily by tobacco through the serious health effects of secondhand smoke. Although they may have never smoked in their life, they are experiencing all the health effects that a smoker would, including horrible diseases like lung cancer, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), chronic bronchitis, and diabetes.

I urge you to take action now and ensure that the ordinance that moves forward is strong and comprehensive so it effectively protects families from secondhand smoke. I also stand for the no smoking agreement to be included in the ordinance. Our community has been suffering long enough, the Board of Supervisors need to take action now! Your constituents cannot wait for another council meeting to happen before it is officially presented to the board of supervisors.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Cesia Gomez Marcelino

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

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When I was younger, I lived in a complex where my neighbors would always be smoking. It was so bad that our home smelled like cigarettes. As a result, I would constantly cough but I was more concerned for the health of my newborn brother. Although this did not take place in Hayward, I would've really appreciated to have someone fighting for mine and my family's health through an ordinance like this one. I am sure there are a lot of people in our community with similar stories.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mery Awad

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

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I experienced second hand smoke at my school in the bathrooms. As an asthmatic person, it is not a pleasant feeling. I also live in multi unit housing and understand how the actions of one person can affect the actions of others. I have been advocating for smoke free multi unit housing with BASTA (Bay Area Strength Through Activism) for a year and I have provided educational visits to many representatives to educate them about the matter. I have given multiple public comments in hopes of attracting more attention to the issue. I believe that it is time that we protect our multi unit housing residents from second hand smoke. Their health is important and should be treated as such.

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June 1, 2021

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Thank you,

Name: Paz Hernandez  
Title: Property manager  
Email: phernandez2@kaerealestate.com  
Phone: 5103525282

*Paz Hernandez*

Property/ies:

Holiday Gardens Apartments

## **PASEO GARDENS APARTMENTS**

[Date] 7/1/2020

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Thank you,

[Your name] Maricela Alejandre

[Your title] On Site Manager

[Contact phone number/e-mail] 510-276-0579

[List your Property or Properties in the Unincorporated Area] Paseo Gardens Aaprtments

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Name: Teodila Corona

Title: Property Manager

Email: ~~antoniacorona@gmail.com~~ antoniacorona1024@gmail.com

Phone: 510-584-1671

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Montair Apts  
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Thank you,

Name: Ana Contreras  
Title: Property Manager  
Email: pm@converge townhomes.com  
Phone: (408) 551-8447

Property/ies: The Grove  
(510) 763-2185  
763 Blossom way  
Hayward, CA 94541

June 1, 2021

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Thank you,

Name: Ken Livingston  
Title: Operations Manager  
Email: Ken.pacificaptsg@gmail.com  
Phone: (510) 878-5565

Property/ies: Castro Valley

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Name: Hermila Hernandez  
Title: Property Manager  
Email: hhernandez@karealestate.com  
Phone: (510) 258-5455  
(258-5455)

Property/ies:

Lanai Apartments  
730 Blossom way  
Hayward CA. 94541



June 28, 2021

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Name: Kris Elusie Barile

Title: Community Manager

Email: PROP.TEMP14@EdenHousing.org

Phone: OFFICE: 510 276 1278 CELL: 209 256 5038

Property/ies: Quail Run Apartments  
- Eden Housing

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Hardeep Luthra  
Owner/Manager  
15991mateo@gmail.com  
Tel.: (925) 735 0560

Property:

15991 Mateo Street  
San Leandro, CA 94578

[Date]

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Thank you,

Name: *ANDRIA DUNBAR*

Title: *MANAGER*

Contact Information: *510-710-3011*

Property Name *Sandpiper*

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Sincerely,

Email \*

susana@karealestate.com

Full Name \*

Susana Arce

Title \*

Resident Apartment Manager

Name of Property and Address \*

Bayfair Manor Apartments 1435 167TH AVENUE #23

Phone Number

5107601464

Please send a copy of your signature and logo securely via email to [ECasanova@lafamiliacounseling.org](mailto:ECasanova@lafamiliacounseling.org) or via text at (510) 329-7814.



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Sincerely,

Email \*

Atam@mercyhousing.org

Full Name \*

Angela

Title \*

Property Manager

Name of Property and Address \*

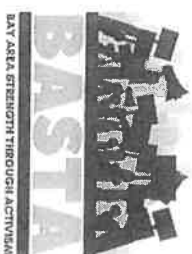
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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Alma Flores

City / Ciudad: \*

Cherryland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I've lived in the same place for 10 years. My children have been exposed to secondhand smoke every single day all the time. It feel as though we are smoking with him. We are paying with our health for my neighbors decision to smoke.

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Jaeda Collins

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Lorena Barrios

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

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I would really like to see this law passed. We have been advocating for such a long time. I don't deal with secondhand smoke but am looking into moving to an apartment and am having trouble finding an affordable smoke-free community.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Maura Perez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

This is very important to me, we need smokers to smoke as far away from the apartment complex as possible. I need this law to be protected from secondhand smoke.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Gaudalupe Ramirez

City / Ciudad: \*

Cherryland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Leticia Zamorano

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Soy una persona Que tiene asthma y el humo de segunda mano hace daño mi Salud descontrolando mi asthma cuando alguien fuma cerca de mi ...

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Paula Anne Carreon

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94544

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

For almost the last two years, I've been working with BASTA to educate and advocate for an SFMUH policy. I've participated in gathering signatures for support, creating content to educate the community about secondhand smoke, and making public comments at MAC meetings. I am really looking forward to the Board of Supervisors meeting and hoping that the SFMUH policy gets approved because it's been a long way coming to this point, and people living in multi-unit housing deserve to have a healthier place to live in.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Andrea Guadalupe Castro

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Growing up in Hayward / San Lorenzo and being here since childhood it was nice to know that secondhand smoke has never been an issue for us. Since our move we have been subjected to the same struggles that prior neighbors and countless other residents in SLZ face

In regards to being outside and having the same resources and feeling of comfort as a single home house - I find that is not always the case. The smell, smoke does affect us especially those who are younger, immunocompromised and feel restless and trapped. Second hand smoke was not always there for us and the case at hand is the validity of our discomfort at home. There is available and safe, maintained and fun and order to be had in regards to being outside and being bombarded with the smell and feeling of secondhand smoke.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Kristina Paul

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Maria Ramirez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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I have two young grandsons and I do not want their health to be put at risk by secondhand smoke

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Ashland

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ilseh A Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My grandma used to smoke at night and even though it was always late at night, I still felt sad knowing she smoked because her health concerns me. I want there to be smoke free apartments because everyone should have a right to breathing clean air. We should be protecting the raspatory health of our neighbors, especially while still in a pandemic.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Allison Downs

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I live in an apartment complex where neighbors are smoking marijuana less than 10 feet from our window on a daily basis. I have had to have conversations with my 12 year old daughter to explain what the smell is and we close our windows to minimize how much smell comes into the house. It would make such an impact to have stronger regulations on where people can smoke and send a message to youth about how dangerous second-hand smoke really is.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Oscar Luo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Josue Patino Ruiz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have some friends that have and they said that they really didn't like it

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Emiliano Ventura

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Belian Yasser Gomez Alcantar

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Going through apartments, amusement parks, and even through the streets the coughing, throat irritating second smoke that the poor kids, my cousins and family have to experience second hand smoke.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Shaun Mejia

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have been at a few apartments and I have seen adults smoke with kids in the area. I don't want secondhand smoke to affect the future of those kids.

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Mayra Ruvalcaba

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Ana Villavicencio

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Samuel Jorgensen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Pets can also be affected by secondhand smoke. I do not want my dogs to develop nasal or lung cancer because of other people's habits.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Daisy Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My next door neighbor used to smoke in his patio and I would be able to smell the smoke coming into my apartment. It go to the point in which my dog could no longer be in and out of the patio because the smoke would come in to our unit. Another one of my neighbors asked him to smoke elsewhere and he listened. This is not longer an issue for us. I wish it was this easy for everyone else, but honestly it is not. I have spoke with many tenants who do not feel safe confronting their neighbors. I have spoken to residents who have shown their neighbors a letter from the doctor stating that marijuana secondhand smoke is affecting their health and their neighbors ignore it still continue to smoke. These tenants need to be protected from secondhand smoke. It is not fair to them, they should not have to suffer because of the decisions of others.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jayne Hernandez

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I am a Junior in high school and I have been advocating with BASTA against second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing for over a year now. Over the last year I have done educational visits, collected letters of support, given public comments and made a video about second-hand smoke. As I continue to write this my next door neighbor is smoking, I can smell it from my room and I hear him coughing loudly. Second-hand Smoke is a problem that affects many families in our community including mine. I have lived in multi-unit housing most of my life and second-hand smoke from neighbors has always been an issue. Having 3 younger siblings at home that smell the smoke that drifts to our apartment is dangerous to their health. Many of the health risks second-hand smoke can cause are strokes, lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory infections. Having to deal with keeping out cigarette smoke from entering our apartment is annoying, always closing doors, windows, and making sure to not go out when the neighbors are smoking. It becomes more of a problem and a whole community has to deal with it every single day, it is irritating. Families should not have to deal with this. With this means I am asking you to take a step forward to make a difference in our community.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Savion Easley

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

While living in an apartment about 10-12 years ago, my family and I would smell smoke through airways and from folks smoking directly outside our windows and patio. I am lucky to have not been effected by second hand smoke. My mom and nephew had it the worst, ending up having to use an inhaler most of our time living there. Once we moved they got better. It's not right they had to go through that because of secondhand smoke, nobody deserves to be put through that.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Zahara Safiq

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

### Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My name is Zahara Safiq and I am with BASTA [or Bay Area Strength Through Activism], a ACOE YAB member for TUPE, as well as a TUPE member and sophomore at AHS.

I live in San Lorenzo and I am emailing you today because I am in support of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and urge you to take action on protecting those around me from secondhand smoke.

Living in San Lorenzo, there is not a day where I do not witness my peers smoking, cigarette butts on the floor when walking home, and people dealing things like marijuana and vapes behind my school. I am lucky enough to only experience things like second and third hand smoke for a couple of minutes, unlike many of my community members who have to deal with second and third hand smoke every moment of the day. Knowing of the ghastly effects of tobacco use, it breaks my heart to see my peers doing things that they aren't educated on. Being educated on the topic of tobacco use and it's prevention I wish to share this knowledge with my community members to ensure that everyone can make educated decisions in this area. I have devoted countless hours to ensure that my voice is heard on school grounds but I sadly do not have the tools necessary to reach my whole community. The Board of Supervisors however, carries the power to make this wish come true. I am very lucky to live in a single family home at the moment where second hand smoke does not affect me at it's full capacity however my sister suffers from asthma and if we were to move into multi unit housing I would feel better knowing that my family is safe from the harms of secondhand smoke through this ordinance. I have family members who have died due to tobacco use. My family members who live in multi unit housing however are affected just as heavily by tobacco through the serious health effects of secondhand smoke. Although they may have never smoked in their life, they are experiencing all the health effects that a smoker would, including horrible diseases like lung cancer, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), chronic bronchitis, and diabetes.

I urge you to take action now and ensure that the ordinance that moves forward is strong and comprehensive so it effectively protects families from secondhand smoke. I also stand for the no smoking agreement to be included in the ordinance. Our community has been suffering long enough, the Board of Supervisors need to take action now! Your constituents cannot wait for another council meeting to happen before it is officially presented to the board of supervisors.

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Cesia Gomez Marcelino

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Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

When I was younger, I lived in a complex where my neighbors would always be smoking. It was so bad that our home smelled like cigarettes. As a result, I would constantly cough but I was more concerned for the health of my newborn brother. Although this did not take place in Hayward, I would've really appreciated to have someone fighting for mine and my family's health through an ordinance like this one. I am sure there are a lot of people in our community with similar stories.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mery Awad

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I experienced second hand smoke at my school in the bathrooms. As an asthmatic person, it is not a pleasant feeling. I also live in multi unit housing and understand how the actions of one person can affect the actions of others. I have been advocating for smoke free multi unit housing with BASTA (Bay Area Strength Through Activism) for a year and I have provided educational visits to many representatives to educate them about the matter. I have given multiple public comments in hopes of attracting more attention to the issue. I believe that it is time that we protect our multi unit housing residents from second hand smoke. Their health is important and should be treated as such.

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## Perkins, Cheryl, CAO

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**From:** K Focht <kfocht@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 3:35 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Save Ruby Meadows

I wish to express my deepest disapproval for the plan to give public funding to Eden Housing to destroy Ruby Meadows. There are far, far, better places to build new housing in the area and it's time we stop destroying important animal habitats. If I wanted to live in an overly developed area where we destroyed critical animal habitats, I would have bought my home in the city of Hayward and not in the beautiful hills of Fairview, Hayward, & Castro Valley.

Please, vote NO on agenda item #29!

Kathleen Focht  
Fairview

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

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Jade Le

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have personally worked with youth in Unincorporated who have suffered from secondhand smoke since they were children. It is so saddening to hear that young folks in high school have had to deal with neighbors who are smokers and can't do anything about it. This issue is really important to me because people should be able to breathe clean air regardless of where they live, who they live next to or how much money they make.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Paula Anne Carreon

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94544

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

For almost the last two years, I've been working with BASTA to educate and advocate for an SFMUH policy. I've participated in gathering signatures for support, creating content to educate the community about secondhand smoke, and making public comments at MAC meetings. I am really looking forward to the Board of Supervisors meeting and hoping that the SFMUH policy gets approved because it's been a long way coming to this point, and people living in multi-unit housing deserve to have a healthier place to live in.

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Joseph Araujo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

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94577

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Maria Ramirez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

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I have two young grandsons and I do not want their health to be put at risk by secondhand smoke

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Luis Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Guadalupe Meza

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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This is really important to me, for everyone well being. This is something that should have been passed along time ago. Luckily my apartment is smoke free, but I still smell smoke. The apartments next to mine are not smoke free and their smoke travels to mine. We need something to protect myself and my family from the smoke.

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Jaime Hernandez

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Marijuana smoke interferes with my medication and I have been sent to the ER 5 times because of my neighbors secondhand smoke. This law could possibly save my life. My landlord and neighbor are not concerned about my medical condition so I need someone else to help me. I pay rent just like everyone else so it is not fair to me.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Andrea Guadalupe Castro

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Growing up in Hayward / San Lorenzo and being here since childhood it was nice to know that secondhand smoke has never been an issue for us. Since our move we have been subjected to the same struggles that prior neighbors and countless other residents in SLZ face

In regards to being outside and having the same resources and feeling of comfort as a single home house - I find that is not always the case. The smell, smoke does affect us especially those who are younger, immunocompromised and feel restless and trapped. Second hand smoke was not always there for us and the case at hand is the validity of our discomfort at home. There is available and safe, maintained and fun and order to be had in regards to being outside and being bombarded with the smell and feeling of secondhand smoke.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ana M Cortez

City / Ciudad: \*

San lorenzo ca

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Kristina Paul

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jaeda Collins

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I work with youth and I believe they should not have to breathe in someone else's secondhand smoke

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Antonio Duenas

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My neighbor smokes a lot and I can smell it through my house. I want to help out so others don't have to breath in second hand smoking either

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ilseh A Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My grandma used to smoke at night and even though it was always late at night, I still felt sad knowing she smoked because her health concerns me. I want there to be smoke free apartments because everyone should have a right to breathing clean air. We should be protecting the raspatory health of our neighbors, especially while still in a pandemic.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Allison Downs

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I live in an apartment complex where neighbors are smoking marijuana less then 10 feet from our window on a daily basis. I have had to have conversations with my 12 year old daughter to explain what the smell is and we close our windows to minimize how much smell comes into the house. It would make such an impact to have stronger regulations on where people can smoke and send a message to youth about how dangerous second-hand smoke really is.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jayne Hernandez

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

### Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I am a Junior in high school and I have been advocating with BASTA against second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing for over a year now. Over the last year I have done educational visits, collected letters of support, given public comments and made a video about second-hand smoke. As I continue to write this my next door neighbor is smoking, I can smell it from my room and I hear him coughing loudly. Second-hand Smoke is a problem that affects many families in our community including mine. I have lived in multi-unit housing most of my life and second-hand smoke from neighbors has always been an issue. Having 3 younger siblings at home that smell the smoke that drifts to our apartment is dangerous to their health. Many of the health risks second-hand smoke can cause are strokes, lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory infections. Having to deal with keeping out cigarette smoke from entering our apartment is annoying, always closing doors, windows, and making sure to not go out when the neighbors are smoking. It becomes more of a problem and a whole community has to deal with it every single day, it is irritating. Families should not have to deal with this. With this means I am asking you to take a step forward to make a difference in our community.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Oscar Luo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Josue Patino Ruiz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Belian Yasser Gomez Alcantar

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Walking through amusement parks, apartments, and streets where my young cousins, and little kids have to experience the harmful second hand smoke that hurt their health and lungs.

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mayra Ruvalcaba

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San Lorenzo

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Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Lorena Barrios

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I would really like to see this law passed. We have been advocating for such a long time. I don't deal with secondhand smoke but am looking into moving to an apartment and am having trouble finding an affordable smoke-free community.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ana Villavicencio

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Samuel Jorgensen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Pets can also be affected by secondhand smoke. I do not want my dogs to develop nasal or lung cancer because of other people's habits.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Daisy Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My next door neighbor used to smoke in his patio and I would be able to smell the smoke coming into my apartment. It go to the point in which my dog could no longer be in and out of the patio because the smoke would come in to our unit. Another one of my neighbors asked him to smoke elsewhere and he listened. This is not longer an issue for us. I wish it was this easy for everyone else, but honestly it is not. I have spoke with many tenants who do not feel safe confronting their neighbors. I have spoken to residents who have shown their neighbors a letter from the doctor stating that marijuana secondhand smoke is affecting their health and their neighbors ignore it still continue to smoke. These tenants need to be protected from secondhand smoke. It is not fair to them, they should not have to suffer because of the decisions of others.

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Savion Easley

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

While living in an apartment about 10-12 years ago, my family and I would smell smoke through airways and from folks smoking directly outside our windows and patio. I am lucky to have not been effected by second hand smoke. My mom and nephew had it the worst, ending up having to use an inhaler most of our time living there. Once we moved they got better. It's not right they had to go through that because of secondhand smoke, nobody deserves to be put through that.

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Wendy Nguyen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94577

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It really sucks walking around hanging out with my friends and be unable to avoid second hand smoking.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Zahara Safiq

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

### Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My name is Zahara Safiq and I am with BASTA [or Bay Area Strength Through Activism], a ACOE YAB member for TUPE, as well as a TUPE member and sophomore at AHS.

I live in San Lorenzo and I am emailing you today because I am in support of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and urge you to take action on protecting those around me from secondhand smoke.

Living in San Lorenzo, there is not a day where I do not witness my peers smoking, cigarette butts on the floor when walking home, and people dealing things like marijuana and vapes behind my school. I am lucky enough to only experience things like second and third hand smoke for a couple of minutes, unlike many of my community members who have to deal with second and third hand smoke every moment of the day. Knowing of the ghastly effects of tobacco use, it breaks my heart to see my peers doing things that they aren't educated on. Being educated on the topic of tobacco use and it's prevention I wish to share this knowledge with my community members to ensure that everyone can make educated decisions in this area. I have devoted countless hours to ensure that my voice is heard on school grounds but I sadly do not have the tools necessary to reach my whole community. The Board of Supervisors however, carries the power to make this wish come true. I am very lucky to live in a single family home at the moment where second hand smoke does not affect me at it's full capacity however my sister suffers from asthma and if we were to move into multi unit housing I would feel better knowing that my family is safe from the harms of secondhand smoke through this ordinance. I have family members who have died due to tobacco use. My family members who live in multi unit housing however are affected just as heavily by tobacco through the serious health effects of secondhand smoke. Although they may have never smoked in their life, they are experiencing all the health effects that a smoker would, including horrible diseases like lung cancer, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), chronic bronchitis, and diabetes.

I urge you to take action now and ensure that the ordinance that moves forward is strong and comprehensive so it effectively protects families from secondhand smoke. I also stand for the no smoking agreement to be included in the ordinance. Our community has been suffering long enough, the Board of Supervisors need to take action now! Your constituents cannot wait for another council meeting to happen before it is officially presented to the board of supervisors.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Cesia Gomez Marcelino

City / Ciudad: \*

hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mery

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I experienced second hand smoke at my school in the bathrooms. As an asthmatic person, it is not a pleasant feeling. I also live in multi unit housing and understand how the actions of one person can affect the actions of others. I have been advocating for smoke free multi unit housing with BASTA (Bay Area Strength Through Activism) for a year and I have provided educational visits to many representatives to educate them about the matter. I have given multiple public comments in hopes of attracting more attention to the issue. I believe that it is time that we protect our multi unit housing residents from second hand smoke. Their health is important and should be treated as such.

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Danica Cruz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Edy Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont, CA

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Emerald Sanderlin

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My sister has an asthma and has always suffered from secondhand smoke. Having to sleep with a ventilator was heart breaking

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Renee Crouzet-Pascal

City / Ciudad: \*

San francisco

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94133

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Lung cancer

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Roanna Chloe Gapasin

City / Ciudad: \*

Tracy

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

95376

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ivan Nuno

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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My brother has asthma

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Isaac busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont, CA

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ariana Amanoni

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94542

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I currently live under a smoker. His balcony is above mine. I always find cigarette buds on my balcony! It is so annoying because my daughter's toys will have buds on them. Also the smell of cigarette smoke seeping through the vents. Not only is it annoying to live with but absolutely dangerous for my daughter! My apartment complex cannot do much about it so I am completely behind this petition!

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

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Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Paula Anne Carreon

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94544

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

For almost the last two years, I've been working with BASTA to educate and advocate for an SFMUH policy. I've participated in gathering signatures for support, creating content to educate the community about secondhand smoke, and making public comments at MAC meetings. I am really looking forward to the Board of Supervisors meeting and hoping that the SFMUH policy gets approved because it's been a long way coming to this point, and people living in multi-unit housing deserve to have a healthier place to live in.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jayme Hernandez

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I am a Junior in high school and I have been advocating with BASTA against second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing for over a year now. Over the last year I have done educational visits, collected letters of support, given public comments and made a video about second-hand smoke. As i continue to write this my next door neighbor is smoking, I can smell it from my room and I hear him coughing loudly. Second-hand Smoke is problem that affects many families in our community including mine. I have lived in multi-unit housing most of my life and second-hand smoke from neighbors has always been an issue. Having 3 younger sibling at home that smell the smoke that drift to our apartment is dangerous to their health. Many of the health risk second-hand smoke can cause are strokes, lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory infections. Having to deal with keeping out cigarette smoke from entering our apartment is annoying, always closing doors, windows, and making sure to not go out when the neighbors are smoking. It becomes more of a problem and a whole community has to deal with it every single day, it is irritating. Families should not have to deal with this. With this means I am asking you to take a step forward to make a difference in our community.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Agustin Dominguez

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Jesus Martinez-Niño

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

As a child I used to live in a compact apartment in San Leandro with my parents. Luckily I've never had to deal with secondhand smoke but I can see how, especially with the size of the apartment, some kids suffer from secondhand smoke.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Wendy Nguyen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

San Leandro

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I honestly hate walking around on the side walk and not be able to avoid people smoking out on the open

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Kristina Paul

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ilseh A Busarelo

City / Ciudad: \*

Fremont

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94555

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My grandma used to smoke at night and even though it was always late at night, I still felt sad knowing she smoked because her health concerns me. I want there to be smoke free apartments because everyone should have a right to breathing clean air. We should be protecting the respiratory health of our neighbors, especially while still in a pandemic.

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Stephanie Miller

City / Ciudad: \*

Hayward

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My father was a heavy smoker and my sister and I suffered from second hand smoke. This is a important issue that we need to address, especially for those who are younger than us or don't understand the harmfulness of it.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Sophia Rodriguez

City / Ciudad: \*

Oakland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94602

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Oscar Luo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94579

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Josue Patino Ruiz

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have some friends that have and they said that they really didn't like it

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mario Macias

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

510

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Emiliano Ventura

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

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Thank you,

[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Shaun Mejia

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I have been to apartments where adults would smoke and sometimes children would be outside in the area, and I don't want that to affect those kids in the future.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mayra Ruvalcaba

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Lorena Barrios

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I would really like to see this law passed. We have been advocating for such a long time. I don't deal with secondhand smoke but am looking into moving to an apartment and am having trouble finding an affordable smoke-free community.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Ana Villavicencio

City / Ciudad: \*

Ashland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Samuel Jorgensen

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

Pets can also be affected by secondhand smoke. I do not want my dogs to develop nasal or lung cancer because of other people's habits.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Daisy Romo

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My next door neighbor used to smoke in his patio and I would be able to smell the smoke coming into my apartment. It go to the point in which my dog could no longer be in and out of the patio because the smoke would come in to our unit. Another one of my neighbors asked him to smoke elsewhere and he listened. This is not longer an issue for us. I wish it was this easy for everyone else, but honestly it is not. I have spoke with many tenants who do not feel safe confronting their neighbors. I have spoken to residents who have shown their neighbors a letter from the doctor stating that marijuana secondhand smoke is affecting their health and their neighbors ignore it still continue to smoke. These tenants need to be protected from secondhand smoke. It is not fair to them, they should not have to suffer because of the decisions of others.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Christina Bonicarlo

City / Ciudad: \*

Cherryland

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94541

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I used to live in an apartment where my neighbors would smoke. Never in my life did I have asthma as bad as then when I lived there. My grandson also developed asthma because of all the secondhand smoke we were breathing. As soon as we moved out of the place, our asthma went away. No one should be exposed to secondhand smoke, especially in their homes.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Savion Easley

City / Ciudad: \*

San Leandro

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94578

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

While living in an apartment about 10-12 years ago, my family and I would smell smoke through airways and from folks smoking directly outside our windows and patio. I am lucky to have not been effected by second hand smoke. My mom and nephew had it the worst, ending up having to use an inhaler most of our time living there. Once we moved they got better. It's not right they had to go through that because of secondhand smoke, nobody deserves to be put through that.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Zahara Safiq

City / Ciudad: \*

San Lorenzo

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94580

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

My name is Zahara Safiq and I am with BASTA [or Bay Area Strength Through Activism], a ACOE YAB member for TUPE, as well as a TUPE member and sophomore at AHS.

I live in San Lorenzo and I am emailing you today because I am in support of a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and urge you to take action on protecting those around me from secondhand smoke.

Living in San Lorenzo, there is not a day where I do not witness my peers smoking, cigarette butts on the floor when walking home, and people dealing things like marijuana and vapes behind my school. I am lucky enough to only experience things like second and third hand smoke for a couple of minutes, unlike many of my community members who have to deal with second and third hand smoke every moment of the day. Knowing of the ghastly effects of tobacco use, it breaks my heart to see my peers doing things that they aren't educated on. Being educated on the topic of tobacco use and it's prevention I wish to share this knowledge with my community members to ensure that everyone can make educated decisions in this area. I have devoted countless hours to ensure that my voice is heard on school grounds but I sadly do not have the tools necessary to reach my whole community. The Board of Supervisors however, carries the power to make this wish come true. I am very lucky to live in a single family home at the moment where second hand smoke does not affect me at it's full capacity however my sister suffers from asthma and if we were to move into multi unit housing I would feel better knowing that my family is safe from the harms of secondhand smoke through this ordinance. I have family members who have died due to tobacco use. My family members who live in multi unit housing however are affected just as heavily by tobacco through the serious health effects of secondhand smoke. Although they may have never smoked in their life, they are experiencing all the health effects that a smoker would, including horrible diseases like lung cancer, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), chronic bronchitis, and diabetes.

I urge you to take action now and ensure that the ordinance that moves forward is strong and comprehensive so it effectively protects families from secondhand smoke. I also stand for the no smoking agreement to be included in the ordinance. Our community has been suffering long enough, the Board of Supervisors need to take action now! Your constituents cannot wait for another council meeting to happen before it is officially presented to the board of supervisors.

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[Name, City, Zip Code]

Full Name / Nombre Completo: \*

Mery Awad

City / Ciudad: \*

Castro Valley

Zip Code / Código Postal: \*

94546

Personal Story with Secondhand Smoke or Additional Comments / Historia personal con humo de segunda mano o comentarios adicionales

I experienced second hand smoke at my school in the bathrooms. As an asthmatic person, it is not a pleasant feeling. I also live in multi unit housing and understand how the actions of one person can affect the actions of others. I have been advocating for smoke free multi unit housing with BASTA (Bay Area Strength Through Activism) for a year and I have provided educational visits to many representatives to educate them about the matter. I have given multiple public comments in hopes of attracting more attention to the issue. I believe that it is time that we protect our multi unit housing residents from second hand smoke. Their health is important and should be treated as such.

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