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From: Anneka Mattu <m_anneka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 6:59 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Save Macs Smoke Shop!

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From: deezbuddy@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Save Mac's Smoke Shop

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Dear Palo Alto City Council:

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I've bought several newspapers there frequently due to their comprehensive offerings of general, business, and financial newspapers that other establishments do not offer.

Plus Mac's Smoke Shop's extensive business hours (6am-11pm) offers all walks of people and professionals extremely convenient hours to shop.

Please do not force Mac's Smoke Shop to close their doors especially during the Covid-19 pandemic which has already caused so many businesses to close down already in the Bay Area and Palo Alto.

PLEASE SAVE MAC'S SMOKE SHOP! -- Thank You!

Sincerely,

Andrew H. Dral

Andrew H. Dral 1235 Jefferson Ave., Apt. #104
Redwood City, CA 94062-1065 Redacted

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From: jjc310@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: SAVE MAC'S SMOKE SHOP

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PLEASE SAVE MAC'S SMOKE SHOP! -- Thank You!

Sincerely,
Tiffany Stephanie Chen

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From: Eimi Okano <ekokano36@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please adopt VAPE SHOP BAN WITHOUT EXEMPTIONS

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To: Palo Alto City Council

I have lived in Palo Alto since 1966, raised three children and now have three grandchildren living with me and count on Palo Alto leadership to keep our city safe for them. Vaping and its similar myriad smoking temptations is a danger to our children and it has no place in a family-based community like ours. If you agree to the dangers of cigarettes and tobacco and vaping products, please ban them from Palo Alto so our children will not be tempted to be harmed by them.

As elected City Council members, I am counting on you to continue keeping Palo Alto safe from drugs and crime.

PLEASE VOTE TO **BAN** Electronic Cigarette Products and Flavored Tobacco Products.in Palo Alto.

Eimi Okano
1301 Harker Avenue, Palo Alto

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From: Chris Colohan <chris@colohan.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Council, City; Fine, Adrian; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kniss, Liz (internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg; Cormack, Alison
Subject: Vaping ban

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I would like to support the ban on Electronic Cigarette Products and Flavored Tobacco Products.

My name is Chris Colohan, and I have two children attending elementary school at Duveneck. I've heard many stories from other parents of slightly older children who have had trouble with their children being exposed to vaping products, and I worry this problem will be ongoing when my kids reach middle and high school.

Banning them for sale in local stores will make them significantly harder for kids to get, and hopefully will go a long way in reducing this problem in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Chris

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From: Phine Kiang <phinebean@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Vaping is bad for our youth and our community

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Dear Council members,

I support the measures in the PTA resolution to protect our youth and our communities from the harms of vaping, and I urge all of you to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Phine Kiang, MD

Palo Alto resident, parent, and physician

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From: Amy Kacher <amyewardwell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Please Ban sale of all Vaping products

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Dear city council

I implore you to ban the sale of vaping and e-cig products in the City of Palo Alto. The epidemic we have among our teens and the horrific mental health consequences in addition to long term physical health impact is enough to ban the sale.

I ask that Palo Alto join surrounding communities to help curb the use, but making it harder to purchase these products. Of course one can argue that if someone wants to buy, they can order on Amazon. However, removing the ease of purchasing right in our town is what our town can do. We can help be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem. Let's put HEALTH first, make HEALTH both physical and mental of our community on the forefront of policy.

Here is a statement from the PTA of CA.

<https://capta.org/programs-events/statewide-association-meeting-2020/business-of-the-association/resolution-a/>

Sincerely
Amy Kacher

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Anna Itoi <anna.itoi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Re: retail tobacco ordinance

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Sorry I hit "send" before signing off on behalf of the site councils at Palo Alto High school where the students on site council have raised the issue of vaping over and over again. We've done everything we can do educate our students but at this point we need help on making the supply less available. Addiction is a very tough thing. Thank you!!!!

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 8:56 AM Anna Itoi <anna.itoi@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council,

I am a parent at Palo Alto High School where we have a significant challenge with vaping. I respectfully urge you to mirror the Santa Clara ordinance and have no exemptions for adult only stores for the retail tobacco ordinance. This is a huge public health issue and our children are at stake. I appreciate everything you do to serve this city and I recognize that you have competing pressures and priorities, but in this area please err on the side of our children who are our future. There are kids that are so addicted already that they will find a way to enter these adult-only stores, or worse, there are and will be adults who purchase these goods and make them available for kids. We should have a zero tolerance for this type of business, which is insidious and wrong.

Thank you so much for your time, and I can imagine that you are getting a lot of these emails!

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From: Ronald Cohen <nicuron@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Vaping Law

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There is no reason to allow ANY vaping stores in Palo Alto. What possible benefit does vaping offer to any one, other than to make profits for the vaping companies while damaging the lungs & lives of vapers, and all those around them! Allowing adults to purchase flavored vapes means that youth around them will be exposed, and possible lured into the vaping habit. We should be doing everything possible to delegitimize vaping, not turn it into an “adult” right of passage to attract teens!

Ronald Cohen, MD
nicuron@yahoo.com

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From: Issa Abuita <issa@alfakherus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 6

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I oppose a ban on flavored tobacco without an exemption for Hookah. Many cultures use hookah like Americans use beer at a barbeque because drinking alcohol is against their religion.

Hookah is completely different than an e-cigarette. First, it's used in a large water pipe and difficult to hide, in a backpack for instance. It's difficult to use without someone noticing. It takes time to set up. Setting one up actually takes 20 minutes and at least an hour to consume. Because of this, hookah is not very appealing to youth.

Of course, we don't want our youth to use any tobacco products nor do we want them using marijuana or alcohol for that matter. Banning hookah just doesn't raise the same youth use issues. Specifically, the latest information from the CDC on youth use of hookah is only 2.6% compared to almost 26 percent for vaping.

Please protect our youth but also save our tax paying businesses, the employees of those business and the important cultural tradition of hookah by exempting hookah from the flavor ban.

Thank you.

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From: Lucy W <lcwu76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: 6/16 Special Meeting about Flavored Tobacco Ban, Item A

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

I'm Lucy Wu, longtime Fremont resident, Proudly Against Tobacco (PAT) Coalition member, and former young person. I encourage the City Council to remove adult store exemptions in banning the sale of flavored tobacco products.

Flavored tobacco products are made to appeal to young people. According to the California Department of Public Health, [80% of young people](#) start with flavored tobacco products first. It is vital that young people can avoid picking up the habit of using tobacco products, and those that have started the habit be given the time, space, and support to kick it to the curb.

Even though I've lived in Fremont for all of my formative years, I spent a significant amount of time riding along in my friend's car as we drove all over the Bay. I have fond memories shopping and eating in Palo Alto. It was very accessible by car.

It's important that cities that are geographically close together, like Fremont and Palo Alto, can pass local legislation that overlaps in scope, so that the temptation of flavored tobacco products can be removed from all different groups of youth in equal measure. If children are the future, it is so, so important to invest in their health and wellbeing, not only because of what they have to offer someday, but because of their inherent value as people who deserve to be healthy and well today.

Thank you!
Lucy Wu

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From: E Wooding <eriwooding@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: 6/16/20 Action Item A

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Dear Palo Alto City Council,

My name is Erica Wooding and I'm a rising high school senior and a member of the Proudly Against Tobacco (PAT) Coalition. The pipeline for lifelong cigarette smoking most often begins with an underage smoker trying a flavored product. 90% of lifelong smokers begin underage, and 80% of underage smokers start with a flavored product. When 17 year olds in my class at school vape their mango or mint flavored products, they're drastically increasing their chances of living with addiction. Making it harder for kids to access flavored products will decrease the appeal of tobacco products in general and put a wrench in the cycle of big tobacco hooking children.

Adult stores should not be exempted from the flavor ban. I know for a fact that people my age and even younger have very little problems going into adult stores and buying tobacco products. This should not be allowed to continue. To protect kids like my classmates from years or lifetimes of addiction, Palo Alto needs to adopt a strong TRL.

Sincerely,
Erica Wooding

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From: feetab@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Tobacco ordinance

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Sent from my iPhone

Sometimes I wonder if people in government remember Prohibition which outlawed alcohol so that people wouldn't drink. People found ways to drink and the law against alcohol created the power of the Mafia which supplied the alcohol people kept drinking.

If kids want to use tobacco, they will find ways to get it. When my sons were in high school, they couldn't get alcohol, but illegal drugs were easy to find.

Controlling substances makes sense, but banning them only creates an underground supply system and, in this case, ruins a business which has been a Palo Alto fixture for decades.

Please be sensible and heed the lesson learned from Prohibition....outlawing a substance doesn't keep people from using it, it only creates an illegal supply chain.

Elizabeth Bishop
Redacted

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From: Felix Cortez <cortezfelix41@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: macs smoke shop

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Keep macs open we have a crew of construction workers working in the downtown Palo a lot area been here for 3 year and macs was always here for the drinks on hot days and snacks when we are hungry we build a relationship with the employees and they we always look forward to our break to come and get a snack here at macs

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jo Ann Mandinach <joann@needtoknow.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Save Mac's Smoke Shop. Permit Flavored pipe tobacco like Los Altos does and like grandpa smokes

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Dear Council,

My header says it all. Let's have a smart nuanced ruling that doesn't destroy yet another PA landmark.

Most sincerely,
Jo Ann Mandinach
1699 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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From: Rachel J. Mesia <rmesia@stanford.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Response to City of Palo Alto, Consent Calendar ID# 11372
Attachments: SCI-Letter_PA_ID#11372_06-08-20.pdf

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From: "Rachel J. Mesia" <rmesia@stanford.edu>
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:21 PM
To: "greg.tanaka@cityofpaloalto.org" <greg.tanaka@cityofpaloalto.org>, "Lydia.Kou@cityofpaloalto.org" <Lydia.Kou@cityofpaloalto.org>, "liz.kniss@cityofpaloalto.org" <liz.kniss@cityofpaloalto.org>, "eric.filseth@cityofpaloalto.org" <eric.filseth@cityofpaloalto.org>, "tom.dubois@cityofpaloalto.org" <tom.dubois@cityofpaloalto.org>, "Alison.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org" <Alison.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org>, "Adrian.Fine@cityofpaloalto.org" <Adrian.Fine@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: Response to City of Palo Alto, Consent Calendar ID# 11372

RE: City of Palo Alto, Consent Calendar ID# 11372, 06/16/2020

Dear City Council Members of Palo Alto,

I am writing to you as a representative of the *Stanford Cancer Institute* and the *Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council*. I would like to bring to your attention, some important health and research data relevant to the community you served. You are likely aware that tobacco use has cumulative, negative health effects^{1,2,3} and the use of e-cigarettes are exhibiting harmful consequences mirroring those of tobacco.^{4,5} Many long-term smokers start when they are teens or young adults.²

There have been many inquiries about the relationship of SARS-CoV-2 with chronic illnesses and behaviors associated with poor health conditions. One of them is tobacco and nicotine use/exposure. Researchers have been investigating and learning more about the relationship of the ACE-2 (Angiotensin-converting enzyme-2) receptor with COVID-19 infection. Preliminary research reveals the following:

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- Growing new evidence is linking cigarette smoke and nicotine to increased ACE-2 receptors, thus increasing the binding sites for SARS-CoV-2.^{9,10,11}

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June 5, 2020

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Sincerely,



Rachel J. Mesia, PhD, MPH

Program Director, Community Research & Capacity-Building at the Stanford Cancer Institute

Program Co-Chair, Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council

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We are united for our frontline workers & community!

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From: Beth Rosenthal <bbr550@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Action Item A Consent Calendar

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Dear Mayor Fine and Council Members,

As I walked around downtown Palo Alto, I was saddened by how many stores have signs indicating that they would not be returning to business. Mac's is probably the oldest or one of the oldest retail establishments in the City. It has a funky charm and is part of Palo Alto's history. It is one of the few places one can reliably buy print newspapers these days and the only place in downtown that one can buy a New York Times now that Starbucks no longer sells them. Mac's has been allowed to stay open during the shelter in place because the newspapers it provides are for many people the only source of news available. Please remember that 1 in 5 people in the Bay Area have no internet access. I understand Council members' objections regarding concern that Mac's sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products gives minors access to these items. Mac's has agreed to eliminate vaping products but wishes to continue to sell flavored tobacco as a matter of financial sustainability. If you go into the store, you will see that Mac's has a very visible sign that states that they do not sell to anyone under 21, a policy it enforces. I hope you will give the owners a chance to figure out a way to change their business model so they can stay in business and Palo Alto can retain this relic of the past. I am requesting that you do not adopt Ordinance A and rewrite it to allow an exception for flavored tobacco. I would hate to see Mac's become another vacant store front.

Sincerely,

Beth Rosenthal, PhD

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From: Susie Brain <susie_brain@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Fine, Adrian; Cormack, Alison; DuBois, Tom; Filseth, Eric (Internal); Kniss, Liz (internal); Kou, Lydia; Tanaka, Greg
Subject: Please Pass Tobacco Retail Ordinance

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Dear Mayor Fine and Palo Alto City Council members,

As a resident of Palo Alto and volunteer with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, I urge you to pass tonight's tobacco ordinance (again) with no exemptions. Flavors are driving the epidemic of tobacco and e-cigarette use among teenagers and the best way to address this epidemic is to remove flavors from all retail tobacco sellers with no exemptions for any store or any tobacco product.

Here are the facts as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- The use of e-cigarettes is unsafe for kids, teens, and young adults.
- Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s.
- E-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine.
- Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

Exempting adult-only stores is problematic and weakens what could be a strong policy. If flavored tobacco products remain in the community, they will find their way into the hands of youth. The California Department of Public Health found that "vape" shops and tobacco stores had much higher violation rates for selling to youth when compared to every other category of tobacco retailer. Our youth are inhaling nicotine, flavorants, propylene glycol, to name just a few, and when these components are heated up they can turn into other potentially dangerous chemicals with life-long health consequences. The tobacco industry should not be given a free pass to lure our youth into a lifetime addiction to tobacco and potentially poor health outcomes.

Thank you for taking action tonight to protect the youth of Palo Alto and represent the voice of the community that is asking you to choose public health and youth.

Susie Brain
American Cancer Society Volunteer,
Palo Alto resident

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From: Caroline Baker <cbaker8942@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:35 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Tobacco ordinance

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To the members of the Palo Alto City Council,

Thank you for considering the welfare of your young citizens by writing an effective ordinance in December. It seems that that ordinance is now in danger of being watered down because of a very small number of "Adult" stores. I wonder if you have considered how unfair that would be for the hundreds of stores that will not Get that exception. ALL stores should stop selling a tobacco product that is so obviously meant for children. Please mirror the ordinance adopted by Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Thank you

Carol Baker
Volunteer Ambassador
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network