



The Honorable Patricia Lock-Dawson
Mayor, City of Riverside
3900 Main St.
Riverside CA 92522

April 22, 2022

Dear Mayor Lock-Dawson and Members of the City Council,

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's (ACS CAN) mission is to end suffering and death from cancer, and smoke-free policies are one way to reduce suffering from cancer. Thank you for considering an ordinance to reduce secondhand smoke exposure for residents of multi-family (attached) housing; these policies protect residents from secondhand smoke in their homes and help former smokers stay smoke-free.

We urge you to remove all exemptions from the smoke-free multi-unit housing policy under consideration; secondhand smoke affects all, regardless of whether the unit is owned or rented. ACS CAN supports a comprehensive policy that prohibits smoking in all multi-unit housing, including condominiums and townhomes. Everyone should have the opportunity to breathe clean air where they live, work and play.

Removing exemptions will protect those community members who are least able to protect themselves from secondhand smoke. Smoke-free multi-unit housing policies provide significant health protections for all but are especially important for medically fragile people, such as cancer patients and vulnerable populations, such as young children and seniors. Cancer patients and survivors tell us that they get more nauseous when secondhand smoke creeps into their home from nearby patios and balconies. More than 80% of ALL California households completely prohibit smoking in their homes but cannot control this when they live in shared housing without 100% smoke-free policies.

Your ordinance defines smoking to include smoke from tobacco, electronic smoking devices, and any plant products including cannabis whether the products are lighted, heated or burned. Smoke is smoke and no amount of secondhand smoke is safe, according to the US Surgeon General.

Equitable enforcement of smoke-free housing policies is critical. We are pleased to see that evictions are not part of the enforcement and penalty structure. We support keeping people in their homes and suggest that you work with public health agencies to develop an implementation plan that includes community education and cessation resources to support those who are trying to quit.

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Thank you for your vote for a strong smoke-free multi-unit housing policy. We are pleased to have the city make the health of Riverside residents a priority and join the numerous communities throughout California who have adopted comprehensive smoke-free multi-unit housing policies. Riverside will lead the way as the largest city in Inland Empire to have a strong smoke-free housing policy

Sincerely,

Lynda Barbour, MPH
Senior Government Relations Director,
Southern California and Central Valley

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
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Date: 4-26-22
Item No.: 17

From: Norma Barles <barlesnorma@gmail.com>
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Subject: [External] Public Comment : Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing Ordinance

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April 25, 2022

City of Riverside Mayor and City Council

RE: City-wide Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing Ordinance

Dear Mayor Lock Dawson, City Council Members and City Staff:

LULAC of Riverside Council #3190 supports a city-wide smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance - without an exemption for condominiums/townhomes.

In 2020, LULAC of Riverside Council #3190 submitted a letter of support for a city-wide smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance to then Mayor Bailey. We are glad to see the item on the April 26th city council meeting. However, we are concerned that the proposed ordinance leaves condominium/townhome dwellers unprotected from secondhand smoke (including drifting smoke from cannabis, tobacco or vaping).

The health of condominium/townhome dwellers should be protected from secondhand smoke. Cities have the authority to require that all multi-unit housing within their jurisdiction be smoke-free - regardless of whether occupants rent or own the unit they reside in.

Therefore, please amend the current proposed ordinance to include condominiums/townhomes.

Sincerely,

Norma Barles
President
LULAC of Riverside Council #3190

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs
CEDD Director

From: [Rebecca Habeeb-Silva](#)
To: [CityClerkMbx](#)
Subject: [External] RE: City Council Meeting 04/26 Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing
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Hello,

I am unable to attend the Riverside City Council Meeting but wanted to address the Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing issue on the agenda . I used to live in an apartment complex that prohibited smoking inside the unit but not outside the unit. My neighbor in this unit would smoke cannabis on his front porch. Because our porches were right next to each other, the smoke from the cannabis would draft into my home, even with my windows closed, and would cause my home to smell like cannabis. I am highly sensitive to smells, so I would feel sick in my own home. I would worry about people who have children as research has shown the detrimental impact of 2nd and 3rd hand smoke. Despite the prohibitions, my neighbors would also engage in smoking cannabis inside their apartments, which would then come into my home due to shared walls. Previous to this apartment, I lived in another housing area in which my downstairs neighbors would smoke cigarettes and cause our living area to smell like the smoke. I am in full support of making multi-unit housing smoke free due to my personal experiences and the detrimental impact that 2nd and 3rd hand smoke has on health. As we all know, housing costs have skyrocketed. We should not be paying thousands of dollars to live in apartments and be subjected to our homes smelling like smoke and our health negatively impacted.

Thank you,
Rebecca D.

cc Mayor
City Council
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From: Jennifer Stewart <jennstew19@gmail.com>
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As a resident of Ward 1 I fully support the smoke free multi unit housing proposal. Secondhand smoke (both cigarette and marijuana) is a health hazard. It is unfair that those who are unable to afford a home of their own need to be subjected to this. Please vote yes Jennifer Stewart
4435 Beechwood Pl
Riverside 92506

Sent from my iPhone

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
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Date: 4-26-22

Item No. 17

April 26, 2022

Dear Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson and Members of the City of Riverside City Council:

My name is Nadain Oudeh, and I am a resident of Riverside and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) volunteer.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of our residents to protect them from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Everyone deserves to breathe clean air in their homes, regardless of whether they can afford to rent or buy. I'm pleased to see the city's intent to increase smoke-free areas, especially for those who live in multi-unit housing.

Secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing is especially troubling, as smoke can, and does, transfer between units, seeping under doorways, through electrical, plumbing, and ventilation systems, and even through cracks in the walls. The only way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure is to prevent it.

I am especially concerned about secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing due to its impact on the most vulnerable people: children, seniors, and those who are ill or at risk for serious illness.

Smoke-free spaces help former smokers stay quit and discourage youth from ever starting. Overall, limiting tobacco smoking is the right step forward for public health.

I urge you to adopt a strong comprehensive smoke-free policy that includes 100% smoke-free protection for those who live in multi-unit housing.

Nadain Oudeh

Riverside Resident

ACS CAN Volunteer

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
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Date: 4-26-22
Item No.: 17

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November 5, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs
CEDD Director

Dear Mayor Bailey and Riverside City Council:

As Dean of the UC Riverside School of Medicine I am writing to provide my expertise in support of the goal to achieve 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside.

The UCR School of Medicine is deeply invested in helping improve the health of the medically underserved in the Inland Empire, we concur with the U.S. Surgeon General that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant" in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smoke-free may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that travels through shared air vents and ducts, cracks in walls, gaps around electrical wiring, and through floorboards. Many multi-unit residents are affected by secondhand smoke, especially children, elderly, and people with existing health conditions such as asthma, COPD, and heart disease.

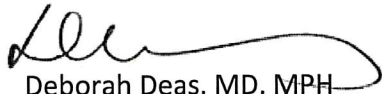
Further, I recognize the need to provide increased access to smoking cessation programs, especially for existing residents. In addition, I support measures to ensure that vulnerable populations and communities of color are not impacted in a disproportionate way by any fines and/or enforcement that may be necessary to support an ordinance.

A citywide ordinance that would require all multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside to be smoke-free would be a step in the right direction to improved health for our communities. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, we can protect residents from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke. By also addressing increased access to smoking cessation programs, and

ensuring fair and equitable enforcement, we can truly improve the health of our entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Deborah Deas, MD, MPH
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Mark and Pam Rubin Dean





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August 13, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. supports smoke-free multi-unit housing. To stay competitive, multi-unit housing owners are seeking opportunities to provide attractive living environments that meet the needs of renters. Smoke-free living is one approach that owners have recognized that can make their apartments more appealing to health-conscious renters, reduce their liability, and produce savings in apartment unit maintenance and insurance.

In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant" in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. In addition, people increasingly want their living environment to be smoke-free to protect their health and are looking for smoke-free living options. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smoke-free may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that travels through shared air vents and ducts, cracks in walls, gaps around electrical wiring, and through floorboards.

Compared to smoke-free units, cleaning and refurbishing costs can be up to \$3,000 more in units with heavy smokers. Maintenance and refurbishing expenses are not the only costs associated with allowing smoking in multi-unit housing. Nationally, fires caused by cigarette smoking result in over \$300 million in property loss each year.

For these reasons, we support smoke-free multi-unit housing. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, including patios, and balconies, in common areas, and ensuring that all residents are aware of these rules, residents are protected from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke and owners benefit from cost savings and reduced risks.

We encourage you to consider a 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing policy for indoor and outdoor areas.

Sincerely,

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Rose Mayes
Executive Director
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.

May 5, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Juan Navarro, community artist, Riverside Art Museum artist-in-residence, supports a 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant" in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smoke-free may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that travels through shared air vents and ducts, cracks in walls, gaps around electrical wiring, and through floorboards. Many multi-unit residents are affected by secondhand smoke, especially children, elderly, and people with existing health conditions such as asthma, COPD, and heart disease.

We support a citywide ordinance that would require all multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside to be smoke-free. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, including patios, and balconies, in common areas, and ensuring that all residents are aware of these rules, we can protect residents from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke.

We believe in supporting this ordinance to reduce problems that residents face when it comes to drifting secondhand smoke indoor and outdoor areas of multi-unit housing communities. More than 100 local jurisdictions have adopted smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinances that protect residents from secondhand smoke.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage you to consider a 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing policy for indoor and outdoor areas.

Sincerely,

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Juan Navarro

Community Artist/Riverside Art Museum Artist-in-residence

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LULAC of Riverside Council 3190

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April 15, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

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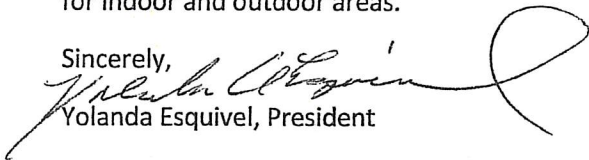
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Sincerely,

Yolanda Esquivel, President

LULAC OF RIVERSIDE COUNCIL #3190

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

02/07/2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Community Health Systems, Inc. / University Community Health Center supports 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing.

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Sincerely,

Marina Lopez

Community Relations Manager
Community Health Systems, Inc. / University Community Health Center

Thank you!

January 6, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522



Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Riverside Community Health Foundation supports a 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing.

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Sincerely,

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Shené Bowie-Hussey, DrPH, MPH, ACSM
Vice President of Health Strategies * Chief Strategic Officer (CSO)
Riverside Community Health Foundation



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09.11.2019 Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Victoria Springs Apartments supports a 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing.

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We support a citywide ordinance that would require all multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside to be smoke-free. Allowing smoking in multi-unit housing creates a financial burden for the owners and managers when smoking in multi-unit housing units results in extensive costs for maintenance, cleaning and fire damage. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, including patios, and balconies, in common areas, and ensuring that all residents are aware of these rules, we can protect residents from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke.

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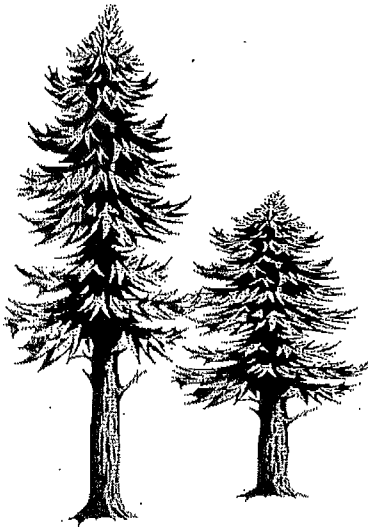
Sincerely,

Trina Gonzalez

Manager



Victoria Springs Apartments
Sprue Grove INC.



Parkhill Apartments

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Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council

City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Parkhill Apartments supports a 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant" in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smoke-free may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that travels through shared air vents and ducts, cracks in walls, gaps around electrical wiring, and through floorboards. Many multi-unit residents are affected by secondhand smoke, especially children, elderly, and people with existing health conditions such as asthma, COPD, and heart disease.

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Sincerely,

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Grace Montes

Property Manager



November 8, 2019

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) supports a 100% citywide smoke-free multi-unit ordinance in the City of Riverside, which would prohibit smoking in all multi-unit housing. As the health plan for approximately one in every four citizens of Riverside County, IEHP feels strongly that this ordinance would improve the health of our Members and community.

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Sincerely,

Jarrod McNaughton, MBA, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer



Smokefree Housing Ordinance Checklist

The provisions listed below are part of ChangeLab Solutions' *Smokefree Housing Model Ordinance*. By creating nonsmoking living environments in multiunit residences, communities can provide an opportunity for everyone to live smokefree, regardless of economic means, race, or ethnicity. [Contact us](#) for help drafting an ordinance for your community.

POLICY OPTIONS

What Types of Multiunit Residences are Smokefree?

(See Model Ordinance Section 1: Definitions of "Multiunit Residence" and "Unit")

All types of property containing two or more units, including the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Single-resident occupancy hotels and homeless shelters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term health care facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing and assisted living facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormitories |

Optional Exceptions: The definition of "Unit" in the Model Ordinance is broad. A community can exclude some types of dwelling places:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotels and Motels | <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Marinas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family homes, except if used as child care or health care facilities | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family homes with in-law or auxiliary dwelling units | |

What Types of Smoking are Regulated? (See Model Ordinance Section 1: Definitions of "Smoke" and "Smoking")

- ☐ Tobacco products, including cigars, cigarettes, and electronic smoking devices
- ☐ Cannabis, medicinal and/or adult-use

What Areas of Multiunit Residences are Smokefree?

(See Model Ordinance Section 2: Smoking Restrictions in New and Existing Units of Multiunit Residences)

- ☐ 100% of units covered by the ordinance (see above)
 - ☐ New units – units constructed after the ordinance is passed
 - ☐ Existing units – units that are already built and occupied when the ordinance is adopted
 - ☐ Recommended: A phase-in period (up to one year) for existing units to become smokefree
- ☐ Patios, decks, balconies, and porches associated with all individual units
- ☐ Outdoor buffer zones within 25 feet of multiunit residence doorways and windows
(See Model Ordinance Section 4: Nonsmoking Buffer Zones)
- ☐ Indoor common areas, such as hallways, stairwells, lobbies, etc. (Note: California Labor Code section 6404.5 already prohibits smoking in indoor common areas if the multiunit residence has employees, such as maintenance workers, property managers, or others, who work in those areas.)
- ☐ Outdoor common areas, such as courtyards, parking areas, pools, etc.
 - ☐ *Optional:* Create designated outdoor smoking areas meeting specific criteria (See Model Ordinance Section 3: No Smoking Permitted in Common Areas Except in Designated Smoking Areas)

Additional Provisions

- ☐ Require landlords to include no-smoking lease terms in rental agreements
(See Model Ordinance Section 5: Required and Implied Lease Terms)
 - ☐ A "third-party beneficiary" provision enables other residents to enforce a lease's smoking restrictions
- ☐ Require landlords to alert tenants to the new smokefree requirements (required by law)
(See Model Ordinance Section 6: Notice and Signage Requirements)
- ☐ Declare drifting secondhand smoke a nuisance – everywhere or just in residential settings
(See Model Ordinance Section 7: Nuisance; Other)

Enforcement Options (See Model Ordinance Section 8: Penalties and Enforcement)

- ☐ Make violations of the ordinance an infraction with a fixed fine amount (cannot exceed \$100 for first violation)
- ☐ Authorize the city/county to bring lawsuits to collect civil fines for violations of the ordinance
- ☐ Declare that violations of the ordinance constitute a nuisance
- ☐ Allow private citizens to seek an injunction (an order to stop violations) and/or money damages against individuals who violate the ordinance

October 24, 2019

Riverside City Council
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council:

The American Lung Association in California is the leading public health organization fighting for clean air and lung health. With a mission of saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, the Lung Association supports strong measures to protect people from drifting secondhand smoke. We believe that everyone has a right to a healthy environment, especially where they live.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant" in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smokefree may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that infiltrates their units from other units or common areas, potentially endangering their health. This exposure can be particularly dangerous to children, adults and children with asthma, and people with heart or breathing problems.

Secondhand smoke drifts from neighboring units, patios, balconies and outdoor common areas into nonsmokers' units through open windows, doors and shared ventilation systems. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, including patios, and balconies, in common areas, and ensuring that all residents are aware of these rules, we can protect residents from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke. Other cities and counties in California have already passed strong smokefree multi-unit housing ordinances, and we encourage you to join them.

Each year the American Lung Association in California releases a local State of Tobacco Control Report which grades local cities and counties on their local tobacco control laws. Passing a strong policy to prohibit smoking in 100% of multi-unit housing, including condominiums and outdoor common areas, could earn Riverside an A for Smokefree Housing and is the next step in community efforts to protect the health and well-being of all citizens.

For these reasons, we urge the City of Riverside to make this a priority and adopt a strong policy that would protect all residents living in multi-unit housing from unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke.

Sincerely,

Julieta Duarte



Advocacy Manager

Gabrielle Casasola



Advocacy Specialist

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From: April Smith <April.Smith.250611618@p2a.co>

Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:28 AM

To: Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Help ban smoking in multi-housing communities in Riverside County

Dear City Manager Al Zelinka,

Family is everything to me. That's why I'm asking for your support to help ban smoking in multi-housing communities in Riverside. Our families' lives depend on it.

Unwittingly, we are being exposed to secondhand smoke and that's leading to serious health issues like asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia. It's even been proven that secondhand smoke can cause Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and low birth weight.

And did you know that the U.S. Surgeon General reports there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke? And that, on average, children are exposed to more secondhand smoke than adults? It's a very scary situation, one that we can't solve from without your help.

So I urge you to please use your influence to help our community. Take action TODAY to help create and pass a city-wide policy that will help us breathe easier and have a healthier future.

Regards,
April Smith
5310 Canyon Crest Dr
Riverside, CA 92507 .

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs
CEDD Director

From: Bob Garcia <garciabobby1959@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:27 PM

To: CityClerkMbx <City_Clerk@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] Smoke Free Housing

Hello! My name is Bob Garcia, and I am a Community Member in the Community of Casa Blanca.

I would like to share my input with you on why I support smoke free housing. As a child growing up, and into my adult years my father was a chain smoker, as well as aunts and uncles. They all smoked inside our household for many years, and I always questioned why we, my siblings and I, were always ill from Colds, Coughs, Sore throats, and laryngitis, and had to see our physicians throughout the years. As time went by, aunts, uncles and my father as well passed which had to partly from smoking. When my father passed I contacted his physician with plenty of questions about what caused my father's passing. The response from the physician was my father's continuous heavy smoking, was mainly to what caused him to have strokes throughout the years. My father lived until the age of 69. As a Diabetic, smoking is bad for Diabetics, as cigarettes have sugar in each cigarette. My mother and I continued with the illnesses until our home was fumigated, which assisted in taking out the years of accumulation of the smoke odor throughout our household. As for two of my Siblings, they had heart attacks which was partially from smoking as well. My mother lived up to the age of 88, even though she lived in our home with my father being a chain smoker, and lived an additional 22 years after my father's passing from other internal illnesses. Myself, I do not smoke, and if I have visitors and/ or relatives who smoke visiting, I kindly ask them to smoke outdoors, because it affects the lungs and internal organs.

Thank You for accepting my reasoning for a non smoking home or other forms of living arrangements for families in my community and throughout.

Respectfully,

With Peace, Prayers, and Blessings,

Bob/Bobby Garcia

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
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From: Zelinka, Al <azelinka@riversideca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Jennie.Terriquez.426475246@p2a.co
Cc: Arseo, Eva <EARseo@riversideca.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Please support a city-wide smoke-free multi-unit housing policy

Ms. Terriquez – Thank you for your email. As it concerned the City of Moreno Valley, I forwarded it to the City Manager of Moreno Valley, Mike Lee. Thank you for communicating your message with the City of Riverside. Via this response, I will kindly ask our Interim City Clerk, Eva Arseo, to share this communication and your message as a public comment with the City of Riverside Mayor and City Council. Thank you, Al Zelinka, City Manager, City of Riverside

From: Jennie Terriquez <Jennie.Terriquez.426475246@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Arseo, Eva <EARseo@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Please support a city-wide smoke-free multi-unit housing policy

Dear City Manager Al Zelinka,

There's a crucial issue that's affecting the health of my family and many others in Moreno Valley, and I think you need to get involved. It's secondhand smoking in multi-unit housing.

The U.S. General Surgeon has reported that there is NO safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In fact, children that are exposed to secondhand smoke have a greater risk of developing lung diseases like asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia. The Surgeon General Report has also stated that Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is caused by secondhand smoke.

Yet, Moreno Valley doesn't have local ordinances in place to protect our families from secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing!

You have the influence to change this, so I ask you to please support a city-wide smoke free multi-unit housing policy TODAY. Our children deserve a better chance to live healthier lives, free from secondhand smoke

Regards,
Jennie Terriquez
26183 Ferndale Ct
Moreno Valley, CA 92555 .

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City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs
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From: Pranisha Gautam [mailto:pranishagautam@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 10:04 PM
To: 2Mayor <2MAYOR@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Concerned about toxic secondhand smoke

Dear Mayor Rusty Bailey,

I'm concerned about the rapidly escalating amount of toxic secondhand smoke in the air from vaping, marijuana, and cigarettes. It's practically everywhere like in places such as public parks, restaurant patios, shopping centers, transit stops, recreational facilities, and sidewalks. The problem is only getting worse in large part to the rise of vaping and marijuana use in California. According to the California Adult Tobacco Survey, e-cigarette secondhand exposure increased more than 65% in two years, and marijuana secondhand smoke nearly doubled! As you may already know, the U.S. Surgeon General has said there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. This is the reason I'd like to encourage you to enact new and stricter smokefree policies in public and private spaces across our community.

As a resident of our city, I believe everyone has the right to breathe clean air. Yet I find myself constantly exposed to toxic secondhand smoke. Any exposure can be harmful, especially to children, older adults, and people with a disability. The consequences of secondhand smoke exposure are severe and can lead to fatal health issues such as cancer, stroke, serious respiratory illnesses and heart disease.

I'm asking for your leadership in addressing the rise of secondhand smoke in our city. You have my full support to limit the number of places people are allowed to smoke and I encourage the enforcement of such rules. I think we can all agree that it would make our city a healthier, more enjoyable place to call home.

Sincerely,
Pranisha Gautam

cc Mayor
City Council
City Manager
City Attorney
ACMs



900 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EDUCATION BUILDING, RIVERSIDE, CA 92521

November 5, 2020

Mayor Rusty Bailey and Riverside City Council
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Bailey and Riverside City Council:

As Dean of the UC Riverside School of Medicine I am writing to provide my expertise in support of the goal to achieve 100% smoke-free multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside.

The UCR School of Medicine is deeply invested in helping improve the health of the medically underserved in the Inland Empire, we concur with the U.S. Surgeon General that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. In 2006, the California Air Resources Board classified secondhand smoke as a “Toxic Air Contaminant” in the same category as asbestos, cyanide and arsenic – all of which can lead to serious illness and death. Nonsmoking residents of multi-unit housing complexes who choose to make their units smoke-free may still be exposed to secondhand smoke that travels through shared air vents and ducts, cracks in walls, gaps around electrical wiring, and through floorboards. Many multi-unit residents are affected by secondhand smoke, especially children, elderly, and people with existing health conditions such as asthma, COPD, and heart disease.

Further, I recognize the need to provide increased access to smoking cessation programs, especially for existing residents. In addition, I support measures to ensure that vulnerable populations and communities of color are not impacted in a disproportionate way by any fines and/or enforcement that may be necessary to support an ordinance.

A citywide ordinance that would require all multi-unit housing in the City of Riverside to be smoke-free would be a step in the right direction to improved health for our communities. By prohibiting smoking in 100% of units, we can protect residents from the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke. By also addressing increased access to smoking cessation programs, and

ensuring fair and equitable enforcement, we can truly improve the health of our entire community.

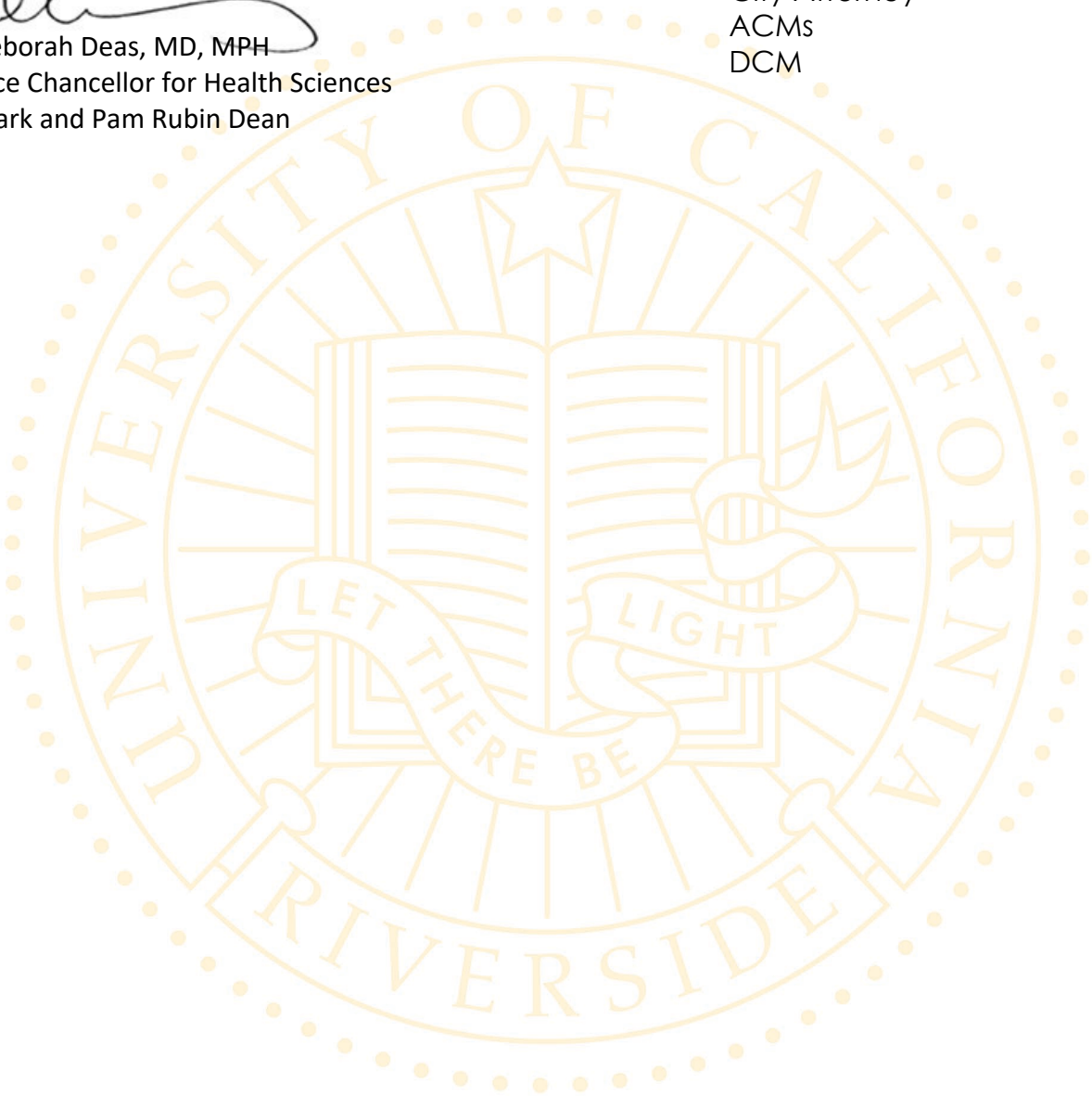
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Deborah Deas, MD, MPH
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Mark and Pam Rubin Dean

cc Mayor
City Council
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Subject: FW: [External] e comment agenda item 25 regarding smoking regulations

From: Greg Taber <greg@tabercompany.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:57 AM

To: CityClerkMbx <City_Clerk@riversideca.gov>

Subject: [External] e comment agenda item 25 regarding smoking regulations

Honorable City Council:

My family owns and manages Bunker Hill Apartments, located at Central and Canyon Crest, here in town.

I wanted to share my perspective on the proposed smoking ban on apartment properties.

First, I would ask you to consider not making it retroactive; make the law apply to new residents only, similar to Jurupa Valley's ordinance.

If you are going to include existing residents, please give us more time to implement it. We use 'month-to-month' agreements. Remember, from the resident's perspective, the reason why they get 30 days before we can change the terms of the tenancy is so that they can move out if they don't want to be subject to the new condition. The date in 6.27.060 B 1 should be revised from June 9, 2022 to July 1, 2022.

I would like to have more direction regarding the signage. It would be helpful to have something explicitly stating that you do not expect the management to post signs in every room of every unit. (obviously, we would post signs in the rec room, rest rooms and laundry rooms). Also, the ordinance should state that signage at each driveway approach would be sufficient to cover the grounds....there are just too many places on our 8 acre site where someone could say "there isn't any sign **here** that says I can't smoke here"

I believe the reference in 6.27.060 C needs to be revised....right now it refers back to itself.

Thank you for your consideration,

Greg Taber

greg@tabercompany.com

951-378-2366

Date: 5-10-22
Item No.: 25

From: Merk, Gary <GMerk@riversideca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Plascencia, Gaby <GPlascencia@riversideca.gov>; Greg Taber <greg@tabercompany.com>; Ruiz, Araceli <ARuiz@riversideca.gov>; Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; Garcia Vazquez, Sandy <SGarcia@riversideca.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] no smoking orf in aprs

Good morning Mr. Taber,

Staff is developing an informational flyer that includes all of the information you are seeking, but until then, I have attached a copy of the ordinance for your convenience.

With regard to some of your concerns, the ordinance will be applicable to any new leases executed after June 9th, 2022. Existing leases will be required to include smoke free provisions at time of renewal or renegotiation. In terms of signage, the ordinance reads specifically:

A. "Such signs shall be posted not less than five feet nor more than eight feet above the floor and shall be of sufficient number and location to cause the message of the signs to be clearly visible and readable."

Our interpretation of this is that exterior signs be posted conspicuously throughout the complex (ideally at points of entry and in common areas) This language was taken from other such ordinances and leaves management the discretion to post signs that are most visible based on the configuration of their complex. Again, there is no expectation for signs to be posted in every dwelling unit, but a basic rule of thumb would be at every entrance and in common areas.

In terms of your comment on section 6.27.060 (C), I will check with our City Attorney's Office and determine if there is some correction needed here. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Gary T. Merk
Code Enforcement Manager
City of Riverside

From: Plascencia, Gaby <GPlascencia@riversideca.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:40 PM
To: Greg Taber <greg@tabercompany.com>; Merk, Gary <GMerk@riversideca.gov>; Ruiz, Araceli <ARuiz@riversideca.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] no smoking orf in aprs

Hello Mr. Taber,

I appreciate you reaching out with your perspective. I'm including Gary to see if he can chime in on some of the questions you have.

Araceli can you send Mr. Taber the approved ordinance?

Thank you,
Gaby

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From: Greg Taber <greg@tabercompany.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:50:21 PM
To: Plascencia, Gaby <GPlascencia@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] no smoking orf in aprs

Greetings Councilmember Plascencia,

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Greg Taber 951-378-2366

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Date: 5-10-22
Item No.: 25
Future CC date: 6-14-22

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From: Michael Harrop <michaeljharrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; 2Mayor <2MAYOR@riversideca.gov>
Subject: [External] Smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance

Hello,

I saw that you have a vote coming up for an ordinance to ban smoking in multi-unit housing.

I live in 92505 in an apartment. I've lived in various apartments most of my life. I **strongly** support this smoke-free ordinance.

I've had years of horrific experiences from neighbors filling my apartment with cigarette smoke. It condenses (and thus worsens) when it comes through the walls, and it often sticks around from the previous tenant. It frequently made my apartment unlivable. I would be forced to sleep in my car, keep all windows and doors open during hot summer, and had to move out of multiple apartments because of it.

It's well proven to be harmful to our health, and it certainly violates our right/ability for "quiet enjoyment". I would say it's worse than noise, lights, etc., which are already illegal. I support people's individual rights to do what they want, but that ends when it starts trespassing on other's rights, and I think sending harmful smoke into a neighbor's apartment qualifies as such.

-Michael Harrop

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