

Summary Of Responses

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Attendees: 781
Responses: 683
Hours of Public Comment: 34.2

Topic Start

February 17, 2021, 8:15 AM

QUESTION 1

What is your affiliation with the City of Santa Clara (Check all that apply):

		%	Count
I live in Santa Clara		89.5%	611
I work in Santa Clara		25.5%	174
I go to school in Santa Clara		3.8%	26
I manage and/or own a tobacco retailer facility in Santa Clara		1.8%	12
Other		4.7%	32

QUESTION 2

Please rate the level of difficulty for youth under the age of 21 to buy flavored tobacco products in Santa Clara. (Flavored tobacco products include menthol cigarettes as well as products such as little cigars and electronic cigarettes in flavors such as fruit, candy, and liquor.)

		%	Count
Easy		23.8%	162
Difficult		17.6%	120
Not Sure		58.6%	399

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QUESTION 3

Do you think flavored tobacco products are more appealing to youth than unflavored tobacco products?



QUESTION 4

Would you support or oppose a law to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products like menthol cigarettes and fruit-flavored electronic cigarettes in Santa Clara?



QUESTION 5

Would you support or oppose a law to prohibit the sale of all electronic cigarettes and vaping devices?



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retailers within 1,000 feet of schools)?

		%	Count
Support		73.9%	503
Oppose		18.9%	129
Neither Support nor Oppose		7.2%	49

QUESTION 7

Would you support or oppose a law that limits where stores that sell tobacco can be located within a community (e.g., no new tobacco retailers within 500 feet from existing tobacco retailers)?

		%	Count
Support		62.2%	423
Oppose		25.6%	174
Neither Support nor Oppose		12.2%	83

QUESTION 8

Would you support or oppose a law that bans pharmacies from selling tobacco products?

		%	Count
Support		61.1%	417
Oppose		28.0%	191
Neither Support nor Oppose		11.0%	75

QUESTION 9

Would you support or oppose a law requiring store owners to purchase a local license to sell tobacco? The license fees would cover the cost of checking whether stores follow tobacco laws.

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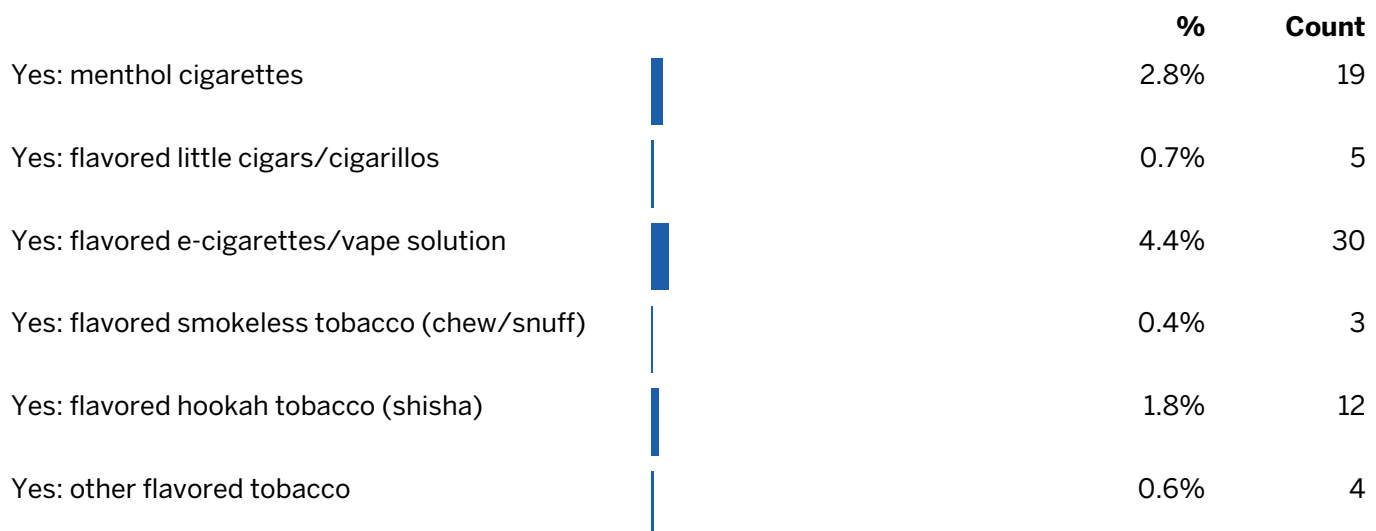
QUESTION 10

Have you used a tobacco product such as cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, chewing tobacco, in the last 30 days?



QUESTION 11

Have you used a flavored tobacco product in the last 30 days? (Check all that apply)



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		%	Count
No: I don't use flavored tobacco products of any kind		87.7%	597
Decline to state		2.9%	20

QUESTION 12

What category best describes your age:

		%	Count
Under 18		0.7%	5
18-24		2.9%	20
25-34		9.8%	67
35-44		14.6%	100
45-64		44.1%	301
65+		24.9%	170
Decline to state		2.9%	20

QUESTION 13

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Answered	251
Skipped	432

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- Yes: flavored little cigars/cigarillos
- Yes: flavored e-cigarettes/vape solution
- Yes: flavored smokeless tobacco (chew/snuff)
- Yes: flavored hookah tobacco (shisha)
- Yes: other flavored tobacco
- No: I don't use flavored tobacco products of any kind
- Decline to state

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Given the current financial deficit the City and small businesses are under due to Covid, it makes no sense to make this ban. You are hurting the businesses and reducing tax revenue that is badly needed.

Protecting kids from smoking is a good thing. Protecting others from second-hand smoking is a good thing too.

Anything else against adults is against freedom.

And frankly, there are worse things than tobacco killing Americans such as crappy food, weed, pollution, chemicals in the water supply...

Let's spend our resources on other priorities. Smoking flavored products is free-choice, and shouldn't be micro-managed by bureaucrats.

Make sure laws are adhered to and implement steeper fines or revoke licenses to violators.

I support all efforts to protect the children and youth from tobacco.

Although I am a non-smoker and asthmatic, I think you have gone too far in controlling smoking. Its against the law to smoke in your own home (What happened to your home is your castle?). Now you want to tell the businesses what they can (and can't) sell? Smoking is an addiction, we can't regulate it out of existence. I think we need to communicate how bad it is and provide solutions, not regulations.

We need these laws to protect our youth from the tobacco industry. The industry is trying to market these products to youth to get them addicted. It is an attempt to get our youth to become lifetime tobacco customers.

I collect and smoke handmade cigars. Support allowing cigar smoking lounges with liquor license to serve alcohol.

I have personal experience as my grandson at the age of 13, an honor student, wonderful respectful and endearing young man was able to purchase vaping paraphernalia which led to much worse and although a rising star in sports and academics is now believed to be on hard drugs and becoming a loser. Sad sad story. Broken hearted family and we attribute this change to his ability to purchase tobacco products.

I am more concerned about marijuana sales than cigarette sales as today's youth and young adults think of marijuana as a "healthy" alternative, even though studies show it is correlated with heart disease risk and other health risks. I know there is a temporary ban on the sale in City limits, please make this permanent.

Personally, I would support a full ban on tobacco products of any kind, and most particularly within 1000 feet of any school, including tutoring services like Kumon, and others.

If you require a license to sell these products in Santa Clara, then it is also incumbent on the city manager to use that license money to hire inspectors to check stores, especially to make sure they are not selling to minors. It is also important that people's

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right to purchase such products should not be curtailed-they have the right to use products that are unhealthy but I would support a law that didn't allow any stores to sell any tobacco products.

I would support any law that will lead to a total ban on the use of tobacco product outside of the personal residence. Second smoking travels beyond 25 feet and from moving vehicles.

If the stores are required to buy a permit or license to sell special tobacco products that falls back on the consumer, I'm not okay with it. I'm 36 years old and I am asked for my license every time I buy tobacco products and lighters. Store owners are doing their job.

Please enforce ordinance 1996

In favor of all restrictions BUT these also need to apply to pot as well.

I am a mature adult and have never had the desire to smoke anything at any time. I personally did not like the smell my fingers got holding a lit cigarette. Trying smoking is part of growing up for many. Purchasing a cigarette, whatever, is part of growing up, trying it out, putting a hex on it only makes it become more interesting to buy & try. Please remember, prohibiting stores from selling a tobacco product is wrong. Those who want it, will find it somewhere. Determination is a strong factor in each of us.

No one needs to smoke. It's nasty!

All tobacco and alcohol products should be banned. They're incredibly detrimental to public health.

I'm a former smoker

Just enforce the laws we already have . Don't limit our businesses , let them run it the way they feel they need too. If they break the law fine them take there license away whatever you feel you need to do . Go ahead make them pay for that license to pay for you guy's to check on them . I don't smoke anymore , never was a big smoker , but when I did I did enjoy a flavored cigar ,one of the ones YOU want to take away. What I think is , that is a overstep on your part . Monitor the people selling the product , leave the citizens alone. We appreciate our freedoms. Let the people decide what's good for themselves .

Any actions which deters tobacco and related product use has my support. Quitting use about 35 years ago, it no doubt saved my life. My mother died from the lung cancer caused by smoking.

Tobacco is a known carcinogen. Smoking tobacco should be banned in all public spaces, indoors and outdoors.

Another toxic practice: people sitting in their cars idling in parking lots and in streets. As pedestrians walk by, they inhale the toxic fumes from exhaust pipes.

Another toxic practice: people burning firewood in fire pits and chimneys. There are evenings i cannot go outside due to all the woodsmoke in the air.

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Tobacco, car fumes and wood-burning all contribute to the unhealthy air quality in this valley. All need to be stopped. We live in a valley where air gets easily trapped, making it unhealthy for humans, animals and plants both in the short term and long term.

I think tobacco is really toxic and more harmful than good. Please ban it or make it really difficult for kids to purchase. Thank you.

I think that all smoking in public should be illegal. My biggest pet peeve of smoking, is when I'm in a car at a stoplight, and someone in a car is smoking nearby. *They* are polluting *my* breathable air. Why should I have to close my window and turn on my AC, when it's them who is in the wrong? You want to smoke? Do it in your own home, only, period. Not in public. Not in a car where anyone near you is also subjected to your nasty second hand smoke, which is a KNOWN health hazard..

The City of Santa Clara should even consider banning the consumptions of cigarettes, tobacco of any kinds in public just like the city of Belmont. It does not bring any good to the city. For non-smokers, any cigarette smells are irritating.

People have a right to do whatever to their body as long as they do it in a manner and a place where it has ZERO collateral effect on others. I do not care if people exercise their personal freedom and choose to use tobacco as long as they do it in a manner where I do not smell it or where I have to clean up after them.

If they are 18 or over, don't limit their freedom.

Keep it simple and easy to monitor / enforce.

Limit amount of stores in an area through zoning. Retailers need to abide to laws about whom they sell to.

Smoke from smokers is a leading cause of death in non smokers. Just STOP supporting ANY smoking cigarettes, chew, vapes make it ALLL illegal. Ever look at the numerous butts littered. Number ONE thing ever littered are cigarette butts. Disgusting habit and smoke affects ALL people it does NOT discriminate and is HORRID

My primary issue with cigarettes is that the smoke is practically inescapable and irritates my sinuses and lungs. It is not something that can be done "in the privacy of one's home" because of how the smoke travels and lingers. Flavored tobacco absolutely appeals more to people who don't already have an addiction because it takes the edge off the unpleasant aspects of smoking until the user has developed a taste for it and becomes addicted. Everyone I know who currently smokes has expressed how they wish they could stop, they no longer enjoy it, their health is affected, and it is expensive. Vaping is less intrusive to the people around the smokers and it may help some cut down on tobacco or quit, but minors should be prevented from accessing it so they don't pick up the addiction.

There are already laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to people under the age of 21. Enforce those laws before you enact new ones

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BAN FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS. PERIOD!

There should also be some more resources used to check and enforce current laws that prohibit the sale of these products to those under age.

I think this a nother supt act in the city of Santa Clara.

if smoking with tobacco is prohibited in public places so shld the marijuana.

Besides killing people tobacco costs the city money in many different ways.

All tobacco is toxic to our bodies and should be outlawed!!!

Keep them out of our city.

No matter what you try and pass and hurting small businesses, people will always find a way to get what they want, legally or illegally! Banning will make it much worse!

I don't support smoking but I'm also against limiting a free market. It unfairly hurts competition and will hurt local tax revenue without preventing the real problem of child smoking. Kids will get it any from another city.

I have a young son and I support law limiting or preventing the sale of flavored tobacco products. These are clearly aimed at young people, despite what tobacco companies say. For other tobacco products (not flavored) I support high taxes on these products to fund anti-tobacco campaigns in schools but oppose a ban that would prevent Santa Clara stores from earning profits while others do.

Personal Preference: No tobacco sale at all in Santa Clara. Do not want to be impacted by the 2nd hand smoke! Same for our kids in the city.

It's not for the city to meddle in selling of tobacco. It's a free country. I don't oppose restricting selling it near schools.

I support banning flavored product sales to under 21 yr olds, but do not agree we need to regulate these products for adults, a bit extreme in my opinion.

Confused about attempt to limit how many stores may open within 500 feet of another store selling tobacco products? Keeping stores away from schools seems to make sense, but does that exclude most of Santa Clara then?

Who is pushing this ordinance? Transparency would be appreciated.

smoking is bad for all ages young and old. It causes lung cancer and other problems. No one should be allowed to smoke any where

Menthol and other flavored tobacco products mask the harmful, harsh effects of their intended use. This greatly increases their risk of being addictive, especially to young people. This enriches the tobacco industry, while it impairs the health of users, 2nd hand smokers/vapers, and takes resources from our already stressed health care system that is currently focused on a mutating corona virus.

Although decreasing tobacco sales may also reduce the income of tobacco sops and small business owners with 7/11 type stores, the price is too great for society to pay for

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continuing tobacco addiction. Most tobacco users wish they had never started - why not make it easier for them to quit?

I hope the new Santa Clara City Council strengthens its recent smoking ordinance by reducing tobacco sales locally.

Thanks to whoever proposed these new controls to reduce tobacco addiction.

The bluestockings at city hall seem to be much more concerned about policing smoking and making rules about what people can do in their own homes — which is none of their business — than managing the budget — which is. This is a silly waste of time and just makes it harder for small businesses to stay solvent. Tobacco is legal.

Do not ban things that only harm the user, or which generate recoverable external costs. Use Pigovian taxes, to increase the product price until the taxes cover reimbursement of the cost externalities that the product creates.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pigovian_tax

Where is the program for kids and the dangers of smoking, that funding and advertising needs to be in this as well. Education is needed and you need to start education when they are young. I saw what smoking did to my parent's. I talked about the dangers of smoking with my kids when they were young. It's not just the selling of the products. You need all encompassing programs.

Good prevention policies to keep future generations healthier!

My primary concerns are keeping kids from getting hooked and keeping smoke away from the air others have to breathe. Other than that, it is a legal product, so it's likely to remain in society at some level for the foreseeable future. And with all the current crises in the US today, tobacco seems pretty insignificant in comparison.

Accidental 2nd go around: I thought that this survey was about the existing smoking policy. While I'm still in favor overall, the unintended side-effect is that the public sidewalks have become the de-facto smoking areas for many complexes. And while this is never pleasant for pedestrians, with the 6' rule for Covid-19, it has become especially problematic in the last year.

I think smoking any kind of tobacco should be illegal and that includes wacky tobacco. Marijuana should be allowed to be prescribed by a Doctor

I have an 11 year old son and am very concerned that as he gets older, he will give in to "Peer Pressure" and experiment with tobacco products.

Too much government overreach, it's getting ridiculous!

Stop trying to manage people's lives. It is already illegal to sell tobacco to a minor, isn't it? Enough already...

I'm not a tobacco user so I don't have a strong opinion on this issue. I would generally prefer not to have people smoking or vaping around me though!

Just do some more sting operations and punish the vendors who sell to minors.. We don't have the staff and resources to get this far off into the weeds with a program like

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this. We have crumbling infrastructure in this town, but we're putting resources towards this??!! This isn't a big picture item that will truly help the city. This town touches so many others... you think this will really curb the issue? They'll just go into the neighboring town to get it if they want it.

What about pot? It seems to always be left out any conversations about smoking, second hand smoke etc.

Whom ever sells tobacco they are responsible for checking age requirements regardless of tobacco flavor. We don't need more laws for a legal product.

It is what it is. You cannot stop or control this. It will become an opportunity for the black market to assume control. Learn how to regulate this and stop your whining.

I tried helping a nephew quit smoking these vapes and learned a lot about drugs. I was shocked to know vapes were sold in various candy flavors & can be delivered to your doorstep. He is addicted to drugs and sugar. I do not see a future in this 22 year old. Very sad :-(

Stop creating new laws and take care of high priority problems. Roads, homeless and crime

Kids can walk more than 1000 feet last time I checked, so distance seems like a feel good measure without real effect.

I think citizens should be free to make their own choice with what to do with their bodies. Furthermore I worry this would create a black market for these products that will impact law enforcement resources.

Stop thinking up stupid laws. There are other more pressing issues. How about start with speeding cars, crime and homeless mess.

We need strong smoking regulations, I shouldn't have to walk through other people's smoke in parking lots, or smell cigarette smoke when I'm on my own property.

Small businesses don't need a new tax. We don't need more staff to regulate this. The city is already in a deficit with large unfounded pension liabilities.

Flavored tobacco products should be regulated the same as tobacco. If citizens should be permitted to smoke, then the City should ban all tobacco sales. The loss of revenue will have to be absorbed in the City budget, however. Trying to regulate around the edges of the smoking issues just puts the City in the position of choosing which subset of smokers will pay more, or have to travel to an adjacent jurisdiction to purchase tobacco. Is this the role of local government?

Thank you for reaching out with this survey and providing us the opportunity to express our opinions.

Tobacco consumption is fundamentally an unnecessary health risk, both to those who consume it and to those near those who consume it. I'd sooner we make marijuana more accessible and tobacco less accessible. (At least marijuana has some health

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benefits, even if it still has significant risks.) It's long past time to treat tobacco as the public health threat that it is. It has no redeeming qualities.

Keep big tobacco out of Santa Clara

Oppose selling tobacco of any kind and smoking it in Santa Clara. Second hand smoke also can be a killer. It is offensive to me.

I just think it's ridiculous to include menthol cigarettes in your ban.

the city allows alcohol sales, but has decided tobacco is an issue? I assume most of the stores that are within the proposed 1000ft banned distance from schools offer alcohol. Additionally I do not support the city's unofficial cannabis ban. Creating taxes to financially prevent any cannibals industries from locating in the city. When these taxes are combined with the smoking ordinances on renters and the proposed "vaping" ban you are exposing the city to another potential lawsuit, by banning what the voters and the state have approved. You may call it a tobacco initiative but it also affects the legal cannabis business's in the state.

Time for the city to deal with real issues like crime in the neighborhoods and the homeless rather than this nonsense.

It should be up to the individual if they want to smoke, chew or vape. The government, be federal. state or local should not be telling us as to what is good or bad for us. There are enough laws limiting where an individual can now smoke/vape. Making it illegal to purchase will just drive up the black market, underground economy for a product that is legal to purchase throughout the USA.

this is going to bring law suits IMHO

All Tobacco product's are killing our youth, I have been seeing way to many kids and Adults use the e-cigarettes and vapes to try and quite, i think Doctors should encourage and assist to help people quick by giving free patches ...

I am completely against all tobacco products, both of my parents were smokers and both had lung cancer. My mother died of lung cancer at only 66 years old (12 years ago). She was otherwise healthy, active and worked as a nurse. Unfortunately it was caught too late and metastasized. If it weren't for her smoking, she most likely would still be here with us today.

The city doesn't need this kind of policing. What needs to be done is pass a laws making store personnel that sell to minors be subjected to major financial penalties and possible penalty time closure.

Listen I get carded everytime I buy a vape product. I am over 60 so they really don't think I am under 21. Every time I buy. I live in Santa Clara and would drive to get what I want. I do not see the problem. I have never seen an underage person buying these items. You have to have a valid ID.

i live with a stroke survivor who smoked for 65 yrs; i am against smoking of any kind.

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I oppose tobacco sales to youths, but I can see it would not be hard to go to a neighboring city to buy them, so retailers in Santa Clara city are penalized. I also think we should permit marijuana sales in Santa Clara City for the same reason.

Availability in general doesn't bother me. Those that want to use privately don't bother me. But I do favor bans in public places, around children, and anywhere it effects others.

Consider all of the health risk associated with vaping. Do you have to have a survey to prohibit the sale of this products ?

I wish all of life decisions where so simple !

Smoking is the right of the individual but vaping is dangerous & unhealthy

I believe that adults of legal age should be able to purchase any kind of tobacco they choose. I do not think Big Brother should dictate our choices

My teenage son has been using flavored tobacco products and vaping since he was 16 or 17. He is totally addicted. Buying these products was as easy as buying a pack of gum.

I do not approve any government policy that dicates what citizen can and can not do; things like this just irritate the hell out of me. Government should stay out of trying to run our private lives. If people don't want to smoke, then don't do it, it's their choice not the government.

My biggest concern with tobacco is second hand smoke. Adults who wish to smoke need to find a place to do it where it doesn't affect the air anyone else is breathing. I don't care if adults buy flavored or unflavored tobacco products. There should be a prohibition from selling to those under 18. This should be enforced under the same tax-based funding that currently pays for police; I do not like the idea of imposing new taxes on small businesses especially during this economic downturn.

At the age of 50 after many failed attempts to quit smoking, I threw out my cigarettes and started vaping. Within 2 months I was able to stop vaping. I've been smoke and vape free ever since. History shows us that banning and/or "sin" taxes aren't the answer. Where there is a will there is a way. The best way to make sure kids don't smoke is to set a good example in the home

My mom was a life time smoker as is my brother. My mom was on oxygen for the last ten years of her life. My brother gasps for air and has heart problems related to years of smoking. We should try to prevent from people getting abdicated to Tabaco! I further believe if people want to smoke we should let them buy it and vaping should be allowed as well as long as it is no worse than smoking? That said no flavored Tabaco or Vaping make people taste the real Tabaco! When I attended high school a lot of people chewed Tabaco and the reason I did not take it up was the awful taste it had! So allow it but restrict it and as much as possible keep it away from kids.

At the age of 14, i began smoking, methanol definitely made it easier to start smoking and keep on smoking. Fortunately, I manage to quit 22 years later. Unfortunately, I had

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already damage my lungs. Research has shown that young people who start smoking/vaping are more likely to cause serious damage to their lungs and are more likely to become addicted to smoking/vaping. Most young people who would have stop because they didn't like the taste/smell would continue using because of flavors. Notice that many of the flavored vaping products are similar to popular candies with young people.

Ideally, all tobacco-based product sales should be banned throughout the City. This includes retailers such as drug stores, pharmacies, department stores, mini/quick marts, gasoline service stations, etc. Also, all types of smoke/vape shops should be banned as well. Otherwise, please consider drastically increasing the "vice tax" for these types of products (including alcohol sales).

I would support a law banning sales of any type of tobacco in the entire city of Santa Clara.

Quality cigars should always be sold. These are expensive handmade cigars costs \$5 or more apiece. These are very different than cheap cigars or flavored cigarettes.

I smoked over 30 years and quit about 50 years ago

I support any laws that would limit the usage of tobacco products for children under 18.

Limiting commerce does nothing as one can just drive a little further to buy the same thing. Better to limit locations where one can smoke.

What is the impact to sales tax revenues?

Why not simply ban tobacco products that contain nicotine? And by that I mean truly do not contain nicotine as I understand that the definition of what is nicotine-free may still contain nicotine.

Environmentally unsafe to sell products. Wrappers and cigarette butts end up on the ground.

Exclude menthol cigarettes from this nonsense.

Tobacco of any kind has no place in our City. To do otherwise would be no different than allowing the sale cancer pills to our children.

At some point we need to stop discussing the rights of consumers and address the rights concerns of everyone. These questions would not be necessary if flavored tobacco/ vape pens did not move in on the young adult tobacco use. Why offer flavors like bubblegum to an adult? Answer is the it appeals to youth. I've met 10 year olds using vape pens. We have to protect them from a product that should never have had the opportunity to rise in popularity. Young adults, youth, society has a moral obligation to get involved with this product and restrict access to it.

Thanks. Great idea!

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Unless the restriction of all tobacco products is being considered, it seems like an odd line in the sand to restrict flavored tobacco products from sale. The neighboring communities do not restrict them, and the difficulty accessing them for minors is the same as that for accessing non-flavored tobacco products.

I am in favor of anything that deters our kids from developing habits of smoking as young people, when their cognitive capacity for considering longterm health consequences is low!

I am also in favor of limiting where people can smoke pot. I feel that other peoples' freedoms are encroaching on my freedom to have clean air in my own yard!

I believe that flavored tobacco products, especially vaping products, are marketed specifically to pre-teen and teenaged people. Knowing the dangers associated with tobacco, we should do what we can to protect the youth in our community from becoming addicted to nicotine.

Let people be responsible for their decisions. We don't need city government to tell us what we can and cannot do or more licenses imposed on local businesses! Since I live in Santa Clara on the border of San Jose & Cupertino, these laws if passed would mean tax dollars going to those communities instead of Santa Clara.

I quit smoking before vaping products came on the market, but I have and had several coworkers who switched from cigarettes to flavored vapor tobacco. The saying "former smokers make the worst non-smokers" is true, at least for me—I can smell tobacco from "miles" away and absolutely detest the smell. Before my coworkers switched to vapor products, I would avoid them or hold my breath around them after they had a smoke because I couldn't stand the stench. Now (well, pre-COVID "now"), I don't have that worry and my coworkers don't stink.

I would support something like raising the minimum age of purchasing flavored tobacco products (it would be more difficult for someone under 18 to appear 25 or 30), and I would support banning the sale of all tobacco products, but I cannot support a ban of only flavored tobacco products.

Do not sell tobacco, e-cigarettes, or vaping products to anyone because it leads to permanent brain/mental issues, academic performance problems, air pollution, and second-hand smoke.

It can also lead to hearing loss. Tax payers are already dealing with homeless issues, drug over doses, and other societal problems.

I don't like the government releasing personal freedoms like if I eat sugar or smoke or drink. I do however know that smoking kills and I think it's important that we try and keep it out of the hands of people that may not have an educated idea of what they're doing and how they're hurting themselves. I smoked for 25 years and I wish every day I didn't have easy access to it when I was growing up. So glad I quit!

Give adults that smoke a break. Fine the lawbreaking store owners.

We do not need anymore laws!

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We need to protect non-smokers from the harm of 2nd and 3rd hand smoke. We need to make it illegal to smoke: in the park, in the backyard, as the yard of the neighbor will get filled with smoke, in apartment buildings, townhouses, complexes, and so forth. If someone wants to smoke, they should find a private place where the smoke does not affect anyone but themselves.

Your question about not allowing "pharmacies" to sell tobacco products is not clear. Do you really mean drugstores? To me a pharmacy is the section of a drugstore where prescription pharmaceuticals are dispensed and sold. As far as I know, pharmacies only dispense smoking cessation aids which contain nicotine--not tobacco products. So I marked it Neither Support nor Oppose.

It is a free country. If a person is of age he/she can make their own choices. Why do we need to pay for more city workers?

COVID, homelessness ,crime , out of control college students , rising utility costs and we're worried about selling flavored tobacco? What ! !

We lost revenues due to pandemic. Kids will smoke more joints and buy it from not so good people. Citi's forces and laws should fight drug dealers, not smokers. Stop it already! It will create black market. It always does!

Please restrict smoking products in a three mile zone surrounding the schools.

Very simply, why not completely ban the sale and use of ANY tobacco product in our city? That will prevent the sale and at least give lip service to the use. There is utterly no reason to permit this as only bad results can come from it.

Tobacco and tobacco products are not illegal. The city should not be banning them from being sold.

Kids will always find a way if they want to get something. Making it illegal may make it "cooler" like the forbidden fruit. Parents and schools need to educate kids on the dangers of these products. Like vaping mango e cigs is still nicotine

With each slice of freedom we cut from each other, we limit our own freedoms. The existing laws restricting the sale of tobacco to minors are sufficient, if enforced, to render all concerns here a non-issue.

I feel that we are becoming too much of a nanny state with such specific regulations. You need to ensure the existing laws are enforced first. I don't wish to encourage tobacco use, but I don't feel we have the right to tell other people what to do. Also, vaping is considered a good alternative to smoking by Dr's so I question why you would outlaw that? Focus your attention on education and let Darwin deal with the others.

I indeed Not agreeing to use of any kind of tobaccos as it hindrance to young and adults especially the seniors health well being. Smoking tobaccos are unhealthy to human respiratory system. I'm seriously oppose of using, selling and smoking of tobaccos in the stores and restaurants and where I live.

fHoping this tobaccos policy in Santa Clara county will impose very soon. Thank you

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I think the laws should be more strict of the sell of tobacco product to prevent youths from being able to purchase them, I support the cause in not having the youth exposed to them or be able to buy them. I oppose completing banning the sells of flavored tobacco products such as vape or electronic cigarettes solution because it is not harmful when it produces vapor, most people who use vape/electronic cigs are making the switch from traditional cigarette/tobacco products. Vape/e-cigs do not have tobacco in them only nicotine I feel like if the county where to cut all those products or limit them from being sold to youths or near schools it would be helpful, but not for the adults who need them to continue to not use tobacco cigarettes. I think it's up to the shop to uphold country laws and standards by checking I.Ds, just like at cannabis dispensary's there is a licensed guard outside checking/scanning I.Ds to confirm the legal age and such.

I would support not selling tobacco within city limits. also support not smoking in back yards because the smoke goes into neighbors yards and houses. Just ban tobacco from the city. stop smoking any where in public.s Just inside stand alone houses only. Or inside cars with window rolled up only. just stop smoking every where.

do not lump menthol in with all flavors; allow all flavors for adults while educating kids and adding restrictions near schools.

see to it that parents are responsible for their children and set a good example.

My biggest concern is flavored vaping although smoking in any form is unhealthy.

Tobacco resellers should be held to higher standards to ensure they only sell to eligible individuals, which should be enforced. But additional laws to ban sale are just additional unnecessary infringements on personal liberties of those who are eligible to purchase such products.

Hello....tobacco products are not only harmful to our youth, and of course to anyone who uses. But the addiction also takes money from households that need it for food, rent and other essentials. Not to mention the waste, cigarette butts and other nuisances from tobacco products. Let's not contribute to tobacco uptake and the many pitfalls resulting from the many varieties of nicotine devices

I believe that Santa Clara should just stay out of this. More laws means more people to enforce laws, which means more expenses for the city. Further, kids can just go a mile or two to neighboring towns. I think that this should be more of a State driven thing.

This is an assault on individual rights, The city has no right to tell anyone what they can or cannot buy or sell. People are fully aware of the risks they are taking when purchasing or abusing tobacco products. If the city is going to ban tobacco, why not ban candy for all the same reasons? Candy is far more hazardous to children or anyone else than tobacco. It take decades of extreme abuse to possibly get some sort of ailment from tobacco whereas candy will do immediate harm from day 1.

I think tobacco products of any kind should be sold only to people 21years and older.. just like alcohol

Please also enforce the no smoking rule inside apartment homes.

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I would prefer enforcement over a ban because adults will simply find another source outside of the city/state which takes money from our honest retailers not to mention relationships with the community. Please take the impacts to our honest/rule abiding retailers to heart as much as possible. I am 100% for adults making their own decisions, parents being responsible for their children's decisions/behaviors, and retailers following our laws meant to support the community.

If you ban them, people will still find somewhere to buy them, or will buy unregulated stuff that's lots of the time is more harmful or defective.

I do not like the selling of tobacco products to anyone, especially youth. I believe burning Tobacco and Nicotine are definite health hazards. Probably more dangerous than most pesticides. However, I strongly suspect that making tobacco products illegal or difficult to get will make to products MORE desirable to young people. I recommend no one smoke or use tobacco or nicotine in any form. I will definitely vote against anyone who makes them illegal.

I think as a collective we should look at more than a Grant that was given by the Santa Clara county health department to find ways to curve or reduce the accessibility to youth from flavored tobacco, other E cigarette, and other vaping type devices.

Smoking products such as the items listed should not be sold in regular stores such as retailers that sale items like "7-Eleven type " and most small convenience stores. Cigar shops, tobacco retail stores, (eg. smokeshops/ headshops) Should only sell those products. In this way you will reduce accessibility by having only designated type stores that carry those products.

This allows individuals that choose to indulge in these favor tobacco products in a lawful way the freedom of choice and reduces tobacco access to minors.

Convenient stores allow visibility of said items of to youth/minors. Tobacco retail stores, smoke shops, head shops are already regulated by the city of Santa Clara code enforcement. In the stores minors are not allowed thus reducing accessibility to use youth. It reduces the accessibility in general.

(1) If we simply prohibit convenient stores from selling products such as flavored tobacco, vaping devices, E cigarettes from convenient stores this will reduce accessibility to youth.

(2) designate all flavored tobacco, vaping, e-cigarette 's, little cigars and all other products of concern to tobacco retail stores that do not operate as a convenient store. 75% of their store or more carries Tobacco products.

(3) protect tax payers rights to indulge in all lawful activities.

These are three ways I believe that there could be a happy medium in regulating the tobacco sales to minors and reducing the accessibility of flavored tobacco to our youth.

I think smokers can smoke their lungs out because they have the right to ruin themselves. BUT, education about the absolutely destructive effects of tobacco MUST be imposed amongst the youngs. That is why I support the law to prevent stores from selling tobacco products near any school!

These products have caused damage to my son's health. They are too easily available and too cheap.

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There are stores that do not check student ID when buying flavored vaping devices and other Tabasco products.

This is concerning because these products are very dangerous to our children, and depending on the store very accessible.

I am happy that Santa Clara is trying to protect our children.

Tobacco laws should be separate from cannabis laws

Stop regulating people's lives so the city can collect fees. This crap needs to stop. The city of Santa Clara needs to evaluate its purpose.

I would like to see Santa Clara's policy for no smoking outside and multifamily housing apply to residential homes too. Our next door neighbor smokes outside along our shared fence. The smell seeps into our master bedroom from the air vents in our crawl space. The smoke also drifts into our backyard so we experience second hand smoke on both of these occasions. Why should single family residents not benefit from a no smoking outside. Let them smoke in their own home.

It has been much too easy for minors to access these tobacco products for years from these stores... it leads to tobacco addiction. It's very hard to beat a tobacco addiction, I have experienced this with several family members. I feel hookah leads to smoking other substances too. Please provide laws to protect our youth and help our parents..parenting teens is challenging enough. Thank you

This is Cancel Culture in action. Where did my country go? OR, who invaded my country????

While it is important to continue to teach youth about the danger of abusing tobacco use, in acting restrictions on where tobacco can be sold doesn't account for cultural uses of tobacco and would make tobacco for these uses less accessible. Instead of creating a ban or restrictions on sale, continuing education on responsible use of tobacco products would be more effective.

Stop the nanny state of politics

The time and money spent on this would be more beneficial in other areas Including the education of our youth Rather than the restriction of our rights Imposing on individuals freedoms. Restricting access to various tobacco products is Limiting individuals ability to make educated decisions for themselves If we truly want to make a difference in this area then education is important however Forcing individuals Historically has shown to be counterintuitive Like during the prohibition..this whole thing feels like someone got mommy daddy syndrome and is trying to parent all of Santa clara city. Thanks but no thanks if I agreed to this I'm afraid of what comes next...cause obesity is a big problem no pun intended as well as alcoholism and car accidents but I don't want sugar wine or my driving privileges restricted any more than they already are by the Many laws already imposing on those "freedoms." Our money is needed in so many other areas right now our children are in trouble and past being at risk of weight gain depression sleep irregularities education deficits and social Maladaptation because of the quarantine. Let's do something about that instead of making decisions for adults by

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making more laws and regulations where there are already plenty and do something nobody is doing anything and invest in our school age children who are in trouble and need help catching up from missing school for 2 years. They need help finding ways to loss weight from being stuck inside all this time.. the need help developing their social skills and access to their peers. Its unheard of. Our school age children are in crisis and that should be our #1 priority. We are going to have more issues if we don't take this seriously and invest everything we can into their development. Because they are our future they are the ones who will be taking care of us and taking over for us. Tobacco will always be an issue. We can always come back to it. We only have right now to help these kids. Thanks!:v:

Smoking is physically addictive and unhealthful so discouraging young people from becoming addicted is an important public health measure. I do not advocate a complete ban on sale of tobacco products because many adults are addicted and find it difficult to kick the habit, however, I also do not want to suffer from their second-hand smoke or make it easy for young people to become addicted..

If existing laws are being followed, minors should not be able to acquire tobacco products legally. If draconian local tobacco laws are passed, then an underground tobacco market will be created within Santa Clara & surrounding areas. I support the right of consenting adults to be able to make life choices.

tobacco flavors put more encourages to young people to buy and to taste the difference flavor of tobacco products have. Is bad for health and addictive.

I started smoking when I was 12 and quit in my 30s. I now have Interstitial lung disease, emphysema and nodes in my lungs.. I wish someone had made it harder for me to start smoking. Young people think they are invincible, we need to do all we can protect them.

The cost to regulate is wasteful and taxing in dollars and interference by government to all sensibilities of freedom.

Personally I cannot stand cigarettes in general. The smell is horrific and permeating. You can smell someone smoking a cigarette driving down the highway with someone three cars ahead of you and your windows are rolled up. That's how strong and disgusting that smell is. There should be laws banning it from being consumed on a community property i.e. duplex or apartment complex. Most importantly it should be banned from being consumed outside any homes that are in close proximity to a school. General distance being across the street from a school.

Things that are major health risks should not be sold period

Hookah should not be included in a flavored tobacco ban ordinance, hookah is not the problem with youth vaping. Hookah is very important to middle eastern culture and is not relevant to protecting our youth from dangerous e-vaping devices like Puff Bars and Juuls.

We cannot regulate away products we don't believe people should use. Business should be held accountable if selling to under age persons. However, people should be able to make their own choices on what to buy and use.

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Enforce existing laws selling to minors and let adults decide for themselves what they want to smoke or not smoke.

I have two teenagers. One who says her friend has a father on Santa Clara city police department who uses e-cigarettes and vapors all the time and her parents are aware of it. It is too common among high school students in our city and it's too easy for them to get. I think more laws against will help.

I don't think a city ban solves anything and would rather revenue be collected for our city. I like the idea of licenses to sell and taxes to change unhealthy behavior. I don't know about zoning restrictions. The city is small so don't know how that plays as it feels like there are liquor or tobacco stores on every corner which seem to attract crime and homeless. Personally I feel like there are way too many liquor/tobacco stores in the city but don't agree with a ban.

I think boredom and poverty drives kids to try smoking. Provide the youth free activities or places they can hang out outside school. Like the Youth Center in Cabrillo but in more neighborhoods.

Not in favor of any tobacco products

Long term products such as these will have detrimental effects on health, increasing the cost of medical care for everyone. Please, make this addictive garbage more difficult for people that want to make unhealthy choices to access. I don't want to have to pay for their stupidity in the long run.

I'm too cheap to smoke, that's what I always say to explain why I never took this habit. Although my experience with tobacco products is non-existent, I don't believe that any tobacco license would help solve the problem. Maybe what could help is to keep these products as far as possible from schools, in this way students cannot just drop by and easily buy tobacco products just before or after classes. In my opinion, another good thing would be to leverage school teachings to divert the students' focus from bad habits toward healthy habits instead (for example, food science, and how to choose quality produce in general, not just marketing). For example, can you tell a Golden Delicious from a Marlene apple? A Williams pear? What's better for you, pork meat, veal, or no meat at all?

I OPPOSE ALL OF THEM

city should concentrate on more important things than this stuff,,, like let open up are cemantery's on weekends !!!! Get a balanced budget etc !!!

The more we reduce tobacco use (combustible/vaping) and nicotine addiction; the more we prevent chronic diseases (heart, diabetes, lung-COPD, emphysema) and cancer; the more we save lives and money (expensive health care cost\$).

It is well-established by research that use of tobacco is harmful to the lungs. It is in the best interest of the community that youth be discouraged from this fatal habit. My father died of lung cancer, so I have never smoked. Please take all necessary actions to restrict sales of the flavored varieties and do not sell any vaping devices to youth!

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I would suppose a law that bans any tobacco product sales in Santa Clara.

Please share the survey with the City's Youth Commission, senior Advisory Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission. Tobacco, including marijuana should not be sold within 500 feet of parks and schools...

The law states to buy tobacco products the minimum age is 21, an adult, and stores are required to check ID. Youth under 21 should not be sold any sort of tobacco products,.... so how are they purchasing them?

Please don't waste time and money on this nonsense. There are more important things that needs to be addressed.

Given that our city is experiencing extreme financial difficulties due to the pandemic, combined with the fact that our public schools are still closed and the public is suffering, it is inconceivable to me that the city is focusing on tobacco policies.

Please shift your focus to more important matters.

Please start out by lowering the payroll and entitlement costs for city employees that taxpayers bear. Do not instead lower services provided by the city (like decreasing library hours). Do not decrease feeding the hungry. I have read that the "Food for Families" program ends in late March. Do not let this happen. Feeding hungry families, for example, is much more important than implementing a tobacco policy.

Please also get our public schools back open. The CTA teacher's union is keeping public schools closed even though many local private schools have been open for months. Our Santa Clara City mayor has not spoken out like the mayors of nearby large cities like San Jose and San Francisco. The public needs a proactive spokesperson from our city government to demand that our public schools open.

Thank you.

Laws preventing the sale of and use of alcohol by minors has not stopped the problem. Why would you think similar laws about tobacco products will have any different effect? Please save the City's money and don't go down this road. There are other more important issues to tackle.

I clean up cigarette butts constantly, smokers are rude!!

I feel it should be restricted from children and areas where children are. Absolutely! I'm not opposed to adults using the product since it is their choice. But do feel it should be limited in public spaces

These laws, which are similar to the Prohibition Laws of yesteryear, only promote the movement of these products to the black market, which is where most youth obtain their tobacco. I know that retailers today, use new technology to prevent the sale to minors. For example, when I purchase Alcohol, they swipe my ID and if I was not old enough or do not have my ID, they refuse the sale. I've seen this in convenient stores, like 7-Eleven and AM/PM. I'm a little perplexed that we are allowing Dispensaries with Fruit Flavored Edibles to open up, yet tobacco (even flavored) that has been around and legal for centuries is all of a sudden the right thing to do. Let's allow the stores and business operators who are following the law, continue to operate and be mindful that

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the more you restrict, the less tax revenue as well. What most people do not realize is the tax revenue has to be made up from somewhere else? Who's willing to pay more? I'm all for protecting our children, but eliminating or banning products is not the answer. The answer is education, good parenting and holding these operators to the law through stings and other operations.

Tobacco products are already regulated, adding more regulation at a municipal level is unreasonable. If an individual decides to obtain something they will, full stop. In addition, regulating a product to an individuals that could die for our country seems extreme. Additional thoughts are that our neighborhood and our family has had less that favorable response from your code enforcement team; is this something they are also going to be responsible to enforce or is the expectation to have SCPD handle checking up on these establishment? It seems the SCPD has more urgent matters to deal with and code enforcement staff should be handling the current laws.

Flavored and all e-cig and vapor should be banned in Santa Clara

I am against tobacco products of any kind. I have lung disease from past smoking and I know the devastation from smoking.

I feel that all tobacco products are bad for a person's health and those around them.

I especially support making it more difficult for minors to get access to tobacco products.

Prior to pandemic, vaping was a huge problem at our kids' middle and high schools, with students vaping in classrooms with teacher present. Even athletes and student leadership are vaping. The addiction aspect starting at age 13 is devastating. Plz help the community address this health crisis.

In looking at the information present on this topic, it would be helpful to have sources for the numbers (data) presented. In researching Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports, diet/food choices are the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Diet/food choices also have a stronger link to several types of cancers and heart/cardio vascular disease as opposed to smoking. The information is presented in a misleading and false manner to the public, this constitutes misinformation from the governing body. This can be remedied by going to the CDC website and having a trained professional go through the reports in order to provide factual information (with citations) to the public on this matter.

The city has an age restriction in place for tobacco sales. This proposed legislation would impact tobacco users who are old enough to make the choice to purchase cigarettes since they are the individuals who are purchasing tobacco products legally.

Underage vaping is at epidemic proportions. Please pass these laws to help protect our youth from early addiction and harming health before their brains are fully developed.

Tobacco products are laced by the tobacco industry with as much additional nicotine is needed to addict users. Stop making it so easy for them to mask tobacco's poisons with flavors and menthol. Regulate harmful addictive products to the max - giving big tobacco the right to kill and maim is shameful!

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I manage a 7 11 store

Tobacco kills. The tobacco industry targets young people and seeks to get them hooked to become lifelong purchasers.

The dangers of smoking are well-known. We already have warnings on tobacco products. Beyond that, I see no need for governmental restrictions. We have more important things requiring our attention and resources.

Enforce the existing laws to not sell to minors. We don't need more laws nor a nanny state.

Much research has shown that e-cigarettes (vaping) provides significant harm reduction for nicotine addicted individuals. Limiting access to such products will drive users towards traditional cigarettes, rather than less harmful products. This is a health issue, not a civic one, and the City of Santa Clara should refrain from attempting to pass such laws. Please see studies such as [https://journal.chestnet.org/article/S0012-3692\(20\)30754-6/fulltext](https://journal.chestnet.org/article/S0012-3692(20)30754-6/fulltext) for understanding the health risks. This is not about eliminating the risks, it's about lowering the risks, for habitual smokers, and about harm reduction.

The time and effort in Santa Clara should be on enforcing laws already on the books, and stemming the wave of theft crimes that plague our city during this Covid pandemic.

This is a health issue and should be regulated with that in mind. And yes passing regulations in our City may just have people going to the next city but at least it's a beginning.

Some small business owners rely tobacco products as a significant portion of their revenue. Banning the sale of tobacco would negatively affect these business owners, many of whom have already been struggling during the pandemic.

Banning flavored nicotine products will produce an UNSAFE and UNREGULATED black market for flavored tobacco products. This can also make it easier for minors to purchase these flavored nicotine products. Also, this will put a lot of local businesses in danger of losing their business all together. In addition, there will be more people unemployed during this pandemic. Why don't we allow SB 793 to take its course. It is unfair to pass such a law if the people haven't voiced their opinions during the General Election in 2022.

Hello Respected Mayor and council members,

(1) every industries deserve to grow as time passed, per demand and with new products. Just an example....We all used a push button flip top cell phones a decade ago and now all we use is smart phones like I-phone and others.

(2) Is any one thought about what is the impact of I-phone and other smart phones on our youth's life.?!!! Can we ban those products.?!! The answer is NO.

(3) The Vape and flavored smoke is just a revolution of conventional nicotine. Mostly 70 to 80 % of adult smokes are now switched and smoking vape products. The cigarettes sale is declined by 80% now. The current trend is vape and e-cigarette. So it is very difficult to go back to old version, just like we can not drive a stick-car now.!!

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Just for your knowledge and consideration all tobacco Giants including Phillip Morris have tried to stop e-cig and vape products, when they introduced first time. But they got failed and lost a case every way. Even FDA has not ban it, because it is not harmful either.

(4) Tobacco shops are passing through very difficult time due to pandemic, Hence this new Ban will kill everyone and will also take away bread and butter from their families.

(5) I have two grown up kids. One studies Medicine and other is ready to go to college. They never touch any kind of smoke, drink and drugs. And the reason is how they grew up with proper guidance and control by we parents. So it is time to educate parents and let them learn how to provide the proper environment, so their minor kids do not slide to any addictions.

(6) In my shop some times we observed that parent or adult friends are buying some products by consulting a company by minor looked person. So better is stop that not put tobacco shops in risk.

(7) And guess what!! These products are available easily online and in grey market. So how would you authority will stop it.?!?

Did any one get succeeded to stop their kids not reaching “ DRUGS”.?! Please try to find a single parent who has success. May not find even one.!! So It is better to work on those major and serious issues, which is killing our youth and future of America.!!

(8) Last but not least is how many flavored drinks are available in market now.?!? The answer is tons of. Did those drinks attracts drinkers?? NOT at all., it is just an option for their pleasure. So the flavored tobacco is nothing but an adults option to choose from.

With respect thanks,

If we ban the sale of flavored tobacco or e-cigarettes, it would not prevent the use as much since people will still order online. Our city will end up losing on tax revenue, and create extra loss for business owners who sell these products.

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Helps people stay off the ciagrettes, those stink and butts everywhere. The small group kids will vape regardless

Let adults live their lives how they chose! This is a joke! Alcohol cigs vapes etc have an age requirement for a reason! Don't ban adults who use these products to go back to smoking cigarettes!

Just before ID laws and implement ID scanners to verify that people of age are the only people purchasing these products. I agree that smoke shops should not be within a certain proximity of schools; however, if these products are completely removed off the shelves I think adults will resort to the next best option of regular cigarettes to achieve their nicotine fix. Cigarettes are a bigger, more lethal issue than vapes. I know neither are ideal, but I would rather opt for the lesser of two evils.

By banning flavored tobacco product, you will increase the black market sale and pushing the consumer to purchase them in neighbor city and take the tax from this city

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and pushing it toward next door city and same time you will cause a lot of small shops to close down and create more people to get laid off and during these hard time make the resident to have greater harm. I think the city should wait for next year voting to see what the will of people are and not creating more hardship. The vapes have helped a lot of people to quit smoking cigarettes. With passing this law you are helping the cigarette company, and you are pushing most of the adults to go back to cigarettes, which is much more harmful and not easy to quit once you go back to it.

We should require all stores that want to sell tobacco products to have a smoking room on premises for smokers to smoke in.

Would create a barrier of entry and provide people who buy a place to smoke away from those of us who like fresh air.

I don't care if people smoke as long as I don't have to breath it.

Great idea - Hope the community supports a ban on e cigarette sales in SC

It's not your job to tell us what we can and cannot do. It's our own personal business to decide what WE do with OUR bodies. My body, my choice.

You should ban tabacco in Santa Clara all together!

I understand this is for flavored tobacco, and I hope regular tobacco but what about smelling pot smokers fumes? we have a few people that smoke pot and it comes right up in our apartment.

My greatest concern is for youths. I don't use tobacco products. My husband did get a hookah within the last 30 days (to my dismay). I tried it and thought it a terrible idea. Why put something other than fresh air into ones lungs!? I have two teens (13 & 18) and I know that both of them have tried vaping and it's the flavors that drew them into it. What a stupid and horrible thing to create something that smells like candy to get youths addicted to something that could pose potential long term health problems and early death. Teenagers have a hard enough time trying to manage what's right and wrong; that for companies to target them specifically with "fun flavors" is an outrage. Parents and teachers desperately try to reach them and teach them to make good choices, but what those companies are doing is actually evil.

The goal should be to prevent new tobacco addicts rather than punish existing addicts. Positive support for decreasing or quitting tobacco should be available for existing tobacco users.

I have college children that have been exposed and at one point in their life used these products. This has been destructive to their young life, wasted what little income they have on these products, and difficult to get rid of this habit. The kids think that it is OK to use since they are "fruit based" and not as dangerous to their health. I totally support the ban to save our youth from tobacco addiction.

Tobacco sellers must check the age of buyers just like alcohol sales.

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Problem of people smoking in the dense housing locations also. People smoke and kids playing close to where they smoke having bad effect on kids health.

Cigarettes have no redeeming qualities. Any restrictions on them are welcome.

I would like to say if we want to put some more structure on the sales of tobacco product maybe within the state there is less centralized locations were all the users need to obtain their products or if each county has one location I think that will make it sufficiently difficult for users to stay in the line and wait their turn to get there Heavily taxed products.

Less retailers will definitely help but we also have to keep in mind the anxiety depression and laws that are broken from the attitude or behavior of people who operate under feelings emotions and don't know how to deal with stress

The children or minors will always try and get there hands on anything like any kid. It's the store to make sure it don't get sold to any minor

out law tobacco products in the city. only let people smoke inside a home. Single family house . not apartments. really any attached houses. not in the back yards either. in cars with the window rolled up only.

Prohibition does not work. From alcohol, drugs, guns, and smoking, none of these "wars" have solved their respective problems. NONE!

I'm 66 years old. Smoked cigarettes since a teenager. Was finally able to discontinue tobacco use last November using e-cigarettes purchased from a local retailer. Have not smoked tobacco since. Your proposal will actually hinder those trying to quit the addiction. I have since received the thumbs up from my doctor. All test results are going the right directions.

These legislative measures do nothing to curtail use. In fact, they are used by the young to show rebellion. Growing up, I was told smoking would stunt your growth. I saw people smoking on airplanes, in grocery stores, even in hospitals! They all looked normal to me. In fact, I was lead to believe that to be a man, men smoked.

Your legislation may make you feel like you are doing something to better the city, but in reality that is all you are doing, making yourselves feel better because you are doing something, even something that's in-effective and destroying businesses that are helping tobacco users kick the habit. (back in the day it was a habit, not an addiction)

Kids, adults, teenagers, anyone will go to San Jose, Milpitas, Fremont, the internet or where ever to make their purchase.

Pass laws. Create new offenders, generate fines and disrupt lives because you think you are doing something, doing good.

You're doing no such thing.

Prohibition does not work. Education does. Educate, do not regulate, otherwise you are contributing to the problem, and not working toward a solution. Is that what you want?

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We'll never learn. Until forced to. Very sad. Same old mistakes.

This is a baseless claim that does not help the youth whatsoever and will infringe on the freedoms of law abiding of age users

I am concerned that catering to a few retailers will mean more cancer and heart disease for the citizens of Santa Clara. Many young people do not believe that they might become addicted and suffer disastrous health issues in the future.

Quit telling people what's good for them

I don't favor additional restrictions. I think citizens over 18 years of age are free to make their own choices.

I think the 21 years old restriction is discriminatory.

I do favor more educations and warning.

Proximity to schools make no sense.

It is up to the seller to ensure they do not sell to the under aged.

I don't smoke but if people want to it's their issue. Stop being a nanny City. Alcohol is just as dangerous. If people don't buy it in Santa Clara they will buy elsewhere.

It is a fact that tobacco is bad & poisonous for humans. Make it well known.

Make it harder for the underage to purchase. Adults should still have access to these products. We still have access to REAL cigarettes but many ex-smokers rely on vaping products.

I believe smokers/vapers shouldn't be so ostracized and made to feel like pariahs of their community. I also believe that smoking/vaping, by young folk, has gone down in recent years. There are so many other dialogues we could be having @ this point in time than worrying about smoking/vaping.

Why not ban alcohol since this had a larger effect of youth drinking it!

I think kids are going to do what ever they think, by law not suppose to do.

All the regulations are infringing on people's right to be us to live freely in Santa Clara.

THE STORE SHOULD NOT SELL TO UNDER AGE KIDS. MAKE THEM PAY THE PRICE. KIDS ARE GOING TO DO WHAT KIDS ARE GOING TO DO. NO AMOUNT OF REGULATION IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT. THEY WILL FIND ANOTHER WAY. I graduated in 1970. And it's still going on.

by banning these products a lot of small businesses will go out of business and same time we will lose a lots of revenue for city which can be used to educate the tobacco prevention use.

banning flavored tobacco in Santa Clara would create a dangerous and unregulated black market environment. This allows flavor-based nicotine to become even more accessible to our youth. When it came to youth statistics, it was found that there was a 15% increase in online orders AFTER the ban for flavored nicotine products where it is very easy to bypass ID checks if you are a minor. BEFORE the ban, the youth were accessing their flavored tobacco through their parents. This only solidifies the point that

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the demand for flavored nicotine among youth isn't going away just because legal supply is restricted.

In addition to drug dealers selling flavored nicotine, now our youth have access to any drug at ease. Now we have more young addicts not only addicted to tobacco but now addicted to hard drugs.

This is going to allow more youth to access disposable online. I have checked myself (as a parent), and they can easily take a photo of anyone's ID and order their products to any address. Why aren't you guys banning flavored alcohol? why not ban cigarettes all together. Why should we punish the retailers that responsibly sell to adults who are trying not to smoke cigarettes? if this is SMOKE FREE Santa Clara, why don't you guys BAN ALL SMOKES. NO CIGARETTES EITHER. Why are you focusing on vapes? Why isn't there vape and smoking health education classes in the school????

Put examples of people who have used these products and how it has effected their life's. Also, have the users attend a hospital with people who are suffering as a results of their decisions.

Tobacco is the most addictive drug we have, and is harmful to those who use it, as well as those around them.

Tobacco companies know flavors hook kids. Passing a comprehensive flavored tobacco sales restriction for ALL tobacco products without exemptions is a vital step for protecting Santa Clara's youth. We know policy is only as meaningful as the enforcement and implementation behind it. In your pursuit of a flavored tobacco policy, please consider adopting a strong tobacco retail license (TRL) that mirrors the Public Health Law Center model ordinance recommended by the state. A strong TRL includes a fee set to cover the cost of enforcement, a minimum of one compliance check per year with a recheck within 3 months of a violation, an escalating fine/suspension enforcement structure with revocation upon the 4th offense and clearly designates that the license holder is responsible for any monetary penalties. The American Heart Association would be happy to serve as a resource in sharing best practices used throughout your fellow Bay Area jurisdictions. Thank you for addressing this vital public health issue. My email is blythe.young@heart.org

Please follow the evidence, which appears to suggest that reducing youth access to tobacco and especially attractive flavored and youth-marketed products does cut down on youth ending up with a risky and expensive, lifelong addiction.

Stronger laws at the local level can sometimes pave the way for stronger laws at the state and even national levels.

We have more important tasks to seek to fund prevention. Who would be tasked with the checking? Parental influence is the best.

You need to be free to choose what you want, not by the government.

Any kind of smoking is bad for health.

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This is the land of the free, the home of the brave! Not the land of the haters, home of the “ can’t make my own grown up decisions!” Gimme a break!

Another instance of government over-reach and legislating behavior rather than education and enforcement. More red tape and bureaucratic nonsense.

The stricter the better. Let's protect our youth and make it more difficult for adults of any age to perpetuate this nasty habit.

What do we live in the Nanny State. Let parents and law Inforcement do their job.

(1) Sale of Tobacco products should definitely be banned from Pharmacy stores, as they cannot sell both cure and the cause at same time.

(2) Sale of Tobacco products should also be capped. Noone should be allowed to buy more than 1 pack of cigarettes, this should implicitly make it difficult to get at one place.

(3) Tobacco products are many time shop-lifted from stores, and are kept behind the counter in visibility. Rule should be these products should not be in visible range, and available only on demand.

(4) Online sale of Tobacco products to city should also be put in check by USPS and Amazon and others.

What is going to stop people from buying the tobacco from another county or online? All this does is hurt local businesses. Seems to me like we should be holding the FDA accountable for not checking in on these products as opposed to making it so that local smoke shops get destroyed especially after everything that happened with COVID-19. I also find it interesting that regular cigarettes are just fine to sell in the county but other products are not as if those are somehow so much better than flavored tobacco.

Flavored tobacco or e-cigarettes are more addicting than regular cigarettes (this has been proven, it is not my opinion). So, why are we thinking only now to propose laws to restrict the sale and use of these items in the city of Santa Clara? I guess, late is better than never!

Don't try to protect people from themselves. Just tax them and let them make the choice. Put higher taxes on Tobacco and flavored nicotine products. In this case I am specifically talking about a city tax that does not go to Sacramento. Use that money for local causes.

Also, now that Marijuana is legal you should set aside a portion of a local park that is fairly isolated and private as a Marijuana Garden (like Beer Garden.) People that smoke MJ can go there, buy MJ from an approved ON SITE store and smoke it right there. The city can rent the land to the store and get a portion of profits. This will prevent people from smoking that foul smelling MJ on city streets and in other city parks. Some self centered people think its ok to break some laws that they don't agree with(, and bay area seems to be awash with these people.) In any case once that MJ park is working be forceful in handing out hefty fines to people that smoke MJ in areas not approved for smoking.

I see this as win/win.

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Littering with tobacco product left overs should be punished by law with no less than 100\$ per incident.

I support anything that reduces people using tobacco products which in turn reduces nonsmoker exposure to tobacco products!