

## HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 25-93

### SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION: ARTICLE 19E PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT AND CERTAIN PUBLICLY OWNED SPORTS ARENAS

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has classified environmental tobacco smoke as one of 15, Group A, known human carcinogens that have no known safe threshold; and

WHEREAS, environmental tobacco smoke is classified as a carcinogen under the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1906; and

WHEREAS, active smoking is the primary cause of preventable death, responsible for 430,000 deaths per year nationally; and,

WHEREAS, environmental tobacco smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death, responsible for 53,000 deaths from heart disease and cancer; and,

WHEREAS, the State Resources Board estimates Californians spend roughly 86% of their time indoors; and,

WHEREAS, more lung cancer deaths per year are estimated to be attributable to environmental tobacco smoke from combined non-home exposures (2,200 of both sexes) than from spousal exposure (800 of both sexes); and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency finds that modern air filters, electronic air cleaners, generators, and ventilation systems are not capable of removing carcinogens from environmental tobacco smoke; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission adopted the following legislative priorities for the development and passage of ordinances within the City and County of San Francisco:

A. Protection from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke:

- Smokefree worksites including restaurants, bars, night/dance clubs.
- Smokefree public places.

B. Youth Policy:

- Prohibiting tobacco advertising within a one-mile radius of schools and playgrounds.
- Licensing of tobacco sales.
- Banning out-of-package cigarette sales; and,

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WHEREAS, Article 19E Prohibiting Smoking in Places of Employment and Certain Publicly Owned Sports Arenas is under consideration by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, this Article is consistent with the goal of preventing morbidity and mortality associated with exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Health to protect the public from involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; and,

WHEREAS, there are no scientific, medical, or public health reasons to exempt facilities used to conduct charity bingo games; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission strongly supports the addition of Article 19E as a Health Code Amendment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support this important public health initiative.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 1993.



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Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission