

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
RESOLUTION NO. 42-94

**SUPPORTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION #819-94  
OPPOSING THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM TOBACCO CONTROL ACT  
(PROPOSITION 188)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Health Commission have actively supported legislation and community outreach programs to provide education and support to residents regarding the health effects of tobacco products; and,

WHEREAS, tobacco use is responsible for the death of over 400,000 people every year and is the number one cause of death in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS), also known as secondhand smoke, has been categorized as a cancer causing substance by the Environmental Protection Agency, and where exposure to ETS kills an estimated 40,000 persons every year; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco passed a smoking control ordinance in November 1993 which bans smoking in workplaces and restaurants in order to protect people against exposure to ETS; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 188, entitled the "California Uniform Tobacco Control Act", would repeal the local smoking control ordinance passed in San Francisco and replace it with a statewide law which could permit smoking in every restaurant and workplace in the State; and,

WHEREAS, over 60% of the population of California lives in communities which have more restrictive tobacco controls than those proposed in Proposition 188, and, thus would suffer reduced protections from ETS if Proposition 188 passes; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 188 prohibits local governments from passing any tobacco control legislation in the future and prohibits community organizations from monitoring the illegal sale of cigarettes to minors through tobacco purchase surveys or "sting" operations utilizing minors attempting to purchase tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, Proposition 188 increases some penalties for selling tobacco to children, but eliminates key investigation and enforcement techniques; and, where it contains no restrictions on tobacco advertising to children at "eye level"; and,

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WHEREAS, the ventilation standard proposed in Proposition 188 for application to indoor smoking will remove the odor of smoke from the air, but not the cancer causing substances which pose a threat to public health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports Board of Supervisors Resolution #819-94 opposing the California Uniform Tobacco Control Act (Proposition 188); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission urges the Director of Public Health to take immediate steps to educate San Francisco residents regarding the impact of Proposition 188 on our community.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 1994.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
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Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission