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**From:** Carrie Wade <cwade@rstreet.org> on behalf of Carrie Wade  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public Health Expert to Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors: Oppose Ordinance No. 2017-01

An important update from the R Street Institute:



## • Testimony •

### Oppose Ordinance No. 2017-01

The R Street Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public-policy research organization based in Washington, with a Western region office in Sacramento, California. We strive to promote free markets and effective government policies in many areas, including tobacco harm reduction.

As an academic, I spent my graduate and postgraduate career studying the neural mechanisms of addiction and evaluating neurochemical and anatomical changes occurring in the brain following the onset of addiction. I've seen a lot of progress in the field, especially at universities and research institutes here in California. I now firmly believe a harm-reduction approach to smoking cessation positively affects the health and welfare of people who use addictive substances, in ways other methods simply cannot.

As the director of harm reduction policy at the R Street Institute, I write to you out of concern over the proposed ordinance listed above. Under this ordinance, electronic cigarettes and other vapor products are classified as tobacco products Section 445-2.006 (t) (1) and, therefore, subject to prohibition of flavors. While well-intentioned this will adversely affect public health by limiting safer alternatives to combustible cigarettes to the very people that this bill aims to protect.

Below is a summary and explanation for why and how we think the ordinance should be amended:

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Defining e-cigarettes as tobacco products is misleading and inappropriate. The fundamental distinctions between traditional cigarettes and e-cigarettes are the absence of the tobacco plant, which contains at least two dozen other phytochemicals [1] and combustion, a process that releases thousands of other harmful chemicals whenever anyone lights up [2]. E-cigarettes, on the other hand, contain far fewer chemicals [2] and impurities, which have predicted levels that are not harmful to humans [3].

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**From:** Justin Jones <  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 11, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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3854 Houma, LA 70364-

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**From:** Angie Manetti <amanetti@calretailers.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 3:44 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** CRA Comments re Tobacco Ordinances on June 13th Agenda  
**Attachments:** CRA Letter Contra Costa.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please accept our comments to the proposed tobacco ordinances for the record.

Thank you,

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Director of Government Affairs  
California Retailers Association  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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June 6, 2017

Contra Costa Board of Supervisors  
651 Pine St.  
Room 107  
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Proposed Tobacco Ordinance 2017-10 and 2017-01

Dear Members of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors:

The California Retailers Association (CRA) writes to express our opposition to the proposed tobacco ordinances before the Board, which would restrict the issuance of new tobacco retail licenses and add restrictions to the sale of tobacco products. We believe this is an overreach and could result in various unintended consequences that not only impact retailers, but the County as well.

The California Retailers Association is the only statewide trade association representing all segments of the retail industry including general merchandise, department stores, mass merchandisers, restaurants, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug, and specialty retail such as auto, vision, jewelry, hardware and home stores. CRA works on behalf of California's retail industry, which currently operates over 418,840 retail establishments with a gross domestic product of \$330 billion annually and employs 3,211,805 people— one fourth of California's total employment.

#### **Tobacco Retail License Restrictions**

The ordinance proposed for adoption would establish density and distance restrictions on tobacco retailers in the City. No new tobacco retailers would be allowed within 1,000 feet of a school or within 500 feet of an existing tobacco retailer. Existing retailers that currently operate within 500 feet of each other would be allowed to continue to operate. However, should one of these retailers decide to sell their business, the new owner would lose the right to sell tobacco. The ordinance also caps the number of tobacco retailers to 90 existing licensees. All these prohibitions will undoubtedly stunt economic growth as our members factor a number of elements when making decisions about where to grow and set up new stores. Taking away the ability for a potential new business to sell tobacco creates a significant disincentive for any company to consider coming into the County who also risks

losing valuable sales tax revenues to neighboring jurisdictions that are more permissive of tobacco sales.

### **Sales Restriction on Flavored Tobacco Products**

Our members support sensible solutions to address the illegal sale of tobacco to minors, but we strongly question whether banning the sale of flavored tobacco products will actually reduce youth smoking and overall smoking rates. Furthermore, this highlights a greater underlying issue of the lack of enforcement in limiting youth access to tobacco. In our collective commitment to that end, our members provide training to their employees and fully support the letter of the law. The proposed ordinance inherently ignores the fact that our members provide employee training as a way of prevent youth from gaining access to tobacco. Failure to comply with these rules come with harsh consequences and our members take this issue very seriously. However, instead of addressing enforcement issues, these businesses will likely suffer economic loss under these ordinances and will struggle to stay afloat amid an ever-rising tide of regulation.

As you know, the retail industry is experiencing unprecedented upheaval. According to government data, over 89,000 jobs have been lost in general merchandise stores since last October. Ordinances that impose licensing restrictions and ban the sale of legal products throughout the County exacerbate an already challenging economic climate facing retailers and may lead to blight, higher unemployment and create an environment that encourages the black market sale of tobacco products. With the new tobacco laws approved last year to increase the minimum legal smoking age, tobacco retail license fees for renewal and additional locations, and a \$2 tax on tobacco products, we believe there are enough sufficient regulations in place to control the use of these products.

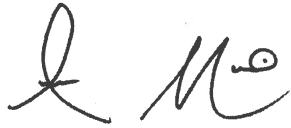
CRA is also concerned that the ordinance, if implemented, fails to provide impacted retailers with sufficient time to adjust their business models. The City of Berkeley limited its flavor ban to retailers within 600 feet of schools and provided impacted retailers 15 months notice before enforcement. The Berkeley ordinance also provided impacted retailers the ability to obtain an exemption from the flavor ban for up to 3 years beginning January 1, 2017 if the retailer makes a showing that the application of the flavor ban would result in a taking.

CRA requests the Board reconsider this approach to address smoking rates. It isn't clear whether the proposed ordinances will effectively reduce youth access to tobacco. Instead, it negatively impacts retailers who are lawfully selling tobacco, potentially stunts future economic development, and reduces tax revenue generated from retailers in the County. For these reasons, we urge you to reject the proposed ordinance and pursue a solution that offers a holistic approach that is effective in reducing smoking rates without harming businesses in the County.

Should the Council move forward with this ordinance, we ask that consideration be given to adding provisions similar to Berkeley that only prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco in

near schools and provide impacted retailers with 15 – 24 months before enforcement of the flavor ban.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Manetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angie Manetti  
Director, Government Affairs

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**From:** Neil Ayton <  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 8:16 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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OK 73159-4638



**From:** Christopher Woltz <  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 6:14 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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born, MI

**From:** Kathy Griffith <.....>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Kiem Na  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 3:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE harmful regulations in Contra Costa

Dear Board of Supervisors: I am disappointed to learn that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors wants to restrict the sale of tobacco products in my community. The regulations being considered could potentially devastate responsible retailers that sell tobacco products only to adult consumers of legal age across the county. It could also put local jobs at risk! \_\_\_\_ My business employs your constituents and contributes to the local economy. The proposed sales bans would directly impact my bottom line by driving my customers to stores in neighboring towns where they can buy milk, bread, and other products that my store depends on. This is not fair to the many business owners like me who are just trying to earn a living. \_\_\_\_ Contra Costa retailers and business owners already follow state and local regulations that prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. I am committed to running a responsible business. Limiting what we can sell to adults will impact my business and my bottom line. \_\_\_\_ I will be watching this issue closely and ask that you oppose any attempt to ban tobacco sales anywhere in Contra Costa. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. \_\_\_\_ Sincerely, \_\_ Sincerely, Kiem Na

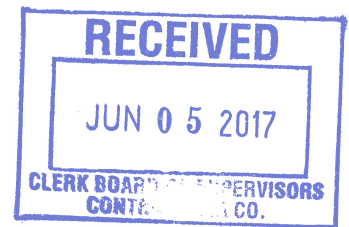
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**From:** Sharon Owens  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
651 Pine St., 10th Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisors:

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This ordinance is unnecessary. Last year the state adopted comprehensive restrictions on e-cigarettes making them equivalent to tobacco and raised the age to sell all tobacco products to 21. The county already requires a tobacco license and has penalties for retailers illegally selling tobacco. I don't sell tobacco to minors and I have a perfect compliance rate.

A vast majority of independent markets are owned by minorities and immigrants to this country. Many of us are highly skilled professionals in our home countries, but we came to the United States as entrepreneurs and found convenience stores an opportunity to invest our life savings and raise our families. We also provide jobs to other recent immigrants looking for a new life in the U.S. If your intention is to hurt big tobacco, this ordinance misses its mark. It will destroy independent and minority-owned retail businesses that generate sales tax revenue for the county and provide local jobs.

I urge you to VOTE NO on this ordinance.

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651 Pine St., 10th Floor  
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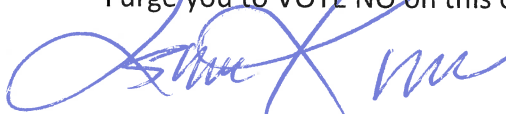
I own and operate a gas station in the county. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal that would ban menthol cigarettes and flavored tobacco products. Together, flavored tobacco is more than 1/3 of my overall tobacco sales. Approximately 40% of my overall in-store business comes from tobacco sales and it helps drive gasoline sales. I carry these products because many of my adult customers buy them. I don't make much money on these products, but they bring customers to my gas station and they buy other grocery items. That is why menthol cigarettes and flavored tobacco are an important part of my business.

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Five Star Gas & Grocery  
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Martinez, CA 94553



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1000 Cutting Blvd  
Richmond CA 94804*



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*Cigarettes Value*

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Pinole, CA 94564*





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This ordinance is unnecessary. Last year the state adopted comprehensive restrictions on e-cigarettes making them equivalent to tobacco and raised the age to sell all tobacco products to 21. The county already requires a tobacco license and has penalties for retailers illegally selling tobacco. I don't sell tobacco to minors and I have a perfect compliance rate.

My retirement and life savings are invested in my store. My family and I have sacrificed a great deal to make this business profitable and this ordinance threatens everything we have worked for. Adoption of this ordinance will destroy independent and minority-owned retail businesses that generate sales tax revenue for the county and provide local jobs.

I urge you to VOTE NO on this ordinance.

*David L. Salazar*  
Richmond Smoke Shop  
3049 Cutting Blvd  
Richmond, CA 94804



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
651 Pine St., 10th Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

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*Amundell*  
CISCO MARKET

928 13 ST  
Richmond CA 94801

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651 Pine St., 10th Floor  
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A vast majority of independent markets are owned by minorities and immigrants to this country. Many of us are highly skilled professionals in our home countries, but we came to the United States as entrepreneurs and found convenience stores an opportunity to invest our life savings and raise our families. We also provide jobs to other recent immigrants looking for a new life in the U.S. If your intention is to hurt big tobacco, this ordinance misses its mark. It will destroy independent and minority-owned retail businesses that generate sales tax revenue for the county and provide local jobs.

I urge you to VOTE NO on this ordinance.

*Amara Abdulin*  
ONE STOP MARKET  
564 HARBOUR WAY  
RICHMOND CA 94801

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**From:** Peter Taylor <1>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Wickenburg, AZ 85390-3238

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**From:** Chris Doyle <  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 3, 2017 7:40 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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67002-9660

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**From:** Brian Paris  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 4, 2017 11:37 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Madeline Root <  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:19 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Willow Grove, PA 19090-4216 Ln Willow Grove

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**From:** Sondra Alumbaugh n>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Zachary Wallace <  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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d Kings  
Mountain, NC 28086-9682

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**From:** Janet Brown <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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IN 46176-1632

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**From:** John Moore  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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orth Kingstown,  
RI 02852-2459

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**From:** Austin Dillon <  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:09 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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48446-8729 eer, MI

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**From:** Michelle Whitson <1>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:16 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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74039-4466

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**From:** Julie Schafer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** [BULK] Please OPPOSE harmful regulations in Contra Costa

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am disappointed to learn that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors wants to restrict the sale of tobacco products in my community. The regulations being considered could potentially devastate responsible retailers that sell tobacco products only to adult consumers of legal age across the county. It could also put local jobs at risk!

My business employs your constituents and contributes to the local economy. The proposed sales bans would directly impact my bottom line by driving my customers to stores in neighboring towns where they can buy milk, bread, and other products that my store depends on. This is not fair to the many business owners like me who are just trying to earn a living.

Contra Costa retailers and business owners already follow state and local regulations that prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. I am committed to running a responsible business. Limiting what we can sell to adults will impact my business and my bottom line.

I will be watching this issue closely and ask that you oppose any attempt to ban tobacco sales anywhere in Contra Costa. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Julie Schafer  
PO Box 1512  
Windham, ME 04062-1512

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**From:** Kenneth Beck <...>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:04 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Robert Lazzarini  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 8:46 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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CA 94531-8338



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**From:** Charles P. Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 7:27 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** JOHN NEVIS  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 2:02 PM  
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**From:** GREGORY HOGG  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** Phyl Brown  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** MATT KLEMMENSEN <ET>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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Antioch, CA 94509-6471

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**From:** Michelle Barlow <NET>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** DANIEL GARCIA  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:13 PM  
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CA 94564-1217

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**From:** Al Soulette <[REDACTED]@AOL.COM>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:34 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** DAVID TURNER <  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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CA 94803-2302  
mond,

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**From:** DEANNA COOK <  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:17 PM  
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**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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San Pablo,  
CA 94806-1005

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**From:** Barbara Murphree  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:51 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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94565-6081 burg, CA

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**From:** DAN RODGERS  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 4:58 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** DAVID COOK  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:49 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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\_\_\_\_ Cmn Brentwood,  
CA 94513-2007

**Stacey Boyd**

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**From:** PHIL JACOBSON  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:54 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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**From:** KYNDRA CHILDRESS <KYN...>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 1:57 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Wichita Falls, TX 76301-6023



## Stacey Boyd

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**From:** Garen Corbett  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:14 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Cc:** John Gioia  
**Subject:** Kensington Zoning: Minimum Lot Size Levels for Secondary Units

Dear Supervisors,

As a homeowner and resident of Kensington, I was startled to learn from a neighbor that next week the Board of Supervisors are voting on an amendment to the County zoning text, and in that amendment, our unincorporated community is the ONLY city/area in Contra Costa County with an INCREASE in minimum lot size. Everywhere else I believe remains at 6000 sq. ft., but Kensington is raised to 10,000. This is a poor policy choice.

We face an extraordinary housing affordability (and supply) crisis, effecting even affluent families. We have cross-generational challenges, where finding housing options for students, adult children of residents, and seniors are incredibly difficult to find. Plus, our lovely neighborhoods are located right near Berkeley and UC Berkeley, allowing us to help support the needs of our community and provide some options for Kensington homeowners to support the high costs of ownership. Additionally, much of our community is in fact well-served by public transportation. I am opposed to not only this rule change for the above mentioned policy reasons, but for the terrible optics this sends about our community.

Please amend this and return Kensington to the previously established standards (6000 sq. foot lots). I apologize that I will be traveling for work next week, and thus cannot attend the Supervisor's meeting to deliver these comments in person.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Garen Corbett

Kensington, CA 94707  
Email: [gcorbett@comcast.net](mailto:gcorbett@comcast.net)

**Stacey Boyd**

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**From:** LARRY VAN WINKLE <[redacted]@COM>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:39 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Pittsburg, CA 94565-4510

## Stacey Boyd

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**From:** Pamela Frith <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 6:05 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Vicki Woods <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2017 12:04 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Alice Smith · 1>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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\_\_\_\_ Patch Dilliner, PA  
15327-1699

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**From:** Shawn Klum <shawn.klum@contra-costa.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2017 12:48 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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96080-2954 Red Bluff, CA

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**From:** Kim Zirkle <[REDACTED]@AIL.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2017 8:36 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**From:** Susan Plubell t>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 27, 2017 9:17 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Clearfield, PA 16830-3347  
nsville Hwy



## Stacey Boyd

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**From:** Robin Pauley <[redacted]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 28, 2017 1:57 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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**Stacey Boyd**

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**From:** William Petillo <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** OPPOSE the flavored tobacco ban

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Greenlawn, NY 11740-2420

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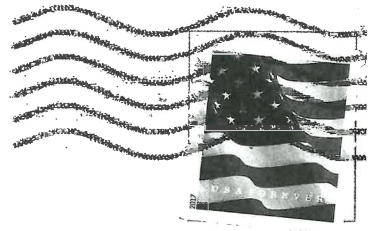
**From:** Shawna McCarthy <[redacted]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
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Lawton, OK 73507-2222 ow Dr

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7351 Brentwood St  
Brentwood CA 94513

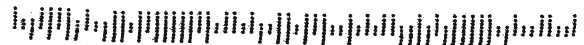
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**PLEASE OPPOSE**  
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**My Story**

The ban of flavored tobacco & menthol cigarettes will hurt my business. People will go else where if they dont come in for their tobacco they cant buy any thing. My business will suffer. My employees will suffer w/cut hours & possible lose of job. The customers will just go else where Thank you

**Why you should oppose these ordinances**

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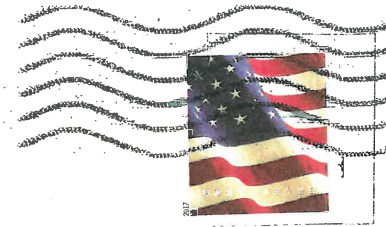
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Jisha Shahi

BYRON SMOKE SHOP  
13530 BYRON HWY  
BYRON CA 94514

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**My Story**

The Lose of menthol  
& Flavor tobacco  
will probably make  
my store go out  
of business. My  
employees will no  
longer be employed.  
please do not  
take away flavors

Sincerely

Usha Shahi

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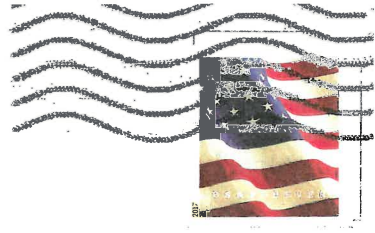
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Byron Corner  
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Byron CA 94513

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**My Story**

If I loose  
Menthol cigarettes  
It will take  
ALOT of business  
from me. People  
will not buy any  
thing if they dont  
come in for cigarette  
Same goes for  
flavored tobacco.  
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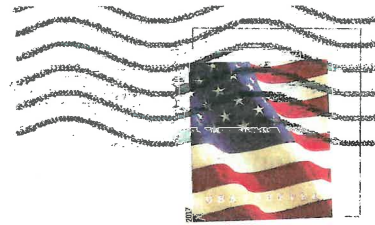
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**My Story**

Hello! So we have  
small business and  
have a lot of menthol  
and or flavor products.  
It can really affect  
our business because  
that's big margin then  
~~can~~ we have customers  
they been coming here  
over years and they  
love our business because  
we carry little bit of  
everything. So please my  
request is not to approve  
this request. It did not help  
increasing a dollar on cigarette or anything

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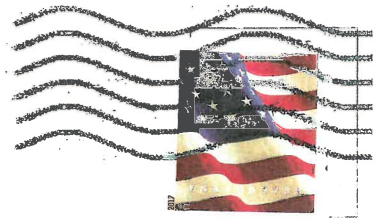
So I don't think  
this will help at all.  
Thank you

Paid for by the National Association of Tobacco Outlets

Harjap Singh  
718 4th St  
Rockledge, CA 94572

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My Story

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my store.

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and our family  
are counting you!

Support My Business

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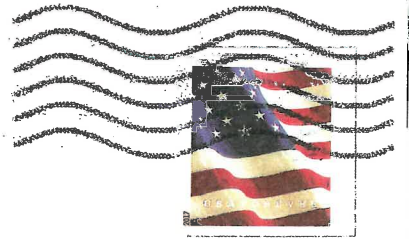




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ALAMO CALIF 94507

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PLEASE VOTE

"No"

PROTECT MY

7-11 STORE

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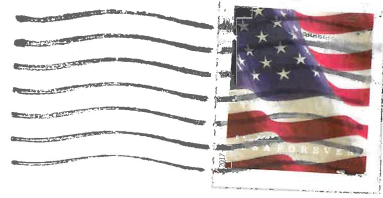
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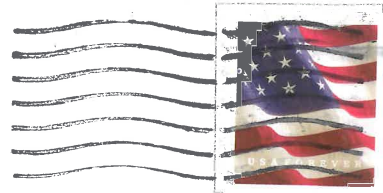
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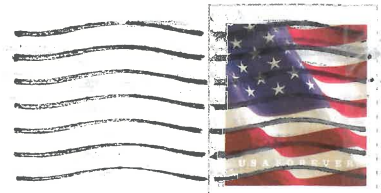
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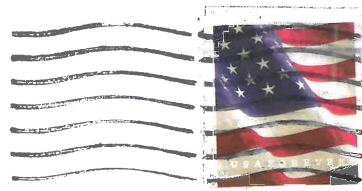
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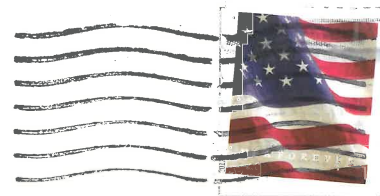
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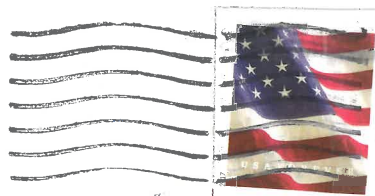
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