



#### **4/9/12 AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL INPUT**

1. Signage? Will it be needed?
2. Will we learn from SLO city experience? (still smoking on sidewalks)
3. Signage is important
4. Enforcement / Hot line?
5. Better not to have a rule than a rule you can't enforce.
6. Where will this be impacting beaches?
7. Value in having the ordinance even if it is not perfect.
8. Is the scope too broad?
9. Impact to tourism industry negative impact to vacation time
10. Signage – less is more
11. Enforcement concerns
12. Our County is high fire area so this might be a good thing.
13. Questions about where people can smoke.
14. Enforcement – how? Signage? Rangers?
15. What is the cost to implement?
16. Will statistics be gathered on enforcement actions? To tell if it is effective.
17. Use data to find middle ground – public input
18. Dr. Hansen recapped history and other communities' experience
19. Pismo prohibited smoking on beach with no negative impact
20. Mixed feelings:
  - a. Why now – who are you trying to impress? Suspicious of reasons
  - b. Civil liberties
  - c. People like SLO reputation of no smoking
21. Enforcement concerns – why give order if you won't enforce
22. Cost benefit analysis needed to make it worthwhile
23. Concerned about upwind – downwind vs. 20 ft. State law
24. What about smoking marijuana?



## **5/2/12 CAYUCOS VETS HALL – MEETING INPUT**

### Council

1. In favor – we need to discourage smoking
2. What is the connection to health (second hand smoke) when in a large open area?
3. Boat in Lake Nacimiento – smoking. But what does it hurt? Why not focus on smoking courtesy?
4. How practical is enforcement? Penalties?
5. Questions on penalties – make it graduated-sequential.
6. Campgrounds – where grandfathered as long term – will they be grandfathered? They should be exempt
7. RV – are you exempt inside?
8. In favor of a more nuanced approach w/second hand smoke – is not a big issue due to open space.
9. Better to recreate and smoke than no recreation.
10. Restricted in Hardy Park?
11. Partners – has the State bought off on this?
12. Does this apply to the pier? State property?
13. Confusion will be created between state/county, county/etc.
14. Support for ordinance – the wind blows second hand smoke. This will help out.
15. Are roads included? Ordinance language unclear.

### Public

1. Dr. Hansen – recapped S. B. experience and other organizations in favor.



## **5/22/12 SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT – MEETING INPUT**

### Commission

1. If this goes forward do we have funds available for enforcement? On Beach Pier and property?
2. Where I see regulations why do we have it if no enforcement?
3. Harbor Patrol may be involved
4. Signage – what is the cost?
5. In Avila I see no smoking in promenade complaints will come to Harbor Patrol. Public sees the uniform and will expect them to take action – concern about the cost to the Port District. Responding to calls will include smoking complaints. Seeking \$\$\$ to offset.
6. I don't understand. You're not asking us to enforce it and it is not on our property – what are you asking us? (Mr. Black explained)
7. I sometimes smoke a cigar a time or two – I had to sit in the backyard. If someone wants to kill themselves maybe we should herd them to a specific area? It may impact Harbor Patrol. If District wants to do something on our beaches we could do that. Keep trash off beaches. I'm willing to go along with it.
8. The litter annoys me. Beach goers should be allowed to enjoy the beach without second hand smoke. The beach already seems to segregate youth vs. family. We could consider a smoke free section. I don't favor an ordinance we have to enforce. I would endorse designated areas, not an ordinance.
9. I experienced designated spaces in SB and it did not work. What is the message the County wants to send – No smoking? 90% of litter is butts. Unfortunately we have to go to this extent but you have to – segregate does not work.
10. Carcinogens are all around - open pit BBQs, kids are around those and inhale that smoke. A law is only as good as its enforcement. We should engage strong programs instead of legislature. Let people be responsible for their actions. Self-regulation. Little may come downstream. In an enclosed environment okay to ban, but in outdoor areas self-regulate. Traditions and culture has changed. Seek alternative measures to achieve the same goals. Concerned with enforcement costs. I don't want to ban via legislation. Recognize if SLO County bans smoking everyone will look to Port San Luis for their next step. Smokers may flock to Port San Luis beaches. Looking for TOT to pay for enforcement. Ensure subsidies, effect on non-County (Port of San Luis) is understood.

### Public

1. Dr. Hansen speaks; provides historical perspective
2. Fisherman opposes it. Crime may go up if we divert LEA's to enforce this. A complaint will push it off on them (LEAs). This is a rights issue. Don't take the right to enjoy a day.
3. Surf Riders Foundation - Beaches should sing Pack your Trash (all trash) impacts wild life. I have cleaned beaches with butts. Why do people think they have the right to pollute the beach? Butts pollute. Regulate. So be it. Pack your Trash.



## **5/30/12 SAN MIGUEL – MEETING INPUT**

### CAC

1. Over control – a little too much, especially on lakes and such
2. Annoying – in smoke free – then you have to walk through the smoke & butts – But I think it is a little bit too far. Smoking on breaks too much but in parking lot?
3. What is the cost to the public? Signage? Enforcement?
4. Will cigarette tax support this or the general tax payer?
5. Explain the “strike out” ordinance document.
6. Over control, a waste of time to implement/enforce – a stupid thing. Complaint driven? Quasi-enforced? Away from the entrance I understand, but in the Park? Really? Better things for County Parks to do.
7. Where do my rights end and your start - a bit too much especially outdoors-camping
8. Fees and costs a big concern: Signage, cleanup, enforcement. I don't agree with it.
9. Uproar amongst citizens
10. Spend the \$ on another patrol person instead
11. Cost for treatment of smoke related illness?
12. I agree looking out for the health of children – but will concessionaires be fined for selling tobacco in the park?
13. Nasty habit

### Public

1. I agree with personal rights – I agree with 20' ban but in the Park goes too far. Maybe extend the 20' ban and near facilities. It won't be enforced. The idea to protect people is OK, but goes too far
2. How much staff time was spent to develop this ordinance? Hidden cost.
3. Other cities enforcement like Santa Barbara – will be interesting to see enforcement statistics.
4. I support No Smoking, but to pass more rules with no enforcement is a waste. Explore education as a different avenue. Designate areas as Nonsmoking at campgrounds and playgrounds – No Smoking Signs



## **5/9/12 SANTA MARGARITA COUNCIL – MEETING INPUT**

### Council

1. Is this all or nothing?  
Golf course – yes  
Other place – no  
i.e., golf and smoke cigars
2. Enforcement? How? Who? Penalties? Why penalty if not really enforced?
3. Have you considered a 'culture' to educate – instead of an ordinance that is unenforceable?  
Example: Smoking mom w/kids at park. Who suffers?
4. More example of mom at park w/kids. She is away from kids, by herself, who is harmed?  
People s/b courteous. Don't penalize them if they harm no one.
5. Who is driving this? Board? Others?
6. This seems to discriminate against the smoker – even if they are far away from all
7. Definition question – what is the intent? All Parks? All County Property?
8. Focus on public education and personal responsibility – courtesy – don't infringe on others.  
Don't be a butt, put your butt out.
9. See limiting smoke around some areas (i.e., eating areas). This seems to go too far. Favors  
No Smoking Zones like golf shop.
10. Smoking is repugnant – Smoke Free is good (not opposed). Enforcement will be difficult.  
The more we do to get people to stop smoking the better our society – costs & health. It  
sends a message of our values and support.
11. Culture – focus on good health habits
12. Question of legality? Has it been challenged?
13. Any estimated costs to implement?
14. How much staff time and energy has been spent on this effort?
15. Suggest costs of implementation come from existing tax Tobacco Tax revenue (Kathleen  
explained the revenue streams)
16. Signage would help – in enforcement by “public shame”

### Public

1. Seems you are spending time on an ordinance instead of other possibly more important  
things?
2. Signs probably won't last
3. Instead make it a park rule tailored to individual parks (may save staff hours)



## 6/6/12 SHANDON ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEETING INPUT

### Council:

1. Why are you exempting psychiatric patients?
2. Do you foresee an increase in patients if you pass this ordinance?
3. We are out in open air – public buildings I understand, staying away 20 feet from doors is ok. How many people do you expect to stop smoking out in the open? Having people go to the roadway to smoke is unsafe. Camping is open air – where do they go to smoke? It is open air. Federal facilities have smoking places – they are fantastic. Why not designated smoking areas?

### Public

1. Parents smoke and they are OK if they can't smoke – they just go elsewhere to smoke.
2. Another step to the “nanny state”. Don't do this. They don't want us to make decisions on our own – this is overregulation.
3. Make a designated area for people to smoke. Don't stomp on their rights. Make somewhere they can go and smoke.
4. I agree with the designated area. People won't stop smoking – they will sneak it.
5. Is this County or State Law? State Parks may have an impact.
6. What do State Parks regulate? (Curtis Black answered these two questions)
7. Some County Parks are fee based. Has the County considered the impact to these fee based Parks?
8. Does this regulate 'chew'? Consider the impacts.
9. What about public roads? Is it going to be banned there too?
10. If you smoke you have to go out to the street. Your life is in danger here in Shandon. Protect children by banning waling dogs in the Public Parks instead. You took the gates off this park and now all the dogs come in the park leaving dog messes. Signs that banned dogs have been removed. It is fine if you want to do it – but don't let the children play in the Park and the dog “uh huh” that is left in the park. Why not create a smoking section in the Park? Save yourself the paper (created by writing this ordinance).
11. I think of the Airports – they usually have smoking areas – why not create smoking areas?
12. Question asking for clarification on the definitions as described in section 3 of the proposed ordinance. Who has authority to designate smoking/non-smoking areas?