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The Honorable Caroline Menjivar  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 1314 (Menjivar): Smoke shops: locations, hours of operation, and sale of nitrous oxide – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Menjivar:

Larry Klein  
Mayor

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we want to express our support of SB 1314, which takes important steps to protect youth and promote public health by strengthening regulations on smoke shops.

Richard Mehlinger  
Vice Mayor

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

SB 1314 establishes clear, common-sense standards to reduce youth access to tobacco and related products. By prohibiting new smoke shop locations within 600 feet of schools and daycare centers, the bill helps limit the exposure of young people to environments that normalize tobacco use. Additionally, the bill's restriction on late-night sales and its prohibition on the possession and sale of nitrous oxide in smoke shops directly address emerging public health and safety concerns in our communities.

Murali Srinivasan  
Councilmember

Linda Sell  
Councilmember

Charlsie Chang  
Councilmember

Eileen Le  
Councilmember

These provisions align with Sunnyvale's longstanding commitment to protecting youth and advancing community health. Local governments have seen firsthand the challenges posed by the proliferation of tobacco retailers and smoke shops, particularly near schools. SB 1314 provides a consistent statewide framework while still preserving local authority to adopt stronger standards, ensuring that cities like Sunnyvale can continue to respond to community needs.

We also appreciate the bill's reinforcement of enforcement mechanisms under the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act. Strengthening accountability for violations and enabling coordinated enforcement between state and local agencies will improve compliance and better safeguard public health.



SB 1314 is also consistent with the City of Sunnyvale's General Plan policies supporting attractive and healthy neighborhoods, strong code enforcement, and compatibility between commercial activities and residential areas. General Plan Goal LT-4 promotes an attractive community with a positive image and human scale, while Policy LT-4.1a supports robust code enforcement to maintain and enhance neighborhoods and commercial districts. In addition, Policy LT-6.2 seeks to limit incompatible uses near residential neighborhoods. SB 1314 advances these objectives by reducing the concentration and impacts of smoke shops near sensitive uses and residential areas while preserving local authority to adopt stronger protections.

SB 1314 represents a thoughtful and targeted approach to reducing youth access to harmful substances while supporting local control and enforcement. For these reasons, the City of Sunnyvale is proud to support this important legislation.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and your commitment to protecting the health and well-being of California's communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Rebecca Moon, City Attorney at [cityatty@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:cityatty@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein".

Larry Klein  
Mayor

cc: Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab  
Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens  
City Council  
Tim Kirby, City Manager  
Rebecca Moon, City Attorney  
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