

# **Study on Smokefree Dining, Entryways, and Multi-Family Housing**

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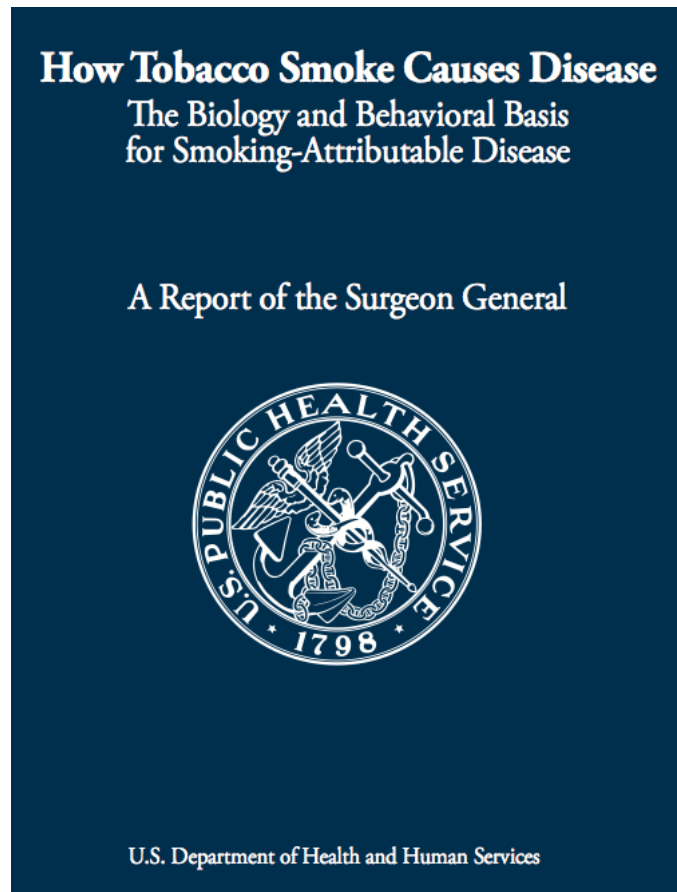
# Smokefree Study Areas

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1. Outdoor dining
2. Entryways
3. Multi-family housing
  - Common areas
  - Buffer zones around buildings
  - Individual units

# Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

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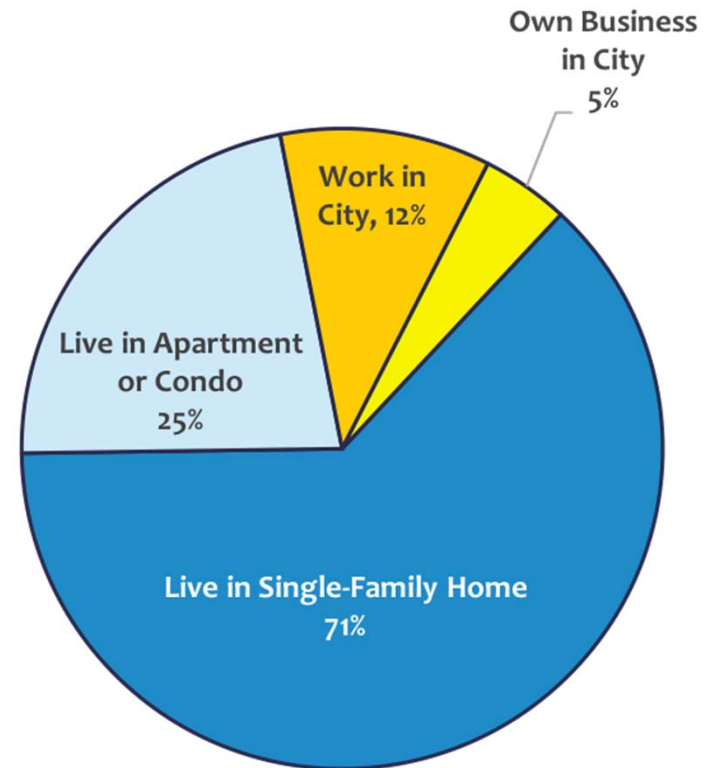


- No safe level of exposure
- Secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure can cause asthma, heart disease, cancer, SIDS, etc.
- Smoke can travel through doorways, wall cracks, and vents
- Nearly 1/3 of multi-family housing residents in SCC reported smelling smoke in past week
- Smokefree housing benefits: healthier, cleaner, safer

# Survey #1: Smokefree Areas

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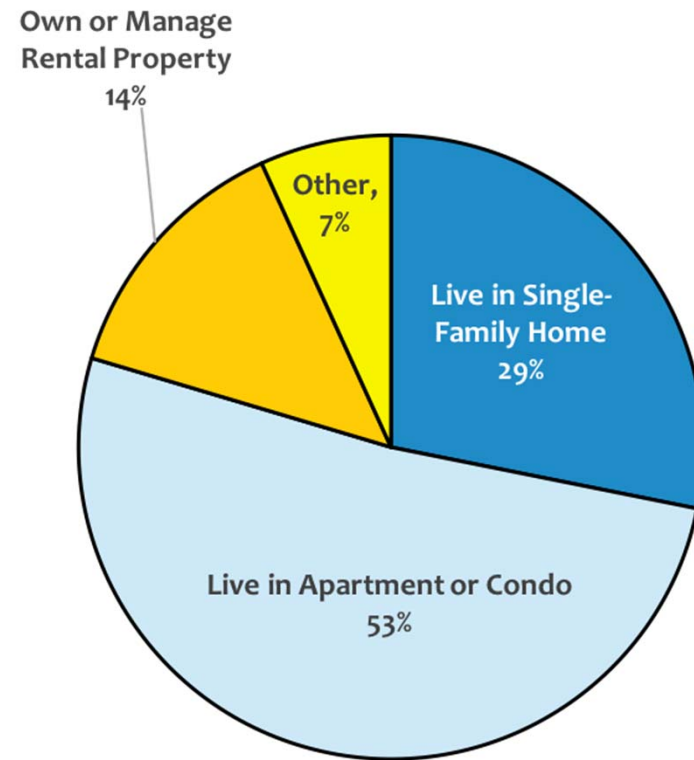
- Open City Hall  
Aug 19 – Sep 14, 2015
- Sent to >3,000 people
- 910 views
- 349 responses



# Survey #2: Multi-Family Housing

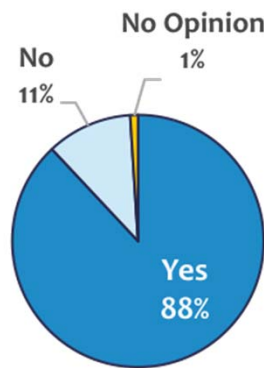
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- Open City Hall  
Dec 18, 2015 – Jan 6 2016
- Aimed at multi-family residents, owners & managers
- 476 views
- 182 responses

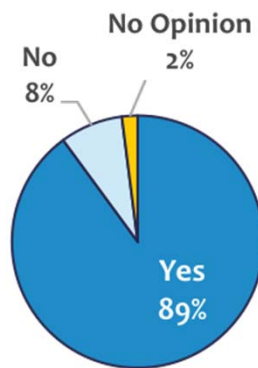


# Should Smoking be Prohibited In...

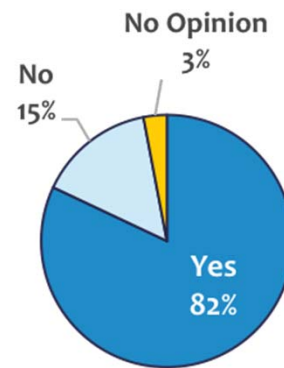
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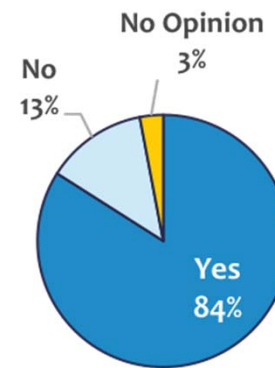
Outdoor  
Dining



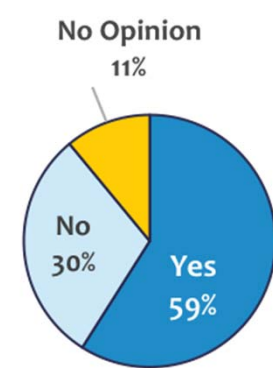
Entryways



Common Areas



Buffer Zones



Units

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Multi-Family Housing

# Existing Smoking Policies

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- Called large apartment complexes (100 units or more)
- 25 reached out of 40
- 22 prohibit smoking in common areas
- 16 prohibit smoking inside units



# Smokefree Outdoor Dining

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- Currently 60% smokefree outdoor dining required
- Staff recommends: 100%, including bars and restaurants
- 73 local laws statewide, including 7 in Santa Clara County



# Smokefree Entryways

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- State law: no smoking within 20 feet of government buildings
- Staff recommends: 25 feet no-smoking zone around buildings where smoking prohibited
  - Offices
  - Stores
  - Places of worship, etc.
- 90 local laws statewide, including 6 in Santa Clara County



# Smokefree Multi-Family Housing

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- Apartments
- Condominiums
- Townhomes
- Duplexes
- Four-plexes, etc.

# Smokefree Common Areas

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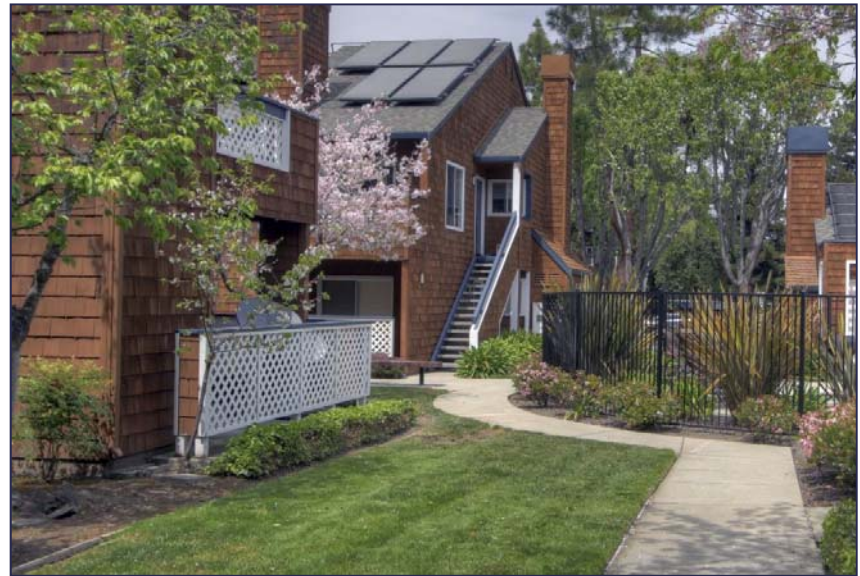


- Staff recommends smokefree indoor and outdoor
  - Walkways
  - Courtyards
  - Pool areas, etc.
- 68 local laws statewide
  - 2 in Santa Clara County
  - 6 in San Mateo County

# Smokefree Buffer Zones

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- Staff recommends no smoking within 25 feet of multi-family
  - Doorways
  - Windows
  - Vents, etc.



# Smokefree Units

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- Staff recommends:  
100% smokefree units
- Optional: designated  
smoking areas
- 38 laws statewide, 1 in  
Santa Clara, 4 in San  
Mateo Counties

# Smokefree Units: Enforcement

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- Becomes part of city law
- Landlords add to lease
- Enforcement: landlords and city in cooperation
- Complaint-driven
- Few complaints in cities with existing laws
- Education and warnings effective in encouraging compliance

# Residents Who Smoke

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- Fewer than 10% of Santa Clara residents smoke
- Ordinance limits *where* people can smoke, residents don't have to quit
- Optional: designated smoking areas
- Can also smoke on sidewalks



# Additional Survey Responses

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Asked for smokefree:

- Service areas
  - ATMs
  - Ticket lines
  - Bus/transit stops
- Public events
- Downtown areas





# Survey Responses

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*“I often walk with my newborn in downtown Sunnyvale. We cannot eat/sit in outdoor dining places because there are always people smoking there.”*

*“Those of us who do not smoke should be able to safely get in and out of a non-smoking building.”*

# Survey Responses

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*“If you live in multi-family housing, why should you have to inhale second hand smoke?”*

*“We have a chain smoker next door and if our windows are open smoke fills our house.”*

# Survey Responses

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*“What people do in their own home is no one’s business but their own.”*

*“Each complex should be able to set its own policies and the tenants can live with it or move.”*

*“Too restrictive. And where would these people go and smoke?”*

# Survey Responses

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*“I have owned 20 units since 1977 on Kodiak Ct., Sunnyvale. I included no smoking anywhere in the units, and on the property inside and outside since ~ 1985 as part of my Rental Agreement. It has not been a problem to enforce. A tenant has to stand in the street to smoke. They shortly stop smoking. I have many young children living in my units that should not be exposed to smoke.”*

# Questions?

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