

QUESTION 1

Do you think it is easy or difficult for youth under the age of 21 to buy flavored tobacco products in Sunnyvale?



QUESTION 2

Do you think flavored tobacco products are more appealing to youth than unflavored tobacco products?



QUESTION 3

Would you support or oppose a law prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products in Sunnyvale?










QUESTION 4

Have you used a tobacco product in the last 30 days?

		%	Count
Yes		39.3%	274
No		57.4%	401
Decline to state		3.3%	23

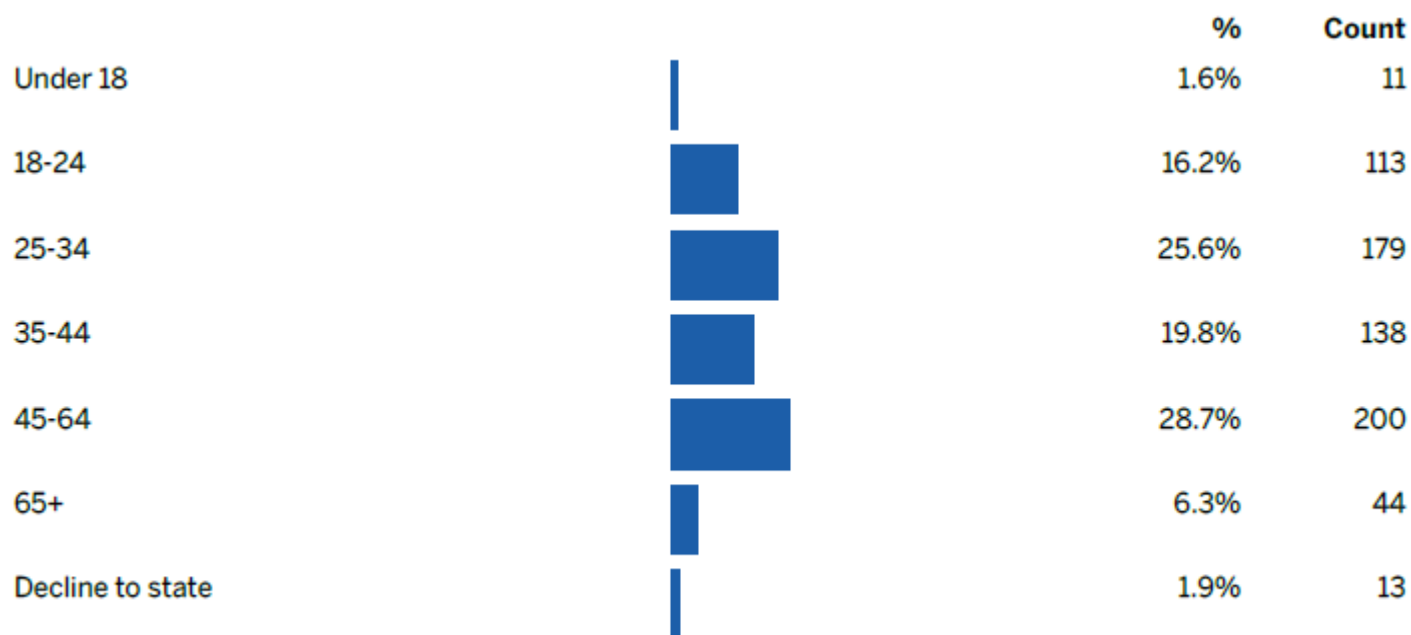
QUESTION 5

Have you used a flavored tobacco product in the last 30 days? Check all that apply:

		%	Count
Yes: flavored electronic cigarette/electronic liquid/vape solution		39.0%	271
Yes: flavored cigar/little cigar/cigarillo		5.6%	39
Yes: flavored hookah tobacco (shisha)		7.2%	50
Yes: flavored smokeless tobacco (chew/snuff)		1.6%	11
Yes: mint/menthol cigarette		6.9%	48
Yes: other flavored tobacco		2.6%	18
No: I don't use flavored tobacco products of any kind		56.1%	390

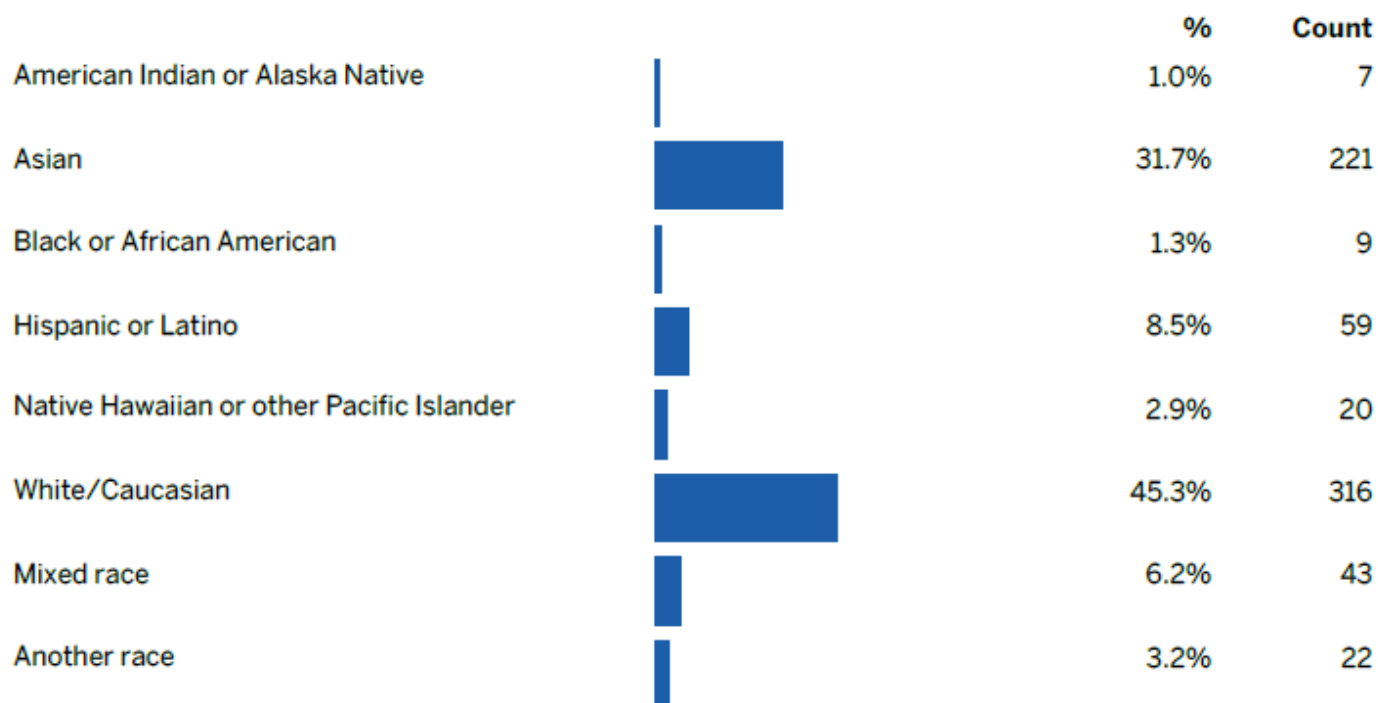
QUESTION 6

What category best describes your age:



QUESTION 7

Which category best describes your race/ethnicity? Check all that apply:



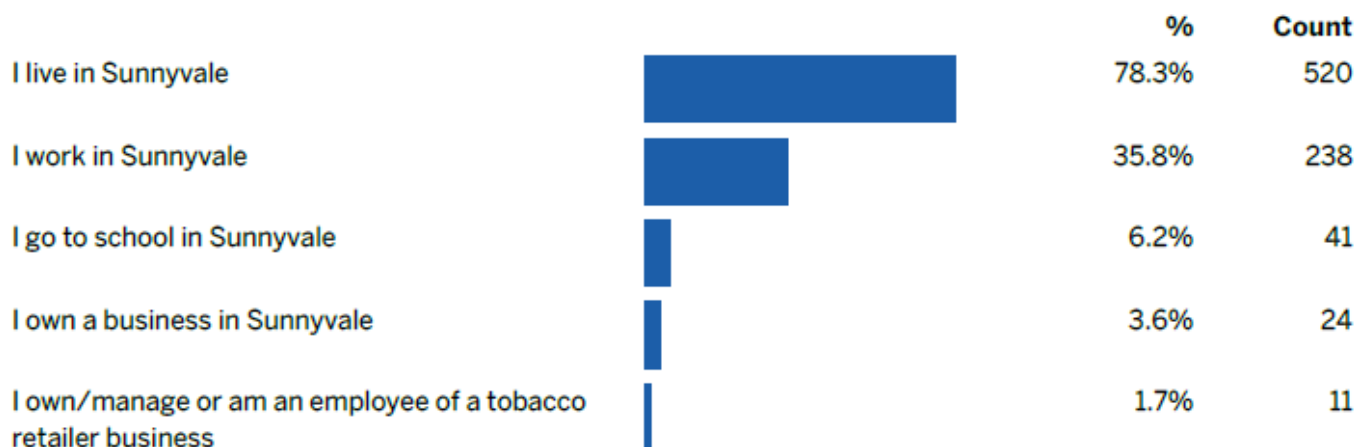
QUESTION 8

Which category best describes your gender?



QUESTION 9

Tell us about yourself. Check all that apply:



Comments:

I would like to see a ban on ALL tobacco and cannabis products.

The law should forbid teenagers purchase tobacco products and/or have severe penalty if a shop sells to teenagers. For adults, they should show proof of insurance as a tobacco user.

We should model our regulation of tobacco products like the UK does. They are having a dramatic reduction in smoking and tobacco use. E-sigs are seen as a way out of using tobacco products rather than an entry.

My don't know responses are due to not understanding if the ban is on all sales or just sales to people under 21. I support banning all sales to people under 21, but I think 21 and over can make stupid choices for themselves if they feel so compelled. Until 21 (or really 18), people need guidance in addition to parental oversight to make them think twice.

Given that tobacco products are proven carcinogens, they should be regulated as public health hazards.

I used to be (for 35+ years) a heavy smoker. Throat cancer ended that. Like my mother, I started with unfiltered cigarettes. I was addicted from my first cigarette. I knew from the start it was a mistake. But flavored tobacco products make that slippery slope even easier to access and more insidious.

Block all vaping products too

You state that one in ten use smoking devices. That is 10%! By Pareto's Principle, that is not a problem, and we should not waste time on it. The paperwork, staff time, and council time is not worth it! It would be better to spend the time on major problems that affect 80% of our citizens; those problems would likely be housing and traffic!

The Pareto Principle (the 80/20 rule) states that 80% of consequences come from 20% of the causes.

I think flavored tobacco products, especially for vaping, are nothing more than a way to attempt to gain a new generation of addicted customers.

I hear that students are vaping in middle and high schools, yet administration and teachers are unable to do anything about it. It appears that it is too easy for youth to obtain tobacco products. There has to be stricter laws not to sell flavored tobaccos to youth, including online. Online delivery must be with signature over 21 (ideally higher, but) years old.

I strongly support banning flavored tobacco products.

Make e-cigarettes off limits to all youth.

Kids are going to get flavored products and smoking gadgets somehow. I'd be happy to see the sale or use of the products in Sunnyvale illegal. I have lung ailments and asthma and I'm very sensitive to the smoke or vapor. I grew up in a smoking home and still live in my parents home so I've had to endure the 2nd and 3rd hand smoke all my life. My 34 yr old son uses vapor products and I really don't like it. Please don't allow these products in any public places or to be sold in Sunnyvale. They are not safe for anyone. Make it extremely difficult for these products to fall into the hands of our youth and stiffen the penalties for those caught selling them!

I teach middle school in Sunnyvale and have observed vaping as a problem at our middle schools. I support measures to help minimize access to vaping materials.

I work in a middle school and see vaping on the rise. I hope it will be banned statewide. Thank you!

I would like to see all e-cigarettes banned.

From what I have read and what I see when I am out shopping, at concerts, etc., young people are definitely using these products and they are not safe. As we have restricted their access to regular tobacco, we should restrict their access to these flavored products, too.

Studies have shown that flavored tobacco products have more appeal to kids and more likely to result in them getting addicted to these products.

This is an extremely important public health issue. The kids are targeted by enticing flavors and they don't understand the dangers and highly addictive nature of nicotine. They may be less attracted to the products if regular tobacco flavor is sold instead of the candy flavors.

I would also like all flavored products to be prohibited, menthol, tobacco flavored. I know there are some flavors that are sometimes excluded but I believe all of them are appealing to teenagers.

For people who don't smoke or know anything about vaping should do a little more research about it. A lot of people have quite smoking because of this. All this drama about people dying is not compared to people smoking cigarettes.

Target stores selling to minors, sting operations to identify the stores selling to minors take those stores away. I've been using a vape for a few years with no health issues. Switching from cigarette to a vape I noticed I was able to breath easier and I felt healthier. My smokers cough went away with this switch. Flavored vape juice is not the problem. Stores selling to minors are, as well as

harmful chemicals put in the THC cartridges that are sold on the black market. That is what harmed those people and killed a few, not vapes or vape juice or flavored vape juice.

I'm 21. Vaping is not a crime.

I work in a vape shop, regardless of how old people look I ID cause you never know how old the person is. 21 and older is the law and I will stick to that.

I smoked cigarettes for 3 years then switched to electronic cigarettes and is currently still using them. The affects after using an e-cigarette compared to a cigarette, I do not have difficulty breathing nor do I feel any withdrawals.

I know it's easy for a person under 21 to buy these type of products because my son has bought them & he is not 21yrs old & he is hooked. He started vaping sometime in high school & he is now in his 3rd year of college. I think the flavored liquids get the kids hooked, because they taste good & it's "fun" to try different flavors. The "fun" flavors are very deceiving into tricking the kids into thinking it's harmless. Case in point, my son would never smoke a cigarette. He can't stand the smell of the smoke & knows how bad it is for him. However, vaping using the flavors is not disgusting to him. It's just recently come into the spotlight on how bad vaping is for you. I'm glad they have commercials to remind kids who haven't tried it yet!

I asked my son to stop as soon as I discovered he was vaping & he promised me he would, but he still hasn't & I'm sure he has tried. Kids, even the smart ones like my son, don't realize how addicting these types of products can be. I'm really worried about the effects it's having on his body & worry about how it'll affect him in the long run.

I am very upset that these products are so easy to buy & are sold in Sunnyvale! I would definitely like them banned in Sunnyvale.

It's extremely difficult for smokers to quit from smoking cigarettes, non-smokers would probably never be able to understand. And flavor is the key factor that helps smokers to quit from cigarette so fast, because it makes cigarette smokers forget about the disgusting taste of traditional cigarettes. I'm not saying that vaping is good nor better than smoking cigarettes, it would be the best if people don't do them both. However, I strongly recommend cigarettes smokers to know more about vape, because his or her life could change from now on. And I have noticed that most of the people who submitted the survey and supports the ban are either non-smoker or have never tried any of the product, and I think City of Sunnyvale needs to listen to more voices or it's going to be strongly biased.

Being honest, I don't think banning the flavor is going to work. Even if all Smokeshops or Vaporshops were closed in Sunnyvale, youths would still be able to purchase. Because youths are usually getting their products online. Most websites has very loose age verification, which allows anyone, any age able to purchase. Non like in the physical store, we always check IDs and prevent youth from getting it. Which means banning the flavor isn't going to bring any change. They might still be able get them from surrounding cities since Sunnyvale is so small, and surrounding City like Mountain View and Santa Clara are not banning them yet, which would lead customers to go to other city. People who wants to get them would still be able to get them, for those who don't know where to get might starts to mix their own vape liquid, which is more dangerous. So the flavor ban very likely wouldn't bring any actual change. What city should does is enforce the regulation, and punish those who are selling to minors and making this industry looks bad. Moreover, the ban would probably create a black market, which makes it even harder for City of Sunnyvale to regulate and monitor the market.

Lastly, there was never any evidence which showing flavored tobacco product or electronic cigarettes cause any harm to its user. Even the CDC had already declared that the key which caused lung disease or death was the Vitamin E acetate found in Marijuana/THC liquid, which is the type of substance vape store does not sell. Meanwhile that the Marijuana industry and Vape industry are two completely different industry. There are too many political manipulation behind of the flavor ban, anyone who digs deep would notice that. Because big tobacco companies are just way too big, they are like the invisible hand behind of this. Because Vape is such an effective alternative that's able to substitutes and allows people to quit from traditional cigarettes; it's just not fair that people are just blindly blame everything on flavored tobacco or Vape but ignore the real causes. All thanks to Vape that the U.S. Smoking rate is hitting new low every year. Nothing can be banned, what's better than banning one thing is to have a more enforced and practical regulation. For example, the constitutional ban of alcoholic beverage between 1920 to 1933, it created even more social issues and big black market as well.

I have never expected that City of Sunnyvale, the heart of Silicon Valley, the center of innovation would ban Vape or flavored tobacco products. All the biggest name among vape industry were originated from here: Juul, Pax, etc.,. I once read an article refers Vape as the #2 most remarkable invention in the past decade, worth to mention that #1 was 3D Printer and Vape was the only daily life invention on the list.

Thank you for your time for reading my comment, I truly appreciate if City of Sunnyvale could re-think about the ban and let more people in the city, in the neighborhood to understand more about the fact of what's going on.

I love my vape shop, they have the best prices & I wouldn't want to lose it!

why ban vaping ? teens drink teens smoke cigarettes we just going to ban everything now? black market exists.. you want us to just go back to killing yourself with cigarettes?

I have quit using all tobacco products solely with the help of flavored e-cigarettes. I had previously smoked cigarettes since I was 15 years old and was told by my doctor I had to quit for the sake of my lungs. Without e-cigarettes I would still be smoking. E-cigarettes have actually saved lives, please do not overlook that.

If people elect to smoke, that's their business. Laws are already in place to stop underage people from purchasing/smoking cigarettes and to stop people from smoking in instances where it might harm others (eg indoors). We should ensure that existing laws are being enforced rather than outright banning them. If it's generally agreed that alcohol distribution can be managed, then there's no reason why we can't do the same for vaping.

I am an adult and former smoker for over 10 years. Vaping changed my life. My health has dramatically improved according to my doctor who fully supports me switching to vaping.

Furthmore, like alcohol and actual tobacco leaf products (cigarettes), I support a hard age limit. All the same, I believe similar rules should apply. Liquor stores who obey the law do not sell to youth, but just because some might, that doesn't mean I want liquor banned across the board. Banning vaping and vape stores is impeding on my freedom to choose what I put in my body and the decisions I should be aloud to make regarding health. I don't support teens vaping and believe that the government should address it, but not through sweeping bans that only effect people like me, as teens will still find a way, as they always do, to get access to things they aren't allowed to have.

Vapes are a highly addictive disaster. Ban 'em!

The problem with flavored tobacco product is its difficult for parents to find if the kid is smoking or not. I do oppose selling any kind of cigarette as studies show they are the hardest substance addiction to quit. I hope this would be a start of end rather than end to ban all tobacco products.

My son is in middle school in Sunnyvale and says there are so many kids vaping at school daily. Any time he good in a bathroom there are kids vaping.

I really appreciated that Sunnyvale city is considering tobacco ban on Sunnyvale. But why only on Sunnyvale? Why don't city council talk to neighboring city for similar ban? When you ban, ban with other cities, counties, and more. Just banning in Sunnyvale won't ban the tobacco users to buy as tobacco will be available in neighboring cities; if not in walking distance; in driving distance in minutes. Although the tobacco sale for any types of business is less than 5%, with this ban only in

Sunnyvale will push to loose more than 20% of business and customers for all business who serves customers in border of other cities. Really, appreciated for our city to think little broader way of banning tobacco products instead of limiting the sale in only our city. I am not suggesting not to ban the flavored tobacco; but ban together with neighboring cities, counties, and states. Until then let us know how can we as business owners/employees serve the communities better; we are always together with the city as always.

The law is for no sales of flavored products to any one under 21. If people under 21 are buying at shops then it is an enforcement issue and Sunnyvale Public safety needs to do a better job of closing shops selling to minors down. We can make it easier for them by having a zero tolerance caught once selling to minors and your business license is revoked forever policy. I have seen grown adults who used to smoke packs a day of cigarettes ween themselves away from cigarettes with the use of E cigarettes products and better for it. 95% of "vaping deaths" have been related to illegally manufactured marijuana products anyways. The banning of a product for all people of all ages seems to go against basic American freedoms to have the right to choose as adults over 21. Freedom is about having the right to choose after all.

This isn't rocket science, ban the products and be done with it. Just treat it like alcohol, under 21 no tobacco period.

I do not personally smoke FLAVORED tobacco, unfortunately having a ban like this might make things worse. Things like underground selling and using of said products. Could cause more problems than it's worth. Keeping products like these available also help those like I to ween off smoking cigarettes. Thank you for your time.

I oppose the ban on vape products. I quit smoking 3 years ago and switched to vaping. I vape with a very low dose of nicotine. (3mg)

I believe banning vape products is going to create a bigger problem for our youth. It's going to force them to the black market where products could be unsafe. I also believe that most vape stores uphold the laws and closely pay attention to who is buying and properly ID all persons in the store. This ban is just going to make things worse!!

There are already laws to prevent youth from purchasing/using tobacco products. Strictly enforce those laws.

Analogy: Alcohol is illegal for persons under 21. Should we illegalize the sale of all sweetened/fruity alcohol products because they may attract minors to drink? This proposed law only impacts adults who may wish to legally purchase these products, and does not reduce the number of youth who may attempt to purchase these products.

Vaping saved me from cigarettes and i feel alot better vaping because i dont smell bad and i still have the same feeling that i get with smoking. Make it harder for kids to get it but dont stop legal adults from there right.

It is very alarming to know the dangers of flavored tobacco products. I think people (especially youth) do not understand the true dangers of such products. Also though many are just tobacco some tobacco products are also combined with THC increasing the danger. The flavored tobacco products are strategically packaged to appeal to youth and are easily accessible. I would highly support this proposed law.

I have school-aged kids and strongly support the ban of sales of any flavored tobacco products in Sunnyvale.

1) While I totally agree with your desire to keep tobacco products out of the hands of those not old enough to make their own decisions about whether or not they choose to use them, I do not understand nor do I agree with taking action to limit access for adults who are old enough to make that decision. That is like saying that because some teenagers sneak off in their parents' car and are injured in an accident, nobody should be allowed to drive..

2) How is the appeal of flavored tobacco products any different from the appeal of flavored alcohol products to minors? Yet I have heard nothing about any proposed law prohibiting the sale of wines, liqueurs, beer/ale or malt liquors. According to the National Institute of Health, minors account for 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United states and it has deemed underage drinking serious public health threat. Just like alcohol, there is a legal age limit of 21 required to purchase tobacco products. And Just like alcohol, minors find a way to get their hands on tobacco. We impose fines on establishments caught selling to minors and punish the minors for their use of alcohol. We should follow the same protocol as alcohol and punish minors caught using tobacco products the same way..

While I think we can all agree that neither of these products are appropriate for young people, who do not understand the health consequences of alcohol or tobacco use, we should all agree that using the law to police this principle, at the expense of the personal choice freedoms of those who are of age to make that choice for themselves, is very inappropriate,. If we start writing laws for everything that we don't want our children to participate in, despite the effect on the rights of those around us, we have lost sight of the basic concept of respect and consideration and discarded the freedom of choice that this country was built on.

A ban on selling flavored tobacco products in Sunnyvale to reduce appeal to minors is ridiculous. I haven't used a tobacco product myself for 13 years, but I still have plenty of friends in their 40s

who smoke. Many of these 40 year old smokers use flavored products. I would far rather smell the strawberry tobacco product my neighbor uses than regular tobacco which turns my stomach. I don't like tobacco and I feel it is a killer, but you will have much more success with stopping sales to minors with undercover operations to store owners rather than some silly ban which will affect many adults. Please keep selling flavored tobacco products legal in Sunnyvale. Thank you.

I smoke cigarette almost all my adult life. I suffer consequences a lot. I am 73 years old. Four years ago I found e- cigarette flavored blueberry and switched from extra light menthol cigarettes to flavored e- cigarette. It made very positive effect on my health. Now I received from NJOY manufacturer of my e-cigarette that they no longer can send me my flavor. I have to quit that too... In my close family 3 out of 4 smokers switched to e- cigarette... Please don't take that option from cigarette smokers. It makes big impact on smokers health...

I agree that flavored tobacco products are more appealing to kids. And flavored products probably also encourage use in adults as well. I probably wish they didn't exist, but they do, and I suspect that if you limit sales in Sunnyvale, they'll just go somewhere else and Sunnyvale will lose the opportunity for that sales business.

And, it is true I seem to see more people vaping than I previously saw smoking cigarettes, but it would be much worse to have to smell their tobacco.... so, long story short, I'm not sure how I feel about this proposal.

Flavored vape has allowed me a healthy option to quit smoking cigarettes. This store has been here and has always had a positive relationship with the community.

Vaping is still better then cigarettes which I have smoked for over 30 years.

The disposing vapes were a good way for me to stop smoking cigarettes. It really helped

As a previous adult smoker that has quit I think making flavored vape products difficult to access will only increase the number of adult smokers in the area. I would also argue that the smell and other issues associated with regular cigarettes is more disruptive and unhealthy.

Stores in Sunnyvale are good about not selling to youth, it is mostly online sales.

Vaping helps in harm reduction

Helps to quit smoking

Please don't close up the shop we love the vape shop

Online vape stores need to be regulated not in store.

Flavored tobacco is an alternative to regular tobacco and helped me quit smoking cigarettes. To prevent teens smoking, just keep increasing the legal age and start enforcing the already existing law.

These are absolutely legal products that adults can buy. Limiting them because of hand-wringing fear about children using them is government overstep. Make the fines harsher for places that sell to minors, or to adults who give them to minors, or to the parents/guardians of children caught with them.

This survey is extremely flawed in its structure, and seems to be geared toward portraying an image of flavored "tobacco" products that is not supported by the available body of research on this topic, and one that is trying to demonize this product.

I was a pack or more a day cigarette smoker for over fifteen years (I started smoking CIGARETTES at age 13), and the only thing that enabled me to quit was flavored vapor products. I tried every other alternative on the market, and every quitting aid available. So, to me, these products are much better than tobacco.

Also, I don't think the opinion of random people with regard to "how easy it is for a child to obtain flavored tobacco products" is in any way valid. I think Kenny G is a great musician, but that doesn't actually make that true - does it? Unless I'm a music expert, in which case I have valid experience to make that determination. So, why are we not getting valid inputs from medical professionals (not just the Santa Clara Public Health Dept.) with no biased affiliation? That would be a MUCH better source of input, and would provide some actual information with which to make a decision like this that impacts many adults as well as children.

Since I started vaping I have stopped smoking cigarettes.

Vaping should be allowed to the 21 and older only , enforce ID strong ID Checks

I was previously a heavy tobacco smoker. Vaping has helped both my fiancé and I get off actual cigarettes.

I was personally a 1 pack a day smoker now I'm less than half a tank per day smoker and completely off tobacco.

I fully believe that it helps individuals get off actual cigarettes. And all vape shops that I have visited are very diligent on checking the age of their customers.

This has helped me to completely quit smoking cigarettes and I've been 100% smoke free since 1-1-20. I couldn't have quit without my vaping device. Vaping also allows me to step down my nicotine levels step by step in which I'm down to 6mg from much higher.

I 100% agree that we should keep tobacco products out of the hands of youth, and that we should be discouraging people from starting tobacco use at all. However, I disagree with sweeping bans like this that could have a negative impact on folks who are trying to practice harm reduction (such as moving their use from cigarettes to vaping).

See e.g.

<http://www.casaa.org/what-is-tobacco-harm-reduction/>

<https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-018-0237-7>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29718475>

Also, keep in mind that you can't stop something you don't like from happening just by banning it.

As a side note, it is clear from other comments that some folks taking this survey are not aware that the proposed ban is for ALL users, not just users under 21. This confusion exists to the extent that it calls into question the validity of the result of the support/oppose question.

I'm a law abiding tax paying citizen. What makes you think denying me the right to legally purchase something will stop kids from getting it? Your ban will do nothing to stop kids from getting what they want. Why don't you let parents police their kids and stay out of the way?

Vaping helped me stop smoking!!! Sunnyvale should not be imposing nanny state laws that will actually be harming their current and former smoking population. Banning this will harm people's health not help.

Vape helped me quit smoking, banning them is definitely not the best solution! City of Sunnyvale should've enforce its regulation instead of banning vape!

Vaping helped me quit

Please don't ban vape shop. This helped me stop chewing tobacco and helped my gums heal in the process. Vaping saves lives.

Vaping has helped me stop smoking.

Vaping has helped me quit cigarettes.

Seeking a way to stop this habit as I don't really vape that much but it is not a good habit I would say.

Helped me quit cigarettes and the mayor of my home city released false info on vapor products but got money from tobacco companies.

There are no carcinogens. Vaping doesn't target kids, it simply offers a variety of flavors, as does Alcohol.

Please do not ban flavored electronic cigarettes and eliquids because a lot of smokers were only able to get away from traditional tobacco cigarettes by using flavored eliquids..Banning flavored eliquds will force smokers to go back to traditional smoking or buy the flavored products from somewhere else. The best approach is to enforce the age verification law in local stores!

I think there are very few places in Sunnyvale which sell it and the places which sell already ID strictly.

By flavored tobacco I also mean mentholated/ mint products. These are appealing to teens/ new users.

I strongly believe that the sale of flavored tobacco products should be prohibited, especially near the school area. Even though students are not allowed to buy tobacco products, all the ads posted at retailers attract them and encourages them to try the products.

Helps me stay calm and off cigarettes which I used to be addicted to, cigarettes are what killed my grandfather and this only makes it harder to stop cigarettes.

Banning things is bad. It's even worse when it's something where the likely alternative, normal tobacco, is more likely to be used with worse results.

Vaping helps me reduce of my smoking cigarettes habits

If flavored tobacco products are banned in Sunnyvale, legal users of such products may have to resort to ordering online from potentially untrustworthy distributors, or, worse yet, manufacturing their own "vape liquid", resulting in more potential health risks. Please consider the unintended consequences of such a ban.

I know many will think that because I am considered "old" but I grew up in the era of drugs. Weed and LSD. Children are drawn to experiment with such thing and do not understand the long term affects and effect of this. Wheat we can do to educate and protect them, is our responsibility.

Helps me quick smoking

E cigarettes have changed my life when I started using them exclusively in 2009. I never smoked a tobacco cigarette ever since. I am healthy, fit, no breathing issues, do sports and fully participate in life without thinking of where and when I could smoke my next cigarette again. I don't smoke flavors but want it to be a choice for adults. I don't believe in prohibition as prohibition has proven throughout history that it just sparks crime and illegal actions. Look at European countries which

have a much more relaxed view about alcohol and tobacco products. They have less addiction problems than the US - by FAR. Please keep vaping age at 21 but please do not prohibit e cigs or flavored liquid for adults.

Vape products should not be considered as tobacco products since there is no tobacco in vape products.

Great store and products. Please do not take this product from us. It's a free county last time I checked

Vaping has helped me greatly to reduce smoking significantly and quit it eventually. It is a great alternative to smoking. It's all advantages and much less harmful as compared to smoking. If something is most harmful, they are the cigarettes. Try to get a ban on them instead of the politically/money (by tobacco and pharmaceutical industries) motivated race to ban vaping as it is chewing heavily on their business.

Vaping is definitely a great alternative to cigarettes and I don't want to go back to cigarettes. Please do not impose this ban.

Being in retail, e cigarettes have helped me reduce the amount of cigarette intake. I am able to get my nicotine intake with out bothering any customers with the odor of cigarettes

It has stopped me from smoking cigarettes. I would buy 2 packs a week and I have minimized that greatly.

Better than smoking cigarettes.

Vaping has helped me quit smoking. I've been able to decrease nicotine level gradually over the past two years.

The U.S. Surgeon General and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration have stated that e-cigarette use among youth has reached epidemic levels with a dramatic increase of e-cigarette use among middle and high school students. The use of e-cigarettes is unsafe and has negative health effects on teens and young adults and is a pathway to the use of combustible cigarettes. Tobacco use remains a leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Dispensing kid-friendly flavors have greatly contributed to the increased use among youth and should be discontinued for public health reasons.

If Sunnyvale city prohibit the sell of flavor tobacco to avoid under age smoking, but I'm pretty sure they will find a way to buy from other cities or under ground sellers. This law only will effect us

who's been smoking flavor tobacco for many years and now we will have to buy them from different cities or states. Also, it will increase crimes and violence because flavor tobacco in the streets, for example: Oakland crimes percentage dropped by making marijuana legally to buy from certified licensed stores. I think if the Sunnyvale city only allows flavor tobacco to be sold at certain stores only like smoke shops that only allows over 21 of age to enter

Using flavor cigarettes helped me quit smoking And I have been smoking for the last 20 years

Restrict it don't ban it because I'll hit the black market if it gets banned!and the city will lose a lot of taxes! Just have the shops that are 21+ years old to enter that will be the best option from my point of view.

Vaping helps support people to quit cigarettes which are much more harmful to your health.

Government overreaching

The reality is that a well-regulated attitude towards drugs has always worked better than bans. This is especially true for electronic vaping devices as devices sold on the street have been strongly linked to the cases of lipid pneumonia throughout the country.

This is a stupid law to try and pass, this country is supposed to be a democracy and you are trying to control what we do with our bodies.

Don't ban it....ban the cigs

I didn't want this to remove from any store

Prohibition or banning of these products will surely be counter-productive and encourage black market trade of these products. This would only cause health issues if products are unregulated etc.

Unfortunately, Federal policy makers have failed to appropriately regulate the emerging electronic cigarette market place. This lack of oversight has resulted in a runaway industry that has routinely forgone good practices in pursuit of profit. The failure to regulate these products prior to being introduced to the public for mass consumption has also placed undue burden on state and local policy makers across the country. I thank our local elected officials for taking time to consider what is best for Sunnyvale with the current absence of a regulatory system.

The FDA gave the industry a chance to continue to market products released before August 8, 2016 without pre-market approval and required that all products released after this date begin the FDA pre-market approval process before being released. Basically, the FDA said you can release new products so long as you've concurrently submitted an application for market approval. What

did the manufacturers, distributors and retailers do? They continued to flood the market with thousands of new products without submitting a single application for approval. Essentially the industry ignored the FDA as well as the potential safety concerns related to the untested products and took brought new products to market daily. This is the same industry now up in arms making the point of over regulation. When in fact there's been no regulation to date and the minimal guidelines set forth have been completely ignored by the industry.

You'll often hear proponents of electronic cigarettes and flavored tobacco suggest that 'bans' lead to a black market activity. Unfortunately, the entire market place is a black market. Nearly ALL of the electronic cigarette products being sold at our retailers here in Sunnyvale are ILLEGAL. Our local merchants have continued to sell products released after August 8, 2016 making them illegally marketed products. There is no excuse for this illegal activity, it is the responsibility of manufacturer, distributor and here locally the retailer to know if the products in their warehouses and on their shelves are in compliance and legal.

The newest and most addictive form of eliquid solution 'nic salts' commonly found in pod systems and the newest rage 'disposables' have all been released after Aug. 8, 2016. For what reason have our local merchants continued to stock and sell products they know are illegal?

Take a look at the popular product 'Puff Bar' which along with imitators have surpassed Juul in popularity amongst the youth. No one knows where these products actually come from, nor which are authentic and which are not. There is no way to tell which is 'real' yet you can buy them "legally" here in Sunnyvale. Scary, considering both 'real' and 'fake' are untested, unregulated and illegally imported from China. Why do our local merchants sell these particular products?

This is pure speculation, but I find it hard to believe that the industry is built solely on ex-smokers trying to quit combustible cigarettes. One look at our communities most prominent vapor outlet's social media account and one can see models in lingerie holding products with names like THOT Juice. That's an acronym for That Hoe Over There. Do adult smokers need these type products to quit smoking? How about the video game machines located inside the establishment on El Camino... also necessary to quit? Do you think teens look forward to going inside?

Bottom line is there is a reason we didn't allow flavored cigarettes to market. We shouldn't allow flavored nicotine products of any sort.

It's not about 'carding' people, it's about an expectation that products on store shelves, especially the type that are inhaled and extremely addictive have undergone some sort of approval process. That is a basic assumption every consumer makes.

Regardless of anyone's personal opinion, including mine, the fact remains that nearly ALL the flavored electronic cigarette products being sold in Sunnyvale are illegal tobacco products.

I hope council elects to curbe the illegal marketplace and only allow for approved products to be sold within city limits.

While I understand the sentiment of keeping tobacco and nicotine away from kids, strong enforcement of existing laws is a better approach than trying to outright ban things. I started smoking as a teen and was able to because of lack of enforcement, not because my favorite flavor was available.

Banning flavor tobacco will bring more issues and concern to our community by what would the youth do for fun at parties and events. At my job, we celebrated New Years by having flavored hookah tobacco and alcohol. Few of my coworkers got drunk while the rest were having fun smoking hookah, at the end of the celebrations we were so worried about those who were drinking and we made sure they get home safe, while those who were smoking hookah we didn't have to worry about them. My point is that we need to have something for the youth to do instead of drinking alcohol. If we ban flavor tobacco today state wide, I'm pretty sure our youth will find something else to smoke tomorrow even if it's illegal. We need to make sure we keep our youth record clean and by making new law. We have to consider that our youth will get more addicted to flavor tobacco when the ban starts because they want to show off. The best solution will to designate certain places to sell flavor tobacco, and be very strict with those stores to only sell to over 21.

This help me quit smoking cigarettes

My kids also go to school in Sunnyvale and i strongly oppose any sales of any Tobacco in Sunnyvale.

Somehow it doesn't seem right to me to blame innocent businesses and customers and make them pay for someone else's crimes or social ills. Do we ban the sale of certain alcoholic drinks in Sunnyvale for everyone because of underage drinkers, or the sale of certain cars because of underage drivers? Who gets to decide? By what right? It is a very slippery slope that, if extended, could infringe upon the rights of law-abiding adults. It seems to me that banning the sale of all flavored tobacco is a blanket, knee-jerk, feel-good reaction because business owners and their customers are defenseless, and it's ok to violate their rights because we are the majority and we know better. By what right do we use government coercion to force their minds and prevent a voluntary transaction which is contrary to their own judgement? Furthermore, I don't think banning flavored tobacco sales in Sunnyvale will dissuade kids from obtaining or using tobacco products.

The main problem I see is that these contraband are being brought mainly to school and shared among students, which is already illegal. I suggest that K9 sweeps and vape detectors at the schools, as well as a zero-tolerance policy with stiff punishments for bringing contraband on campus, would make schools far more safer for kids, and be far more effective at curbing illegal tobacco use by kids, than banning outright the sale of something that is, and ought to remain, legal for consenting adults.