

Smokefree Areas

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Summary Of Responses

As of November 16, 2020, 11:29 AM, this forum had:

Attendees: 377
Responses: 296
Hours of Public Comment: 14.8

Topic Start







October 2, 2020, 1:59 PM

Topic End

November 16, 2020, 11:29 AM

QUESTION 1

Tell us about yourself. (Check all that apply)

		%	Count
I live in Cupertino		97.6%	289
I work in Cupertino		17.2%	51
I own or operate a business in Cupertino		5.1%	15
I attend school in Cupertino or have a student attending school in Cupertino		14.5%	43
I own or manage a building with two or more residential units in Cupertino		2.0%	6
None of the above		0.7%	2

QUESTION 2

Do you live in multi-unit housing? For the purposes of this survey, multi-unit housing is defined as housing with two or more attached residences and includes apartments, duplexes, condominiums, townhouses, and attached single-family homes.

		%	Count
Yes		28.0%	83
No		72.0%	213

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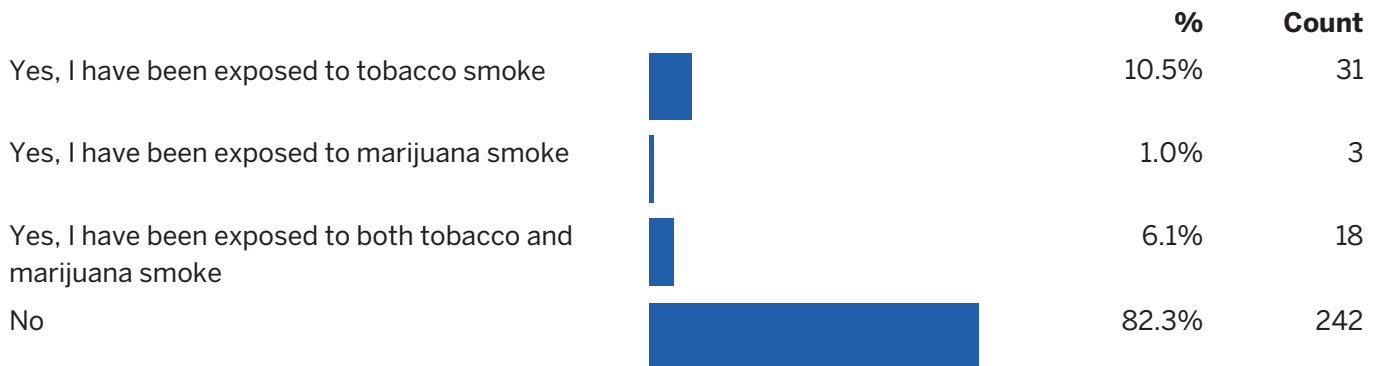
QUESTION 3

Does your housing complex have a policy to prohibit smoking *inside* your unit, apartment, condominium, or townhouse?



QUESTION 4

In the past 30 days, have you been exposed to secondhand smoke inside your home? (Secondhand smoke is smoke that comes from someone else using a tobacco or marijuana product.)



QUESTION 5

In the past 30 days, how often have you noticed secondhand smoke (either tobacco or marijuana smoke) drifting into your home?







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		%	Count
Sometimes		40.4%	21
Often		34.6%	18
Almost Always		13.5%	7

QUESTION 6

Where do you think that secondhand smoke drifted into your home from? (Mark all that apply)

		%	Count
Outside (through the windows, balconies, vents, etc.)		75.0%	39
Another unit (through the wall, ceiling, floor or ventilation system)		30.8%	16
Not sure		11.5%	6
Other		21.2%	11

QUESTION 7

Do you think smoking should be prohibited in the following locations?

Within 25 feet of entrances, exits, and windows to buildings where smoking is prohibited indoors? This would apply to businesses, offices, grocery stores, restaurants, bars, places of worship, etc.

		%	Count
Yes		91.2%	270
No		8.4%	25
Not sure		0.3%	1

Within 25 feet of “service areas”, such as lines outside of stores, transit stops, or ATMs?

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**Within 25 feet from doors and windows of multi-unit housing?**

QUESTION 8

Do you think prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of the above locations is adequate?

QUESTION 9

Do you think smoking should be prohibited in the following:**At outdoor public events like farmers' markets and concerts?**

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**In outdoor common areas of multi-unit housing, such as walkways, courtyards, pool areas, etc.?****Inside all units within multi-unit housing, including private balconies and patios?****In outdoor worksites such as construction sites?**

QUESTION 10

In addition to the measures suggested above, Cupertino already prohibits smoking in recreational areas (parks,

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trails, sports facilities, etc.), outdoor dining areas, and within 25 feet of restaurants. Are there any other areas in the City where you think smoking should be prohibited?



QUESTION 11

Where else in Cupertino should smoking be prohibited?

Answered	113
Skipped	183

QUESTION 12

Do you smoke tobacco or cannabis products?



QUESTION 13

What is your age?



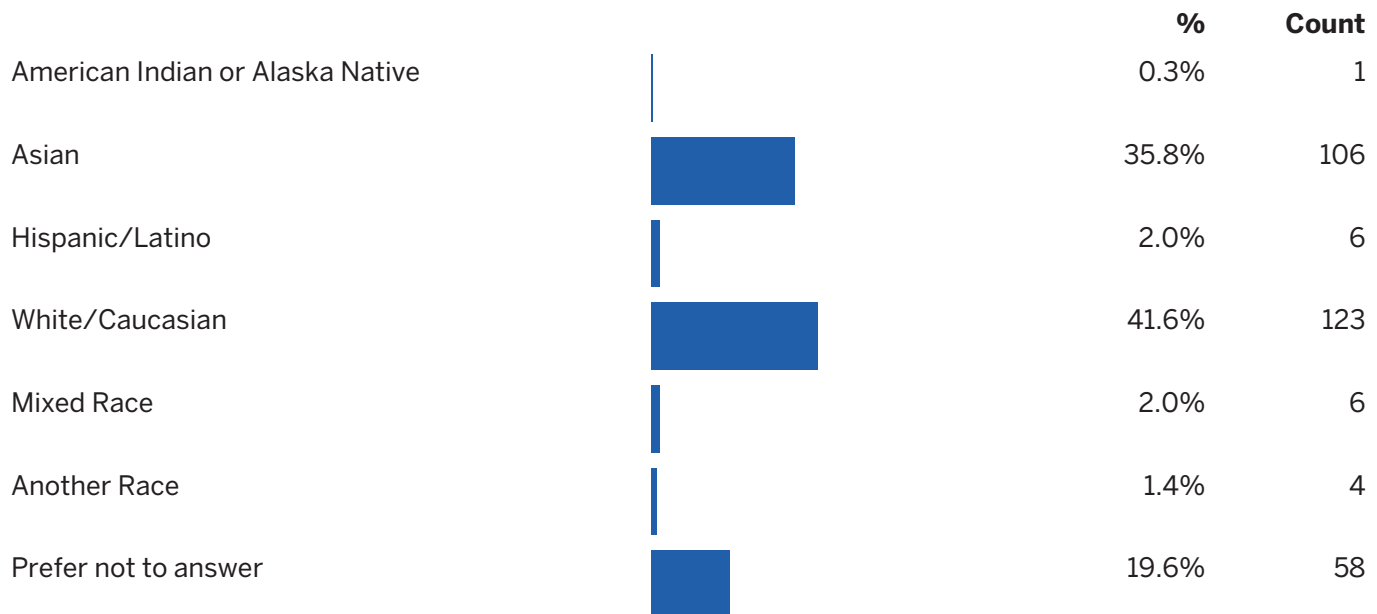
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QUESTION 14

What category best describes your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)



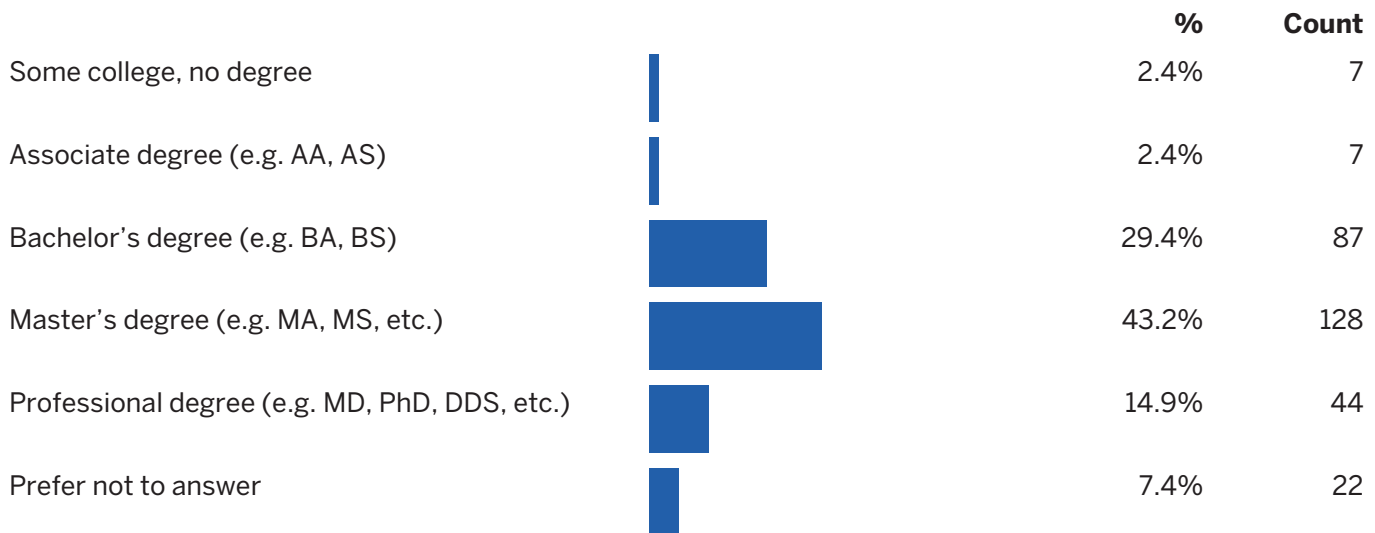
QUESTION 15

What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Your answer will not be shown publicly)



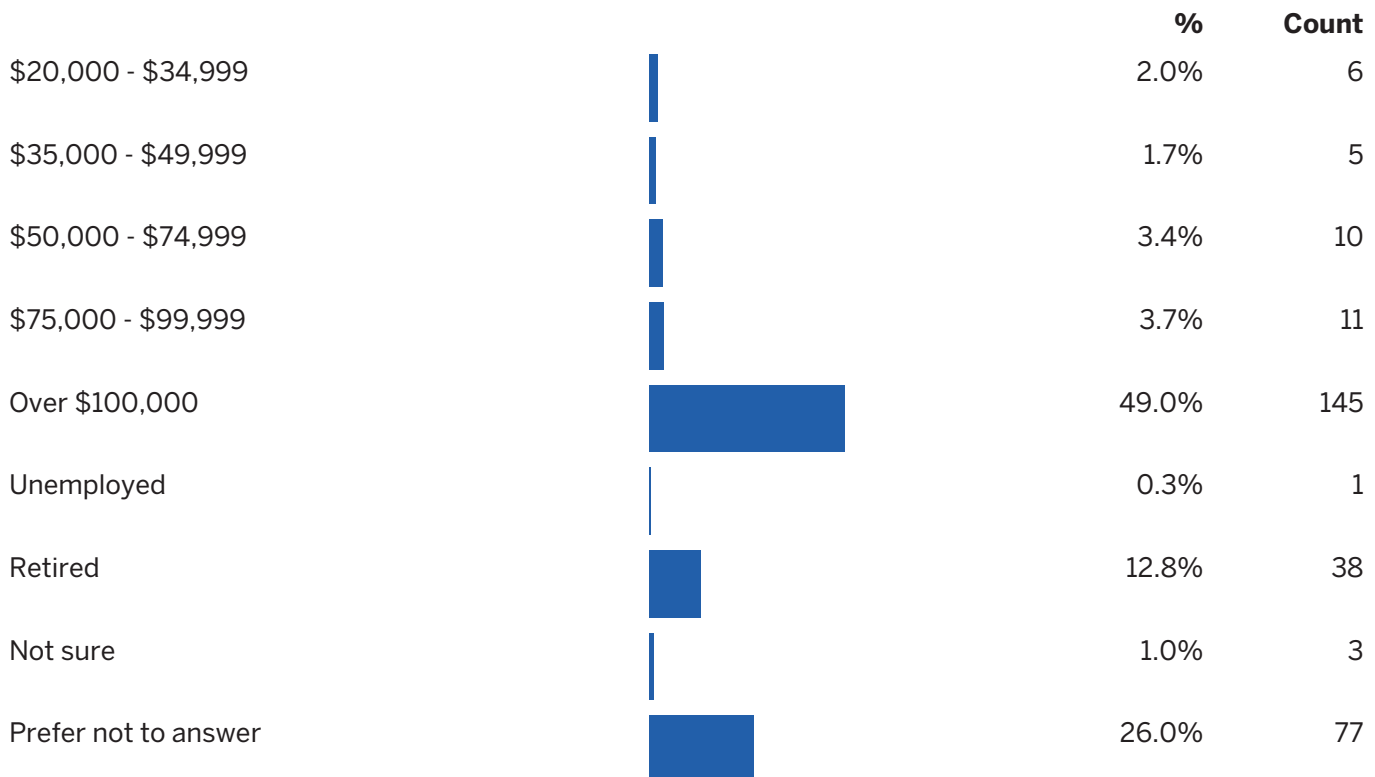
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QUESTION 16

What is your approximate yearly household income? (Your answer will not be shown publicly)



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QUESTION 17

Please provide additional comments if you have any:

Answered	76
Skipped	220

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Tell us about yourself. (Check all that apply)

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- I work in Cupertino
- I own or operate a business in Cupertino
- I attend school in Cupertino or have a student attending school in Cupertino
- I own or manage a building with two or more residential units in Cupertino
- None of the above

QUESTION 2

Do you live in multi-unit housing? For the purposes of this survey, multi-unit housing is defined as housing with two or more attached residences and includes apartments, duplexes, condominiums, townhouses, and attached single-family homes.

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 3

Does your housing complex have a policy to prohibit smoking *inside* your unit, apartment, condominium, or townhouse?

- Yes, tobacco and marijuana smoking are prohibited
- Yes, only tobacco smoking is prohibited
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 4

In the past 30 days, have you been exposed to secondhand smoke inside your home? (Secondhand smoke is smoke that comes from someone else using a tobacco or marijuana product.)

- Yes, I have been exposed to tobacco smoke
- Yes, I have been exposed to marijuana smoke
- Yes, I have been exposed to both tobacco and marijuana smoke
- No

QUESTION 5

In the past 30 days, how often have you noticed secondhand smoke (either tobacco or marijuana smoke) drifting into your home?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Often
- Almost Always

QUESTION 6

Where do you think that secondhand smoke drifted into your home from? (Mark all that apply)

- Outside (through the windows, balconies, vents, etc.)
- Another unit (through the wall, ceiling, floor or ventilation system)
- Not sure
- Other

QUESTION 7

Do you think smoking should be prohibited in the following locations?

Row choices

- Within 25 feet of entrances, exits, and windows to buildings where smoking is prohibited indoors? This would apply to businesses, offices, grocery stores, restaurants, bars, places of worship, etc.
- Within 25 feet of "service areas", such as lines outside of stores, transit stops, or ATMs?
- Within 25 feet from doors and windows of multi-unit housing?

Column choices

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

QUESTION 8

Do you think prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of the above locations is adequate?

- Yes, 25 feet is adequate
- No, should be 20 feet
- No, should be 30 feet or more
- No, prohibiting smoking within any distance is not necessary
- Not sure

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QUESTION 9

Do you think smoking should be prohibited in the following:

Row choices

- At outdoor public events like farmers' markets and concerts?
- In outdoor common areas of multi-unit housing, such as walkways, courtyards, pool areas, etc.?
- Inside all units within multi-unit housing, including private balconies and patios?
- In outdoor worksites such as construction sites?

Column choices

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

- 45 to 64
- 65+
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 14

What category best describes your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- White/Caucasian
- Mixed Race
- Another Race
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 10

In addition to the measures suggested above, Cupertino already prohibits smoking in recreational areas (parks, trails, sports facilities, etc.), outdoor dining areas, and within 25 feet of restaurants. Are there any other areas in the City where you think smoking should be prohibited?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

QUESTION 11

Where else in Cupertino should smoking be prohibited?

QUESTION 15

What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Your answer will not be shown publicly)

- Less than a high school diploma
- High school degree or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate degree (e.g. AA, AS)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS)
- Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, etc.)
- Professional degree (e.g. MD, PhD, DDS, etc.)
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 12

Do you smoke tobacco or cannabis products?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 16

What is your approximate yearly household income? (Your answer will not be shown publicly)

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$34,999
- \$35,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- Over \$100,000
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Not sure
- Prefer not to answer

QUESTION 13

What is your age?

- 17 or younger
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44

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QUESTION 17

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Second hand smoke has caused serious health issues for me personally. (Especially Asthma) So I think this is a serious issue and would love to see Cupertino make the laws much stricter, especially as far as attached homes and common areas go.

Hope Cupertino will be a leader in this area. Thank you for looking into this

1. Ban the sale or use of cannabis in any 711 or other store in Cupertino. 2. Conduct surprise checks on 711 and other gas station stores to keep cannabis out. 3 Suspend any school kids found using cannabis.

More education on tobacco health risk in schools. Higher taxes on tobacco sales. Enforcement of present rules.

My parents smoked, & it probably contributed to my COPD. I understand the frustration of living with 2nd-hand smoke, but worry about totally infringing on the rights of those who choose to smoke. If we say, "this multi-unit dwelling is no-smoking", where do smokers live? There's a danger of creating a separate class of smokers, who would have their basic rights severely limited.

We should support vaping as a replacement for cigarettes anywhere possible.

smoking has been proven to be very dangerous. I am amazed so many people still smoke. its a dirty and unsafe habit. other people should not be subjected to it.

Appreciate this effort!

Discouraging smoking in a reasonable fashion is appropriate and makes more sense than an outright ban in all cases.

SMOKING IN PARKING LOTS, OUTSIDE STORES, OR ANY PUBLIC PLACE SHOULD HAVE DISTANCE GUIDELINES. SMOKE TRAVELS AND IT SMELL AWFUL

I wish to see Cupertino as smoke free city with no cigarettes or weed selling in the city.

It is Unclear if this applies only to smoking or not. I think it should apply to all tobacco products such as hooka and vape.

Hazardous air comes from more then smoking. Please immediately ban: gas leaf blowers (Saratoga does), and other gas operated garden tools while you are at it. Please enforce SMOG rules. Many arrogant owners bribe corrupt STAR SMOG inspectors to bypass the rules. thx

I am an environmental scientist & government administrative regulator. Please be aware that personal (traditional tobacco) smoking does not present as great an

exposure in our suburban multi-dwelling setting as does wood burning (fireplaces), and briquet-wood-lighter-fluid ~Bar-B-Que's !! It is important to look at ~smoke exposure" comprehensively ... not just to target tobacco-smokers. I have never been a smoker, and I do not find occasional cigarette smokers to be a risk (professional opinion) or a hazard. However, I am regularly affected by extensive lighter-fluid charcoal fires for bar-b-ques and by ~fireplace-smoke" in our Cupertino community. Finally, each new ~regulatory mandate" brings with it a VERY EXPENSIVE COST to ENFORCE the new requirements. Cupertino and California (and the Country as well) are UNDERWATER financially. We cannot continually expand mandated enforcement services, and with it the financial burden (NEW TAXES & FEES) to support ever expanding government oversight, services and enforcement programs. Please DO NOT ADD NEW ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS use creative education (school programs against smoking, etc.) to provide a TRUE community service. This approach could be comprehensive, educating the community on irritations from fireplaces, bar-b-ques, personal-smoking, vaping, etc. This will accomplish FAR MORE in time than new enforcement regulations/codes targeting individual sources and is ACTUALLY DO-ABLE !

Good initiative by the City. Thanks.

Add all tobacco products to your list - chewing, vaping.

Individual landlords can decide for themselves regarding smoking policies in their private properties. Individual tenants can also decide for themselves if they are happy with the landlords policy. Do we really need Cupertino butting in? Personally, I don't like smoking but don't care if someone wants to enjoy a cigarette on a park bench as long as he doesn't drop his butt on the ground (littering). We have bigger problems to deal with than worrying about an adult enjoying a smoke, especially outdoors.

Answered the first question with yes, but bar should be excluded. Bar should have smoking area. Multi unit policy should be the same, owner should separate smoking area non smoking area, shouldn't just regulate it.

I appreciate the chance to give feedback. In my opinion smoking is a real pandemic. There is absolutely no benefit to smoking and it should be banned. How? I will let authorities decide on the how. We needed bicycle lanes and the city made it happen. We need smoking banned, I am sure by raising awareness this can happen as well.

Thank you for sharing this survey link on Twitter, I really appreciate the City's attempts to reach its residents. Much obliged!

Apartment managers should be penalized when they are negligent on the complaints the tenants file against smoking neighbors being very inconsiderate.

The most common time I am exposed to second hand smoke is when someone walks around smoking, like on a sidewalk. I can't avoid it if I don't see it coming. I find both tobacco and marijuana smoke really unpleasant, but in my experience marijuana smokers are more likely to ignore smoking laws. I don't want smokers to be treated as lepers, but I don't want to inhale their second-hand smoke.

Thank you for revisiting and expanding these protections!

"Smoking not only does harm people for second hand smoke but harms our community for cigarette carelessly disposed in public area can catch fires. Also the cigarette butt disposed can drain nicotine from them, eventually the toxin does down to the drain and flow to rivers and bay and damage to our environment. Given so many cigarette butts are disposed and it is practically impossible to clean them up, we need a policy that smoking is not permitted the places without ashtrays. Moreover, smoking is risky behavior leading to vaping. With COVID-19 pandemic and any other airborne pandemic danger, we had to help smokers to quit the habit for public health stand point."

Thanks for this initiative!

It is not enough to prohibit smoking, the fine or penalty should be strictly enforced. People already have problems with avoiding COVID-19 or suffering from the virus's damage so don't make it worse by allowing second hand smoke or any smoke to cause additional harm to people. Please help everyone stay healthy by banning smoking wherever possible.

Thanks for checking in with your citizens. Thanks for all your work. Stay safe, healthy, and sane.

Even when it says "No Smoking" people don't follow the guidelines. Because I have asthma, I find this frustrating.

Prohibit vaping in addition to smoking.

Outdoor areas: Any type of smoking should be allowed in any designated smoking area (such as on worksites or social gatherings). Pipe smoking should be allowed with 10 feet separation between smoker and non-smoker anywhere. Cigar smoking should be allowed only in smoking designated area.

I have lived in the city over 30 years. It has really changed, much of for the worse. Will soon be leaving the city and the state. Liberal policies have destroyed the place.

Smoke carries farther than 25 ft - I prefer to ban smoking near all public places

Second hand tobacco / marijuana smoke is the least of my worries give that the whole state is on fire. Lets worry about that and let people smoke in peace.

I think that the current no smoking laws are sufficient. any further restrictions is an overstep of authority. People dont like being overgoverned. This is America!

I would like to see both tobacco and marijuana smoking/vaping restricted further. I am allergic to both substances. Please no marijuana smoking in cars with the windows rolled down in stores' and public parking lots.

The existing rules are not enforced now. It is common to be exposed to smoke passing lines for restaurants and other establishments. Santa Clara County Sheriff deputies regularly tell residents they only want to deal with criminal activity. They won't deal with what they consider to be civil matters. Rules don't work if they are not enforced properly.

Thank you for taking the initiative to evaluate stronger smoking restrictions!

I think the government should focus less on restricting our freedoms as Americans. We are not a Socialist Country.....yet.

Make Cupertino smoke free.

I understand Cupertino has a high license fee if a retailer resells smoking products. Unfortunately, Sunnyvale does not. This makes customers simply shop in nearby cities. My specific example relates to gas station convenience stores. If Cupertino insists on this license fee, they must make sure all Bay Area cities have the same fee.

This survey is not going to make any changes. Why are you all pretending?

Everything possible should be done to stop people from smoking for their own good and for others safety and comfort.

We should prohibit smoking outdoor as well, in the neighborhood including the porch of your house in the residential area. Because Cupertino is a densely populated community, the houses are next o each other. I wish I can move somewhere else or this smoking neighbor could move. Unfortunately none of that will happen in the near future. My kids can not play outside, I can not open windows. Have to hold breath every morning and night leaving the house or coming home. It's terrible. And the smoke travels a long way, my neighbors who are one and two houses farther from that house complained to me multiple times. We are the closest to that family. I don't care whether they smoke or not, but they are affecting our lives. They can smoke at home with their windows closed honestly I could care less. But their behavior is harming me and my family as well as other neighbors. It's really bad because everyday this guy smokes a lot outside at the porch, which is close to my front door and my house unfortunately.

"I support that smokers have their rights of enjoying themselves, no argument about that. But they should do so without disturbing any shared space that other people have right to enter and enjoy. It's only fair that everybody's right is equally respected and protected, otherwise it is unfair and unjust."

At the smell of tobacco smoke my heart rate jumps and I try not to breathe or take very shallow breaths.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my feedback.

I have never been a smoker but I was raised by two heavy-smoker parents. I wish that these second-hand smoke rules had been around when I was a child. While I survived that experience (so far!) I don't think that it is a good thing for a child to be locked up in a small enclosure (such as the family car) for hours at a time (while driving to the next state to visit said child's grandparents) with multiple heavy smokers. However, I don't fully respect these absolutely "no safe level" statements by health professionals or scientists. To believe this, you have to say that one femtogram or attogram of tobacco smoke is not safe. But there is probably no place in the city that has less than an attogram of smoke in it. That 25-foot rule won't prevent an attogram of smoke from finding its way into a child's lungs. I think that rules addressing second-hand smoke in enclosed areas are more reasonable.

Please consider banning smoking in all public places in Cupertino, regardless of distance from buildings.

Thank you for reaching out for citizens comments ... always a good idea and good politics too.

I believe smoking should be prohibited in a more strict way now that it is proven that COVID-19 travels through droplets. It should be prohibited in all common areas in Cupertino and follow the example of being a true clean city!

NO SMOKING means NO SMOKING

This is such an important issue to protect citizens of Cupertino and light the way for other communities. Our lives have been made miserable due to our neighbors who smoke--since our children were little we were not able to spend much time outside, and our house is often filled with their smoke even when we stay inside. We are being poisoned in and around our homes, and it is important to have laws to help protect us from secondhand smoke. Thank you very much!

You should publicise this survey more broadly. Many people don't know about it.

I think enforcing this will be difficult. For what it is worth, though, I find smoke bothersome anytime.

Thank you for looking into second hand smoke. I appreciate it.

Since tobacco will cause harmful to human's health, prohibit smoking should be enforced in any area inside /outside of any building

Smoking rules should be stricter than vaping rules. And ESPECIALLY stricter than low-powered, low-cloud vaping. Smoke kills, ask a firefighter. Adulterated street THC vapes have killed, e-cigarettes and legal cannabis vaping do not kill and never have.

In addition to policies that reduce areas where people may smoke, Iâ€™d like to see smokers offered help in quitting (if a city program like this already exists please excuse my ignorance).

Please ban tobacco smoke in all indoor/outdoor public areas in the city.

"I think smoking should be prohibited in Cupertino with the following exceptions: 1. Smoking allowed within a person's private property. 2. Smoking allowed in designated outdoor smoking area, such as a smoking-allowed park, to be determined. Thank you."

We also need to make places where people can smoke conveniently. I understand my neighbor wants to smoke marijuana. I asked him not to do it in the yard so I can use my yard. His only alternative is to use the garage which unfortunately seeps into my garage. I hope you come up with a solution that allows him somewhere convenient he can get his needs met and a way I can also be healthy. Thank you.

The question is how the city will reinforce it. I know for the fact De Anza College was not able to reinforce students to smoke in the smoking areas.

Thank you for considering the expansion of smoke free areas. My husband passed away from cancer. Every time I had to take him to the ER, they always asked him if he smoked. He never smoked. Any smoke that effected him being diagnosed with cancer would have been second hand smoke.

Smokers ignore the current signs at the parks. In fact, when I've pointed out the "Smoke free" signs at parks, they laugh and say it means that they can smoke freely and as much as they want. Please be more like Saratoga and explicitly put signs up that say "No smoking". Smokers don't care about other people, and even at Main Street (and other businesses) are regularly smoking in non-smoking areas.

Even if we currently have the 25 ft restriction, we should advertise that more as some people are smoking outside restaurants etc within 25ft of the entrance.

(this is pre-tax household income)

City and county public health need to provide educational information and supportive resources to help people understand the facts and consequences of smoking and how to get help with quitting. My son told me that Red Ribbon Week at school is really helping.

Second hand smoking most damages the health of babies and children and they can't raise their voice. We adults should be strict about second hand smoking more than we think it should be to us.

I'm glad to learn smoking is prohibited on public trails. A couple of months ago a guy was smoking as we both were walking on the Saratoga Creek trail, and he left a long smelly trail of smoke. Now I know it's OK to ask him not to smoke on the trail.

"Thank you for addressing this issue. I am concerned about enforcement as some sidewalks may be within 25 feet."

I would like to see Cupertino ban the sale of vaping and smoking products entirely in the city. We should not be supporting companies like Juul and Big Tobacco, that have done so much harm to so many people of all ages. The vaping epidemic in teens today is appalling. It would not have happened with strict laws against smoking any drugs. Smoking is an unnecessary form of air pollution as well.

It's not just the smoking, it's also the cigarette butts that are left behind. It is littering, a fire hazard, and inconsiderate.

Thank you for this survey. I agree there is no safe exposure level to second hand smoke. I have been frequently in and out of urgent care for breathing problems related to second hand smoke exposure and air contaminants, both in the US as well as in other countries. There needs to be greater awareness of the long term health effects of second hand smoke and air contaminants, better ways to curb exposure to such pollutants in our every day life, and a means for people who do smoke to have a safe environment to smoke and adequately ventilate so residents and workers are not exposed to the smoke.

You have banned smoking in parks but do not enforce the ban. I am inundated with smoke (both marijuana and tobacco) at Linda Vista park especially on the weekends. Tobacco smoking is common at Memorial Park also. What is the plan to enforce the ban on smoking in public areas? The small signs posted fairly high at the parks do not seem to be working.

It's not only secondhand smoke to worry about, but thirdhand smoke as well, which has been shown to cause DNA damage that is passed down to further generations.

Smoking and second-hand smoke are clearly dangerous to our health. Smoking can only be safe for others when someone is smoking downwind or totally away from others. So, wind makes 25 feet not far enough away when it blows toward others.

Email Feedback from Community

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2020 3:13 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@cupertino.org>; Jennifer Chu, P.E. <JenniferC@cupertino.org>
Subject: secondhand smoke policies

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Had difficulties in getting the survey for the above matter. ***I AM NOT REGISTERING FOR THE ONLINE MEETINGS.***

I would just like to say what right do you have to take away, reduce the places, areas where those who get pleasure out of smoking?

When one goes to enjoy an event, game, outdoor show, they are already encountering places where they can't smoke for enjoyment.

Why would you even think of doing such a restriction. People who work in outdoor jobs, construction, clean-up areas, like a smoke when having a lunch and you want this taken from them.

You mentioned multi-unit housing, will the people who will be paying the rent be told before they rent as to the rules?

Sad how rules, regulations must appear when signing up for an outdoor concert, any and all events, how do you expect the person/ people who are part of the entertainment world to get fans to attend.

Smoking, eating, going to events is part of life and so is drinking in moderation. Will you be stopping the smoking when a crowd of people is watching a ballgame on the lot next to the library?

If I have overstepped in writing what I just did, it needed to be said. Once again, I am not interested in being part of the registration for online meetings. The less I have to do with a computer is great.

A REMINDER, YOUR WORKERS SMOKE WHEN ON AN OUTSIDE JOB JUST AS THE MAILMAN DOES.

A RESIDENT OF CUPERTINO FOR 57 YEARS. [REDACTED]e-mail address Cupertino.org/smoking is incorrect so the computer response said, that is why I added two more e-mail addresses so my e-mail would be passed on to the right committee. Thanking you in advance in doing this for me.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Astrid Robles <AstridR@cupertino.org>
Subject: Re: Secondhand smoke policy feedback

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The survey is not worth my time in answering. I don't detect smoke coming into my home thru the windows, doors, etc as mentioned. One cannot continue on with survey unless all questions answered. Does the word " never" not answer a question?

Refusal to continue with survey is my answer. Protecting from smoke (all kinds) will never be. Lawmakers are not GOD. We can try to protect ourselves from harm as best we can. But, protecting ourselves from harm doesn't mean staying away from what we enjoy doing.. We all know right from wrong and don't need to be told. Most learn the hard way. Evidently, Mr. Robles, if viewed by you, the homeless in our area you would see first hand that they smoke, high school students walking with a cigarette, not an easy task to undertake.

We have enough rules in the state of California. Do we really need more?

Respectfully, [REDACTED]and yes, I see medical workers on their work break smoking. Life is what we each would like it to be for ourselves. I have never had the desire to smoke anything, but, I lived with a dad, uncles, husband, who all smoked in their homes and outside. And yes, restaurants as well.

From: Mitel Voice Mail <noreply-voicemail@cupertino.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Katy Nomura <KatyN@cupertino.org>
Subject: Mitel voice message from [REDACTED]

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You have received a voice mail message from [REDACTED]
Message length is 00:00:23. Message size is 184 KB.

Caller Feedback: Just seems like a waste of time when hardly anybody smokes, we have the worst air right now from the fires, it is a minimal problem why are we working on this, the air is really bad as it is, worried about the environment. This initiative is a waste of time and money.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 5:38 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@cupertino.org>; City of Cupertino Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@cupertino.org>; Deborah L. Feng <DebF@cupertino.org>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@cupertino.org>
Subject: Secondhand Smoke policies

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Dear City Council, Planning Commissioners and City Manager,

I realize this is late for providing input related to secondhand smoke. The postcard I received had no deadline but I just tried to take the survey and it's closed.

One issue I hope city policies address is the secondhand smoke exposure and cigarette butt trash that appears on our public sidewalks when an apartment complex suddenly goes "smoke free".

An example is "The Veranda's at Cupertino Apartments" located on Lucille Avenue. They became smoke-free so all of a sudden the heavy smokers moved to the public sidewalks along Lucille. They stand at the driveway or at the corner and smoke, leaving their cigarette butts all over the sidewalk and into the gutter. To avoid their smoke, people are forced to go into the street. I've spoken with the apartment management regarding the butts on the ground and in the gutter but the nothing has been done.

I notice that along De Anza Blvd on the east side of the road, near the intersection of Marriani (in front of the older Apple building), they specify a smoking area and they provide a container for smokers to put their cigarette butts in which eliminates the trash.

REQUEST: As part of a city policy, can you require that if an apartment building goes "smoke-free" that they provide a place for smokers or for their cigarette butts or require them to be held accountable for the trash.

When these cigarette butts end up in our gutters they flow to the bay causing environmental issues.

Thank you,

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