



March 3, 2014

Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: CF #13-1204-S1, S2**

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the California Restaurant Association (CRA), I am writing in opposition to a proposed ordinance before the Los Angeles City Council that would ban the use of electronic cigarettes.

CRA is a longtime believer that policymakers should employ sound science to make decisions on issues such as the proposed ordinance.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced that it will regulate electronic cigarettes under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009. The FDA, which has established scientific expertise and resources, is the proper body to study and reach scientific conclusions about electronic cigarettes.

In the meantime, as we await this regulatory action, we believe any action by the City Council is unnecessary and premature at best.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Sutton".

Matt Sutton  
Vice President, Government Affairs + Public Policy  
California Restaurant Association