

Los Angeles City Council
R: Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on e-cigarettes
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Committee Members,

Many e-cigarette manufacturers put warning labels on their products to warn about use by or near pregnant women. I hope this helps inform the debate on this unregulated product, which threatens to destroy years of progress against the tobacco industry's addictive products.

While there may yet be no long-term studies on this relative new product, there are plenty of studies proving that the emissions from e-cigarettes contain carcinogens and dangerous particulates introduced into the air with every smoker's exhalation. No work place, including movie sets, should jeopardize workers' health by expecting everyone to tolerate unnecessary exposure to emissions which are avoidable given nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, etc., which do not pollute the air. Our shared air needs protection.

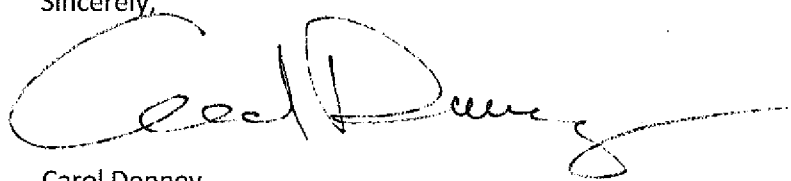
The issue is not whether e-cigarettes are "safer" than a deadly product; *anything* is. The issue is whether we want to take 50 years of progress toward protecting people from involuntary exposure to harmful chemicals in their classrooms, workplaces, restaurants, etc., and toss it out the window.

Cities, counties, and even state policies are catching up to the e-cigarette producers' efforts to argue that smoke-free laws don't apply to them and in most cases are amending their policies to make sure there is no confusion about this addictive, unregulated product which as yet has no proven use as a cessation device.

We have a choice as a community- to agree to involuntarily inhale whatever the addict next door is smoking or nurture policy that protects us from the toxins, carcinogens, and particulate matter which has cut down generations deceived by the tobacco industry's lucrative games.

Please don't allow e-cigarette manufacturers to have the last word on this issue. The public, and public health, has suffered enough.

Sincerely,



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