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Council Member Mitch O'Farrell
Chair, Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 28, 2014

RE: Proposed Ban on E-Cigarettes
Council File 13-1204

Dear Council Member O'Farrell:

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA), we wish to express our support for the proposed ban on electronic cigarettes in the workplace (Council File 13-1204). BOMA/GLA supported the state and City of L.A. bans on cigarettes many years ago, and we believe e-cigarettes pose an additional and unnecessary risk to the health of our tenants, guests, and building service workers.

Building managers have contacted us in the last few months regarding complaints lodged by tenants regarding the use of e-cigarettes in tenant suites and common areas. Because current law does not cover e-cigarettes, it places the burden on building management to enforce a ban as a building policy. As you know, some e-cigarettes contain chemicals in addition to nicotine. Further, the FDA has not sanctioned e-cigarettes as a cessation device and no regulation is being placed on their usage or production.

On behalf of the over 300 Class A high rise office buildings we represent, we support your effort to limit the use of these devices in work spaces until more is known of their effect. We appreciate your leadership on this issue, and look forward to working with you and the City Council to limit the use of these devices.

With regards,

Martha Cox-Nitkman
Vice President, Public Policy

CC: Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Honorable Gil Cedillo, 1st District Council Member
Honorable Tom LaBonge, 4th District Council Member
Honorable Curren D. Price Jr., 9th District Council Member
Honorable Joe Buscaino, 15th District Council Member