

MOTION ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH & AGING

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Second hand smoke is the Number 1 cause of preventable health disease in America – there is no question regarding the negative health effects. Research has shown that inhaling second hand smoke is more harmful than actually smoking, primarily due to the unfiltered nature of the smoke and the fact that it may be cooled by the air ---- second hand smoke is particularly dangerous as the smoke recognizes no boundaries.

Smoking is a voluntary addiction, it is not a not a right or protected by the Constitution, yet second hand smoke harms an involuntary population which has a right to clean air and a clean environment and which is protected by many public health laws.

The City of Los Angeles has implemented legislation to regulate smoking in restaurants, and various other specific categories of locations. However we need a more comprehensive regulation to prohibit smoking.

We need to implement legislation to regulate cigarette smoking by limiting it to specific places where there is no expectation of involuntary contact with people — wherever people congregate or there is an expectation of people being present smoking should be prohibited.

This would be an effort to move smokers and smoking away from people who do not chose to either smoke or inhale second hand smoke. The effort would be similar to regulations enacted by the City of Calabasas, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.

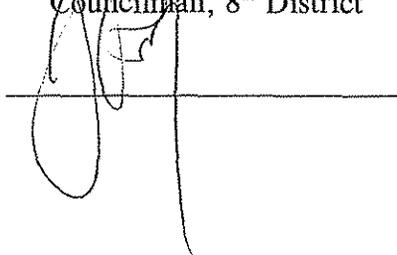
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to enact a second-hand smoking law effective throughout the City which would limit public exposure to secondhand smoke in all public areas and common areas where people congregate including, but not limited to indoor and outdoor businesses, hotels, parks, apartment common areas, restaurants and bars, and beaches.

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