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California state law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of a main exit of a public building, which includes airports. However, recent news reports have indicated that this law is not being enforced at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and that passengers and airport workers alike regularly light up near airport entrances and exits. This is despite “no smoking” signs being posted on each door, and an earlier news report that found that the Los Angeles World Airport Police Department (LAWA Police) were not enforcing the no smoking law.

The spokesperson for LAX has indicated that the LAWA Police have various other responsibilities in addition to enforcing no smoking laws, but that LAX’s proposed people mover will solve this problem by allowing individuals to transit out of the airport without exiting the no smoking areas of LAX. The LAX people mover will not be completed until at least 2023, and LAWA Police should be enforcing state law and not forcing non-smoking passengers and employees to expose themselves to second hand smoke while visiting the airport. LAWA should be requested report to the Council on its efforts to enforce this law.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) be requested to report on the enforcement of no smoking laws at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), including information on LAWA Police Department’s policy on the enforcement of no smoking laws, any metrics on citations issued for smoking in no smoking areas, and on training afforded LAWA Police Officers regarding no smoking laws.

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