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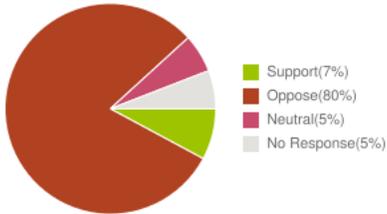
eComments Report

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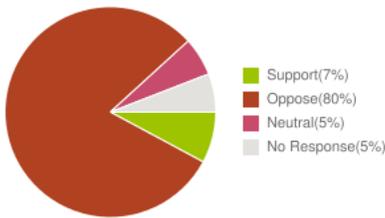
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1. (Pass for Publication) Ordinance Adding Chapter 5.156 to the Sacramento City Code Relating to a Residential Rental Mediation Program File ID: 2019-00181	8	1	5	1
5. Ordinance Revisions to Chapter 5.138 of Sacramento City Code Relating to Tobacco Retailers (Passed for Publication 03/12/2019; Published 03/15/2019) [Continued from 03/26/2019] File ID: 2019-00361	42	3	35	2
Information Items	1	0	1	0

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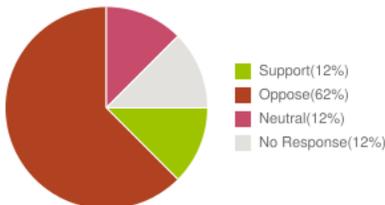
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1. (Pass for Publication) Ordinance Adding Chapter 5.156 to the Sacramento City Code Relating to a Residential Rental Mediation Program File ID: 2019-00181

Overall Sentiment



Frances Rebar

Location:
 Submitted At: 10:49pm 04-16-19

We already can't afford to live in Sacramento especially on SSI. This is going to make the homeless population rise.

Elliot Stevenson

Location:
 Submitted At: 3:37pm 04-16-19

I am a tenant in midtown Sacramento, and at first I was encouraged to hear my city council taking up mediation as a response to the rental housing crisis. However, as this proposal is written now, I must register my strong opposition. Landlords have resources tenants do not, and when it comes to any legal proceeding, the outcome is often a product of the quality of counsel retained. Also, the results of mediation would be non-binding, and landlords would not be obligated to accept the mediation. In addition, similar experiments in other cities have yielded nothing in the way of protection for tenants (<http://workingeastbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Memo-from-RTR-Assessing-Rent-Mediation-Program-final.pdf>). Finally, the fact this program would only apply to complexes of 5+ units is absurd. Thousands of Sacramentans wouldn't be covered at all. I urge you to take up rent control and just cause eviction rather than waste time and energy on ineffective half-measures like this.

Scott MacWilliam

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11am 04-16-19

Rent mediation still leaves tenants without any real power in the tenant-landlord relationship. This is a waste of city resources that should go toward rent control and just-cause eviction. This tries to appease concerns about Sacramento housing while actually giving a win to the wealthy instead of helping tenants in a difficult housing market. Address the issue at hand and pursue rent control and just-cause eviction rather than simply pretending you are addressing the issue to appease concerned citizens.

Katherine Bolte

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56am 04-16-19

A non-binding rent mediation will do very little to alleviate the precariousness of tenants in Sacramento it is costly and the experiences of cities like Concord show that it does not improve outcomes for rent burdened tenants. This is a waste of city resources that could go towards real rent control and just cause eviction protections. Also, the stipulation that this program only applies to multifamily units of 5 or more dwellings is a major flaw given the structure of the Sacramento rental market - 37% of our rental stock is single family homes, duplexes, triplexes or quads, and the residents of these 29,000 units would be left with no protections against rising rents or no-fault evictions. I urge you to consider the facts at hand and pursue permanent just cause eviction and rent control protections for tenants, rather than waste valuable city resources on this ineffective plan.

Liam Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 12:14am 04-16-19

We're all asking for rent control stronger just cause eviction regulations, and you guys are trying to give us a piecemeal solution that essentially allows you to save face while giving landlords a win. We don't want a mediation act, we want rent control and stronger just cause eviction regulations. Plain and simple.

Diane Varley

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02pm 04-15-19

Rental mediation does not work and disproportionately favors the landlord and not the renter. When we favor the landlord, as a society, we put more and more people at risk for homelessness. We need rent control and protections for renters, not landlords. If you are ever confused about whether or not that is true, ask yourself what does not happen if we protect renters: homelessness and slum like living conditions. And what happens if we do not protect landlords? They make slightly less money off of the economically vulnerable. If you agree that homelessness is an issue in our community you must oppose this measure in favor of real regulations and change. Similar measures have been passed in other communities and they are ineffective and a waste of community resources.

Giovanni CM

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 04-15-19

I support the position to have Just Cause Eviction Protection. I am a renter and have been for the last four years. All too often I have heard stories from friends and acquaintances who have dealt with housing struggles in Sacramento. From the insane rent hike to unjust evictions, it is not fair to working class folks who do not have the

means to afford upscale market rate apartments. Just Cause would allow tenants to have some rights to keep their homes and stay in their communities. It's time city council stopped aiding the needs of developers and instead looked toward helping the community that elected them. Please consider supporting this ordinance to protect renters!

Daniel Kane

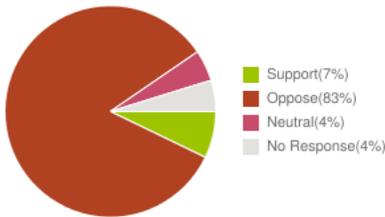
Location:

Submitted At: 7:17am 04-12-19

I currently rent a RM, sim. 2 a studio & there r other tenants(environment can b negative for the high rent price \$750.00 in comparison 2 other studio's in decent neighborhoods).I usually keep rental tidy &gone taking care of matters or keeping appoint.,put funds into rental of my own as T.V. mount,& when I'm @ my rental-watch movies,music vid. &play video games-furnishings r mine & I can show such by some type of receipt.When moved in rent was \$700.00 &went up due 2 my electronics I was told.There's on site caretaker of property who 2 my understanding does cleaning,yard work & safeguards property &makes sure tenants r safe-I stated there's a negative environment that I saw comparable rental units 4 way less.Was mugged not 2 far frm site & have P.T.Stress.D./Anxiety condition & was recovering frm a fract. foot,he plead "No Contest"(Guilty)& after my statement gained CPO &he agreed 2pay me \$ as well,has a violent record now(X-Ref. # 5169536).For myself note:CA Constitution Art.1,Sect.1.

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. Ordinance Revisions to Chapter 5.138 of Sacramento City Code Relating to Tobacco Retailers (Passed for Publication 03/12/2019; Published 03/15/2019) [Continued from 03/26/2019] File ID: 2019-00361

Overall Sentiment



Frances Rebar

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36pm 04-16-19

I started smoking after my car accident years ago. My fiancée died in that accident. I got tired of smelling like smoke and my asthma had me in the ER constantly from smoking. Tried the patch and gum and it didn't help. I was introduced to vaping. I have not not smoked in years or had a asthma attack since I have been vaping. I have even been taken off my CPAP machine because my breathing got better. Flavor choice vaping has helped me quit. Vaping even helps with my tremors from Parkinson's. Don't take that away from me. I don't want to go back to smoking. Thank you.

Douglas Otter

Location:

Submitted At: 4:49pm 04-16-19

I'm 41 years old and I smoked for the better part of 25 years.When I decided that I wanted to be done with cigarettes I gave vaping a try.I've been smoke free for over 3.5 years now and still haven't had a cigarette & I attribute flavors for a big part of my success becoming smoke free my health has sky rocketed.I'm not coughing up black mucus anymore. I'm not wheezing when I take my dogs for a walk.I have more energy.My daughter hugs me again!The vape community is just that,a community.One that supports and educates each other. If flavored tobacco were to disappear so would countless jobs, businesses and tax revenue.I think we need to look a little harder at HOW kids are getting their hands on these products and control that.If we're can't hold kids responsible for doing adult things maybe look at punishing or fining the parents.If a cigarette that is riddled with chemicals that

are KNOWN to cause death, why can't we give a try to a product that has helped people live a healthier life?

Jim Knox

Location:

Submitted At: 4:41pm 04-16-19

Today's Sacramento Bee editorial says it all:

<https://www.sacbee.com/opinion/article229293449.html>

Nader Tahir

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46am 04-16-19

A tobacco shop is what put me through college and I'm graduating now. Not just that when I used to smoke, vaping is what got me off. I smoked cigarettes since I was 15 and now it's getting banned because other people can't parent their own children. You guys will do what you want, but what you're doing is you're disenfranchising people who legally do business and you're also disenfranchising all those people who are legal to buy. We pay our taxes, and that pays your salaries. We're all educated adults, and we can make decisions for ourselves. Thanks for reading.

Abraham Jami

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36am 04-16-19

We need better ways of prohibiting online sales. I have been vaporizing for over 10 years now. I personally have finally found a system that is working amazing. These devices are completely keeping me off of cigarettes. With that being said I now for the first time in my entire life I have been able to stay off of cigarettes. Now I can even run a full mile in less than 9 minutes. I have never been capable of running, when I smoked cigarette! I to cough of so much brown stuff!! I was only 24 years old coughing like a 85 year old man!! Now I work at a tobacco retailer, working hand in hand with people to help them make the alternative like I have. I personally have helped well over 20 clients make conversation. These people did not only smoke cigarettes but they also used forms like cigars, chewing tobacco, as well as pipe tobacco. The government need to use more time and work with businesses like mine that are FDA compliant and absolutely enforce our age restriction laws on tobacco.

Zee Sae

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52am 04-16-19

I oppose because as an adult who smokes flavored tobacco, it is an infringement on my ability to enjoy my chosen habit. This will not stop minors from smoking but will put small business owners at tremendous loss as well as consumers who have enjoy smoking flavored tobacco legally. Advertisers who direct market to minors should be penalized, not adults and business owners who provide to a market.

Am Mohammed

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47am 04-16-19

I oppose because people should be able to choose flavored tobacco. This will not stop underage smoking. Its futile to punish everyone because manufacturers are making it easier to advertise to minors. Regulations regarding manufacturing should be altered and not access to flavored tobacco. Adults should be able to choose whatever they want.

Faiyaz Rajan

Location:

Submitted At: 2:39am 04-16-19

Let the adults make their own decision on the flavors they want to choose. Adults like to vape on flavors like candy and fruits, flavor ban will only cause people to go back to smoking..

Sohail Chaudhary

Location:

Submitted At: 2:14am 04-16-19

If kids are the issue. Remove the products from the sight of the youth from establishments that cater to youth or allow youths I to those establishment. Black out to accomplish store windows where they cannot see into them and restrict all store front marketing. You have essentially taken it out of the sight of youths and still keep businesses from having to shut down.

Tariq Nichelson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56am 04-16-19

The flavor ban is a rotten idea because with out vape I'd probably have died of lung cancer a long time ago vaping has litterally saved my life and my doctors agree. DO NOT PASS THIS BAN OR YOURE KILLING US.

Noor Kachhi

Location:

Submitted At: 1:42am 04-16-19

I strongly oppose the Tobacco Flavor Ban, the Sacramento City Council is mixing emotions into policy making, just because someone from the councilman's family passed away due to smoking cigarettes they want to pass the flavor ban. First of all if anything they should ban is cigarettes and not Flavored Vape juices, Vaping is saving lives, helping people quit smoking cigarettes, the Sacramento city council should encourage this, our city council needs to learn from countries like England where they publicly support vaping. Not only this policy is bad for consumers who vape but also for business owners who work extremely hard in helping smokers quit smoking and help them transition into vaping so they live healthier lives. As an adult the city should not dictate what we should and shouldn't do, this is nothing illegal.

I strongly oppose this.

Jackson Nichols

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40pm 04-15-19

The Flavor Ban is not a good idea at all, why take away products that save people?

Sofia Espinoza Solis

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28pm 04-15-19

Totally Opposed to the Flavor Ban. this is a way safer alternative to Smoking Cigarettes. why take away my right to chose a safer alternative? this is just another instance of men taking away my right to chose.

Nick Snow

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23pm 04-15-19

Opposed to this Blatant Ban on E-Cigarettes for Profit, do not be fooled. this is for Big Tobacco!

Phillip Lancaster

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20pm 04-15-19

DO NOT take away the flavors it saves Lives

Elizabeth Sutter

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15pm 04-15-19

100% Opposed to anything that affects my Choice to choose Flavored E-Liquid as a safer alternative. City Leaders are Elected to protect the public. So protect us from Cigarettes, not the Solution to the Problem plaguing our Community and that is Cigarettes, Cigars, and Chew.

Tristan Hannah

Location:

Submitted At: 11:07pm 04-15-19

Salutations, I am a 22 year old former smoker thatnks to a fantastic smoking cessation product. I began smoking at 16 years old and managed to quit just 4 years later thanks to this smoking cessation product. I tried cold quit, i attempted to quit with Nicotine Gum and other Pharmacy Available Products. Nothing worked. But i found something two years ago that did. The Electronic Cigarette. These Products are miracles. Safer than smoking, i noticed nearly immediate health benefits when i switched. A better more eco-friendly product that doesnt damage our Environment. And more impirtantly doesnt hurt me. These Miracle Products helped my Mother and my Grabdfather and Lung Cancer Patient finally quit smoking after 25, and over 50 years of Smoking. I believe it is a disservice to the Public and the people to remove E-Cigarettes by way of a "Flavor Ban" the Flavors made it easier to quit as it tasted nothing like a Cigarette. And i no longer craved them. Thank you, Tristan Hannah

TJ Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00pm 04-15-19

started smoking at 14, i couldn't put down the Newports for 15 years. but i don't smoke Newports no more. because of Vape Flavors, don't taste like Cigarettes. so i don't crave them no more, and it's safer. why is this even a thing? taking them away? this is not a smart move for us.

Eduardo Rojo

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 04-15-19

Vaping Flavors helped me quit Cigarettes, Everyone worried about the Kids. should parent their kids. why do i not matter?

Keith Richardson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52pm 04-15-19

i quit smoking thanks to these Flavored E-Cigarettes. i am now Cancer Free and was able to put down Cigarettes, thanks to a safer alternative that did not taste like a Cigarette.

Corbin Lindstrom

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35pm 04-15-19

I'm 28 Years Old, i tried Nicotine Gum and other pharmaceuticals to try and quit smoking nothing worked. the only thing that does, and has it Flavored E-Liquids. it would be a public disservice to remove them from the market. The Argument that this is for the Children simply isn't true. it's about Big Tobacco. and we all know it.

Tobias Rieper

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30pm 04-15-19

Flavored E-Liquids are the only product that helped my Mother quit after 34 Years of Smoking. Tobacco Flavors only made her Crave Cigarettes. now she is Healthy and Cancer Free. don't take away these life saving products.

Jim Keddy

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57pm 04-15-19

Flavored vaping is just the latest tobacco industry strategy to make money off of getting kids addicted to nicotine. The people who created Juul are billionaires. They got rich by targeting the most vulnerable in our community. City leaders are elected to protect the health and welfare of the city. Do the right thing.

Nia MooreWeathers

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 04-15-19

I am in support. I understand the dangers of over-regulation for a particular market, and I also understand the responsibility that parents have to policing their children's usage of illicit substances (tobacco, alcohol, or otherwise) and how their non-action with their children can evolve into restrictive policies for responsible adults.

HOWEVER, that does not change the fact that flavored tobacco products (including vaping pens, e-juices, etc) are specifically marketed towards children AND that over 80% of children who do smoke start with flavored products; targeted marketing is also an EQUITY issue, as the tobacco industry targets young youth of color as potential customers. Knowing this information, I feel strongly about taking a chance on this measure to ensure Sacramento children's health and safety, and to create better understanding around public health policy here in Sacramento.

Justin Swick

Location:

Submitted At: 5:27pm 04-15-19

The flavor choice held me quit smoking cigarettes, the regular nicotine e-juices just make me want to smoke a regular cigarette. I have also reduced the amount of nicotine i consume from a pack an a half a day, to less then a pack a day.

Cameron Southward

Location:

Submitted At: 5:10am 04-15-19

I used to have a really bad chewing problem and cigar problem but now that I vape I don't consume as much nicotine and the flavors keep me away from the original or standard tobacco flavors. I have also known better breathing, less coughing, and more energy not as lethargic.

DeSean Liggans

Location:

Submitted At: 1:45am 04-15-19

I am heavily opposed. It's punishing adults for things other people's children are doing and have no control over. This is a steppingstone to the canceling of anything as long as children are getting their hands on it. Next there will be bans on alcohol due to it being flavored, then coffee. It should be on the parent and their ability to supervise their children to prevent vaping and keep other flavored "tobacco" products out of reach. The fact that after all this time vaping e-liquid and accessories are qualified as "tobacco products" already seems like a money grab to provide more taxable funding source. Now shops and their customers will suffer due to an abundance of misinformation leading to its cancellation. The banning of flavors to prevent teens and children from use is a backwards plan. This energy to cancel something that is good for tax paying adults should but utilized elsewhere. Newer taxes from nicotine being spent should be fully explained to the people paying.

Jason Gardner

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26am 04-15-19

I oppose this ordinance due to the fact that I would not be vaping without flavored vape juices. I have quit smoking regular cigarettes for almost a year now due to the availability of flavored vape juices.

Jessie Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06am 04-15-19

vaping has been a huge help in me quitting and the flavor helps to keep from returning to cigarettes

John Adrian

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50pm 04-14-19

Vaping has helped me breathe better, and has helped get rid of multiple body aches. My overall quality of life has greatly improved.

Daniel Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03pm 04-14-19

Vaping helped me quit smoking -- I was a 2 pack a day smoker before. Prohibition has proved ineffective in the past and will create a black market that is exempt from tax revenue that we need.

Jamie Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27pm 04-14-19

I greatly oppose the flavor ban, as a 6+ year vapor user honestly would've never quit my 21 year smoking addiction. This will also kill the local retailers who are providing crucial live-saving products to new smokers and old.

David Parker

Location:

Submitted At: 7:04pm 04-14-19

After 25 years of smoking, Vaping was the only thing that could get me to stop the cigarettes. Flavors were a huge part of that. Please dont let big tobacco make the rules, they already have enough \$\$\$\$\$

Antwon Zavertyaev

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 04-14-19

Vaping is the only thing that helped me quit smoking, and flavors are the reason. This technology needs to be available to adults, please don't take away their right to choose a better alternative.

daniel magee

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58am 04-14-19

The only was able to successfully quit smoking cigarettes because of vaping. I made several failed attempts and then quit for good once I was introduced to vaping and interesting flavor profiles available. I have titrated down nicotine levels successfully to a zero and have been nicotine free for several year because of the flavors of vaping.

Sarah Blackmon

Location:

Submitted At: 5:38am 04-13-19

Vaping is a safer, non tobacco alternative to smoking. Not only is it much safer, it's also not a pollutant the way cigarette smoke is. There is no such thing as "second hand vaping" and cigarette butts are one of the most common types of litter. I'm all for being stricter on smoking but lumping vaping into this measure is ridiculous. This measure will not hurt big tobacco, but it will put mom and pops out of business, and send people back to cigarettes.

Arnold Legarda

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 04-12-19

Banning E-Juice flavors is a mistake, it actually is our right as adults to choose to Vape E-Juice with flavor. Let's focus the attention to online Vape product sales. There are plenty of websites that allow minors to make purchases online just by placing fake birthdates or their parents DOB, since they are using their parents card to shop without them realizing what thier own kids are purchasing. It all boils down to "Responsible Parenting". Brick and mortar businesse strive hard to operate with accordances and laws set here in Sacramento. This is how they feed their families, think about the impact to their lives if Flavors are banned and closures happen. This is America it's a country where we the people have the right to make our own choices as adults. The real ? is why are you pushing this agenda so bad, do you want people to go back to a harmful and bad habit like cigarettes made by Big Tobacco?! Let's push efforts to banning online tobacco sales, that is the root cause!

Alex Löser

Location:

Submitted At: 5:16pm 04-12-19

I have been vaping for over a year now. I had been smoking and chewing tobacco since I was 17. I tried chantix, gum, patches a zyban and none of them worked as well as vaping. When I was in Chantix it made my depression worse, night terrors were to the point I would wake my roommates. As an adult I greatly enjoy the flavor variety available. Another upside to vaping is that you can decrease the amount of nicotine intake at a better and more

controlled rate. I started at 12mg or 1.2% nicotine, now I'm at 6ng or .6%. Soon I'll be able to lower the amount again. Even when I am finally at 0mg I'll still vape as I like the flavors. Also propylene glycol, one of the main ingredients in vape liquid is also the asthma inhalers that I no longer need because of vaping.

Tristan Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 04-12-19

The proposed legislation will take a product, which is not derived from tobacco by any means, away from responsible adults who just want to quit smoking. As a consumer I have used vapor products and cigarettes to quit smoking at the age of 22 so my daughter wouldn't have to breathe in secondhand smoke. This legislation is "to protect children" and I'm all for protecting young ones but it's not going to change the ability to get products. It will just create a black market for these products in which children will not be sent out of a shop with no product in hand buy instead sold products that were not tested or mixed by professionals. There must be some way to compromise on this and I expect for that to happen. Give adults, who love flavors, a chance a better and healthier lifestyle. Thank you.

Kyle Shelton

Location:

Submitted At: 4:06pm 04-12-19

This bill targets small business owners as well as addicts trying to use a healthier alternative. Banning companies from selling a flavored alternative to cigarettes will not prevent kids from doing things they're not supposed to. It will just shift their focus to other things they aren't supposed to do. Like smoking cigarettes. Or marijuana. Or alcohol. (Look at how well that being illegal has worked in California) I get that people vaping can be annoying. That doesn't mean that it doesn't have the potential to save lives.

Russ Stalker

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55am 04-12-19

Flavor ban will do nothing. Prohibition will not work you will just create a black market. Then the public could be in a true health risk. Who knows what could be put in black market liquid. Kids get alcohol illegally and yet no flavor ban there. So what's the real agenda here? As an adult I don't need my elected officials making life choices for me. And when it comes to kids it's parents responsibility to raise them not government.

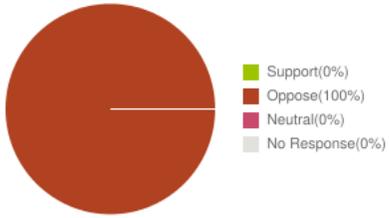
Brian Heacox

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41pm 04-11-19

This proposed legislation would be disastrous to public health and to local business. In the council's own findings, no-flavored cigarette use has been declining, this is directly attributable to vapor products and flavored vapor helping people switch from more dangerous analog cigarettes. Removing this life-saving technology from the local market will force people who've switched back to analog cigarettes, which aren't being attacked "in the name of public health" and force current smokers to a slow and painful death without viable alternatives. Business will move out of the city as black markets pop up as has already been seen in Oakland and San Francisco. Recent peer-reviewed studies have shown the efficacy of flavored vapor products in helping people free themselves of the 25,000+ carcinogenic additives in cigarettes not present in vapor products. Please reconsider a full ban, at least make considerations for adult-only establishments that are operating responsibly.

Overall Sentiment



daniel magee

Location:

Submitted At: 5:01am 04-14-19

vaping has helped me quit smoking and prolong my life without the vape i would still be smoking no other products have made the transition easy and continue to be cigarette free.