**DATE:**  City of Alhambra on Monday, March 22, 2021

**City:  Alhambra - LA County**

**(pop.85K / predominantly Asian-American community)**

**State:**  California

 **Outcome of Meeting:**   (Agenda Item #2 - Discussion on possible TRL/Flavor ban)

City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance with a TRL to include a full flavor tobacco ban and ban coupons/discounts. Timeline in the next 30 days.

**Kind of Ordinance Restrictions:**

Presentation & discussion only by the contract city attorney on possible future ordinance.

**Kind of Meeting:**Discussion only - Online via Zoom.

**Presented Information:**

The City Attorney, Joseph Montes, presented to the city council the traditional "anti-tobacco" Powerpoint presentation from Tobacco Control, which includes their "facts".

The city council allowed for public testimony which included the following anti-tobacco groups:

* LA County Department of Public Health
* Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
* American Cancer Society
* Tobacco Youth Prevention Advocates (TYPA)
* American Academy of Pediatrics
* Healthy Lungs y Vidas Saludables
* Out Against Big Tobacco
* USC Institute of Prevention Research
* International Youth of Tobacco Control
* Local Middle & High School Students

\*\*No business community support

**Summary of Local Government Official Comments:**

**Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler:**“For TRLs. Ordinance needs to be data-driven. Give retailers time to get rid of products. We need better air quality and a healthier city.”

**Vice Mayor Katherine Lee:**“Youth are very impressionable. Schools teach the risks of smoking but minors are influenced by peer pressure. Fully support ordinance. Supports smoking-designated areas. Prefers licensing model. Time allowed to deplete inventory of flavored tobacco should be limited.”

**Councilmember Ross Maza:**“For the flavor-ban. Allow employers to designate smoking areas. Restrict smoking for residences with 6+ units.”

**Mayor Sasha Perez:**“At public events smokers should stay 6 ft away from an event. For TRLs. For the flavor-ban. For including prohibition on coupons and discounts.”

**Councilmember Maloney:**“Our youth are being targeted. For allowing current products to be sold/phased out.”

**\*\*None of the councilmembers spoke on behalf of retailers or small businesses.**

**Future Action:**

Contract City Attorney will have a draft ordinance prepared within the next 30 days at the earliest.

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