



December 12, 2017

The Honorable Betsy Price  
Office of the Mayor  
200 Texas St.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mayor Price:

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation and the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, we write to you today to express the strong support of our organizations for an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in virtually all public places and workplaces in Fort Worth.

This important public health policy would ensure that employees and patrons across Fort Worth are fully protected from toxic secondhand smoke, which, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is estimated to kill over 41,000 Americans per year. Secondhand smoke is also a known cause of lung cancer, heart disease and stroke.

Our organizations urge you to adopt a comprehensive smoke free ordinance that covers all public places and workplaces, including all bars and bingo halls. No person should have to be exposed to secondhand smoke to earn a paycheck.

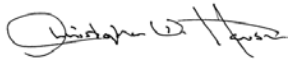
The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect people from exposure. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate this exposure. In addition, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), an expert organization that sets standards on ventilation in buildings, has had a standard in place on exposure to secondhand smoke for a number of years. One of the main conclusions of this standard is that the only way to completely eliminate the health risks from secondhand tobacco smoke in indoor environments is to prohibit smoking activity.

Our organizations also strongly believe that electronic smoking devices (i.e. e-cigarettes and related e-products), should be included in comprehensive smokefree laws. The U.S. Surgeon General concluded in a December 2016 that e-cigarette aerosol is not harmless, and can


contain harmful and potentially harmful chemicals, including nicotine. Additionally, exemptions for electronic smoking devices create challenges for the enforcement of smoke free policies.

Our organizations strongly encourage you and the members of the Fort Worth City Council to adopt a comprehensive ordinance on December 12<sup>th</sup> that will protect all workers and patrons from secondhand smoke, including e-cigarette aerosol.

Sincerely,



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