

Every year, we see cities and counties across the state adopt policies to improve the health and wellness of their residents. These residents and their stories represent the real, tangible impact that these policies can have on a community. See Cheryl's story below.



Cities and counties that have taken any policy action during 2015 toward raising their grades and helping residents like Cheryl, deserve special recognition. These 82 “Cities and Counties on the Rise” adopted local ordinances in at least one of the four policy categories. In most cases, their actions improved their grade, but in some, the ordinance(s) only contributed to increasing the points in the particular grade category. Either way, these policies are noteworthy and deserve acknowledgement.

On the following pages are the 2016 “Cities and Counties on the Rise,” which are listed along with the grade categories in which they passed a policy. For further details about each municipality's grades and points, including their Overall Tobacco Control grade, see the county report cards that begin on page 31.

Cheryl's Story

Cheryl Welsh lives in Davis, and her story is indicative of many others who are exposed to toxic secondhand smoke. She represents those individuals who would benefit greatly should policies like these be adopted in her community.

Cheryl lives in a duplex in Davis, and her neighbors are constantly smoking. According to her: “I felt very alone for a few years in dealing with the smoke. Your home should be a sanctuary and a safe place but cigarette smoke is a health threat, the smell is offensive and the tension between the neighbor and I has been constant.”

She tried everything she could think of to remedy her situation, but ultimately she was still stuck with drifting smoke from her neighbors. Cheryl wishes to retire in the home where she lives, but fears that with this constant barrage of smoke, she will be unable to do so. With the help of the American Lung Association, Cheryl is working with her city council to get a smokefree multi-unit housing policy passed. She finally feels like there is hope that she can retire without constantly breathing in deadly secondhand smoke in the one place that she should feel the safest – her home.



Alameda

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Berkeley	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
Fremont	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
Livermore	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to B), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Pleasanton	Smokefree Outdoor Air (C to B)



Amador

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Jackson	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Butte

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Butte County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Chico	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Paradise	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to B), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



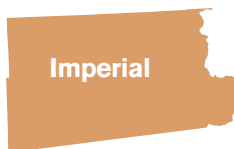
Contra Costa

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Danville	Smokefree Housing (F to A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
El Cerrito	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to A), Emerging Issues (4 bonus points)
Pleasant Hill	Smokefree Outdoor Air (increased points, grade remains B), Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Del Norte

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Crescent City	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Imperial

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Calexico	Smokefree Housing (increased points, grade remains D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Kern

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Tehachapi	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Los Angeles

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Artesia	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Gardena	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
La Canada Flintridge	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Long Beach	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Los Angeles	Smokefree Housing (increased points, grade remains F)
Monterey Park	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Pomona	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Santa Clarita	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Santa Monica	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
West Hollywood	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Agoura Hills	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to B), Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
Manhattan Beach	Smokefree Housing (F to A), Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to B), Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Marin

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Fairfax	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Mill Valley	Smokefree Housing (F to A)



Mariposa

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Mariposa County	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to C), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Merced

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Merced County	Smokefree Housing (increased points, grade remains F)



Modoc

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Modoc County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Gonzales	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
City of Monterey	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Salinas	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to A)
Seaside	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Napa County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Yountville	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Grass Valley	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to C), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Nevada City	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to C), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Costa Mesa	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
Orange County	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Rocklin	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Calimesa	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Hemet	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to A), Smokefree Housing (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Sacramento

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Folsom	Smokefree Housing (points increase, grade remains C)
Galt	Smokefree Outdoor Air (points increase, grade remains F), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Sacramento County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



San Benito

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Hollister	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



San Bernardino

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Victorville	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



San Diego

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Lemon Grove	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Oceanside	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to B)



San Francisco

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
San Francisco	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



San Luis Obispo

Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
San Luis Obispo	Emerging Issues (2 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Brisbane	Emerging Issues (3 bonus points)
Burlingame	Smokefree Housing (D to A)
Daly City	Smokefree Outdoor Air (increased points, grade remains A), Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
San Mateo	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to C), Smokefree Housing (F to A), Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Santa Barbara County	Smokefree Outdoor Air (B to A), Smokefree Housing (D to C), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Solvang	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Los Gatos	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Mountain View	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Palo Alto	Smokefree Outdoor Air (C to A)
San Jose	Emerging Issues (2 bonus points)
Saratoga	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Capitola	Smokefree Outdoor Air (grade remains A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Scotts Valley	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Anderson	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Redding	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Solano County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Suisun City	Smokefree Outdoor Air (points increase, grade remains F)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Cotati	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to B), Smokefree Housing (D to A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Santa Rosa	Smokefree Housing (F to A), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Sonoma	Reducing Sales of Tobacco (F to A), Emerging Issues (4 bonus points)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Hughson	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Modesto	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Turlock	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Trinity County	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Camarillo	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)
Ventura	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to B), Smokefree Housing (F to D), Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)



Municipality	Grade Category for 2016 (Points Improvement)
Davis	Smokefree Outdoor Air (points increase, grade remains A)
Woodland	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products (F to A)
Yolo County	Emerging Issues (1 bonus point)