

Grades for Ten Largest Cities in California

Strong tobacco control laws in the largest cities in California could make a big difference in protecting more than a quarter of California’s residents from secondhand smoke and other dangers of tobacco.

None of California’s ten largest cities have increased their overall grade. Elected officials in California’s most populated areas must do more to ensure their residents are protected from the harmful effects of tobacco.

San Francisco Takes Action on Flavored Tobacco

San Francisco was the only top ten city to pass a tobacco control policy in 2017. The Board of Supervisors enacted new restrictions on the sale of menthol and flavored tobacco products which are used by the tobacco industry to prey on youth and minority communities. Unfortunately, the tobacco companies successfully forced this issue to the ballot in an attempt to overturn the ordinance. The issue will be decided by voters in June 2018.

California’s Report Card

Ten Largest Cities in California by Population		Overall Tobacco Control Grade
Los Angeles	Pop. 4,041,707	C
San Diego	Pop. 1,406,318	D
San Jose	Pop. 1,406,079	B
San Francisco	Pop. 874,228	B
Fresno	Pop. 525,832	F
Sacramento	Pop. 493,025	C
Long Beach	Pop. 480,173	C
Oakland	Pop. 426,074	B
Bakersfield	Pop. 383,512	F
Anaheim	Pop. 358,546	F

