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To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tobacco Prevention Policies for Santa Rosa

Dear Councilmember,

My name is Bob Gordon, a member of Impact Sonoma, Tobacco Free Sonoma County Community Coalition

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I commend you for considering tobacco prevention policies that have been passed in many other communities. Specifically, I'd like to call your attention to the tobacco-free pharmacy provision as part of a tobacco retail license. Santa Rosa can join 60 other jurisdictions in California that have already ended the sale of *every* tobacco product in *every* pharmacy.

With such a policy, no Santa Rosa pharmacy or store with a pharmacy inside would ever receive a license to sell any tobacco product: Costco, Creekside, CVS, Dollar Drug, Rite Aid, Safeway or Walgreens.

Among the 60 jurisdictions in California, 5 City Councils and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors have already passed a provision as part of their Tobacco Retail License that ends the sale of all tobacco and electronic smoking devices that incorporate nicotine. Those 5 City Councils are *Cloverdale, Healdsburg,*

Petaluma, Sebastopol, Windsor, and as mentioned, Unincorporated Sonoma County passed by the Board of Supervisors.

Council Members do have the power to change what a pharmacy is for a whole new generation of young people. A pharmacy is a place to get better, not to get cancer (heart or lung disease).

We hope you'll agree, that in Santa Rosa, Cigarettes & Pharmacies Don't Mix.

Sincerely,

-Bob Gordon

<https://cigarettesandpharmaciesdontmix.org/>

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From: [Bolla, Rhonda](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appreciation and Concern



July 22, 2024

Dear Mayor Rogers and Santa Rosa City Council,

On behalf of the Tobacco-Free Sonoma County Community Coalition, I am writing to express our appreciation and to share our concern regarding the Tobacco Retail License (TRL) draft that you will officially consider tomorrow evening.

First, the Coalition appreciates that, at the last May meeting, there was Council agreement on supporting those provisions at the heart of the TRL - such as no sales of any flavored tobacco products or electronic smoking devices, establishing a minimum price and pack size of cigarettes, cigars and smokeless products with no discounts, and tobacco-free pharmacies.

Secondly, our concern is that, based upon best practices, Santa Rosa not only has an excessive number of tobacco retailers (many of which are near youth sensitive locations, like schools), but the concentration of those retailers is contributing to health inequity as illustrated by the findings of the Portrait of Sonoma. What we see is a guaranteed perpetuation of this status quo where some districts have less than 10 tobacco retailers and others have over 30. With a goal of reducing the harmful effects caused by the tobacco industry on our communities, we find this status quo very troubling and we hope a strategy to reduce these inequities is part of not-too-distant future discussions.

Thank you again for all you do for Santa Rosa,

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Pam Granger, chair
Tobacco-Free Sonoma
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