




City of Long Beach
Working Together to Serve

Attachment #1

Date: August 10, 2004
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Dan Baker, 2nd District Councilmember 
Subject: Request the Marine Advisory Commission to consider making Long Beach's beaches smoke-free and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Background

Several local jurisdictions have designated their beaches smoke-free to reduce the impact of second hand smoke on beach visitors and to reduce the amount of litter on their beaches.

I believe it is time for Long Beach to join Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Malibu, and Solana Beach in improving the air quality and cleanliness of our beaches by making them smoke-free.

Recommended Action

Request the Marine Advisory Commission to consider making Long Beach's beaches smoke-free and make a recommendation to the City Council.



Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach
 3820 Cherry Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807
 (562) 570-7950

POSITION PAPER: SMOKE FREE BEACHES IN LONG BEACH

OCTOBER 2004

The **Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach**, a community coalition of health, youth serving, multi cultural, and community based agencies and community members formed in 1989, is concerned about the public health and environmental impact of smoking on the city's beaches.

The Coalition strongly supports an ordinance which would prohibit smoking on the city's beaches to protect and enhance the health and well being of residents and visitors especially children and families.

Cigarette and tobacco product litter represent the major portion of beach clean-up residue. Beach Maintenance staff of the City of Long Beach report that during non-storm related conditions, the number of cigarette butts collected on the city's beaches far exceeds any other type of debris collected. In addition, in California, "smoking related activities comprise over 34% of debris collected, according to the 2003 International Coastal Cleanup-California Summary Report.

The **Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach** has a strong history of supporting and endorsing smoke free policies and activities in Long Beach including the City's no smoking ordinance, smoke free out door events, smoke free tot lots and play grounds, smoke free doorways and exits, the citywide multi cultural stop smoking services, and ongoing efforts to prevent and reduce youth access to tobacco products through merchant/retailer education and community mobilization campaigns.

The **Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach** supports the passage of smoke free beaches ordinances throughout Southern California in Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Malibu, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, San Clemente, and Manhattan Beach. The Coalition strongly urges the passage of a smoke free beaches ordinance in Long Beach to enhance the health status and public safety of its residents, workers and visitors. Smoke free environments contribute to a healthier, safer, family friendly community.



Catch the Wave to Smoke Free Beaches!

Keeping Long Beach a healthy place to live, work *and* play!



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
YOUTH SERVICES

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Attachment #3

COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN

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August 30, 2004

Richard L. Miller.
Chair, Marine Advisory Commission
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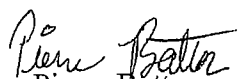
Dear Commission Chair Richard L. Miller,


The City of Long Beach Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) would like to show its support for the Catch the Wave to Smoke Free Beaches initiative for the City of Long Beach. The CYC members voted unanimously at its August 25th, 2004 meeting, to provide the Marine Advisory Commission with our input on the initiative by recommending that the Marine Advisory Commission endorse the smoke free beaches ordinance.

The CYC, made up of 9 youth and 10 adult members, has heard a presentation by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the issue of smoke free beaches and discussed the impact of the anticipated ordinance on the well-being of Long Beach youth and children. The commission concluded that a ban on smoking on Long Beach beaches will help reduce litter on our beaches and it would decrease the health risks attributed to tobacco to our youngest citizens. We think that following the example of the twelve other cities endorsing smoke free beaches would be a worthwhile effort.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you wish to discuss this issue further. Commissioners can be reached through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Youth Services office at (562) 570-3536.

Sincerely,


Pierre Batton
District 1 Youth
Co-Chair


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Co-Chair

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cc: Members of the Long Beach City Council
Phil T. Hester, Director, Parks, Recreation and Marine
Peggy Preacely, Department of Health and Human Services



Date: April 18, 2005
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Ronald R. Arias, Director, Department of Health and Human Services /s/
For: Councilmember Dan Baker, 2nd District
Subject: **Potential Health Benefits From Smoke Free Beaches Ordinance in Long Beach**

This is in response to a request for information from Councilmember Dan Baker made on March 23, 2005 on potential health benefits from a Smoke Free Beaches Ordinance in Long Beach.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recognizes that smoking and tobacco litter are significant public health, environmental and sanitation issues. Smoking is a recognized public health hazard because research has shown that it causes cancer. Smoking is an addictive behavior that negatively impacts the health status of the public. Secondhand smoke has been classified by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogens.

EPA findings on secondhand smoke indicate that:

- (a) Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke, is responsible for approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths each year in nonsmoking adults and impairs the respiratory health of hundreds of thousands of children.
- (b) Secondhand smoke exposure increases the risk of lower respiratory tract infections, including bronchitis and pneumonia, which occur in infants and young children up to 18 months of age.
- (c) Secondhand smoke increases the prevalence of fluid in the middle ear, a sign of middle ear disease.
- (d) Secondhand smoke increases the frequency of episodes and severity of symptoms of asthmatic children.

Smoking on beaches endangers children and others by exposing them to secondhand smoke. Testimony by local parents at the September 2, 2004 Marine Advisory Commission public hearing on the issue of smoke free beaches indicated that secondhand smoke at the beach affects their children who have asthma and other respiratory problems. In addition, children and youth who observe smoking and tobacco use on public beaches may model this behavior.

Over the past year more than ten cities and counties in Southern California have passed smoke free beaches laws. These include the Cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Malibu, Venice, Marina Del Rey, Manhattan Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Solana Beach, San Clemente and the beaches at Will Rogers, Topanga, Dockweiler Beach and Cabrillo Beach.

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In their efforts to improve the quality of life for local communities, these local governments have focused their ordinances on the public health dangers of smoking, of secondhand smoke exposure and the negative environmental impact of tobacco litter. Another major concern of these cities was that the littering of cigarettes, cigar butts and tobacco onto the grounds of city beaches and piers was unsightly, unclean and particularly hazardous to small children who handle and sometimes ingest cigarette butts. All of these cities are committed to keeping recreational spaces, beaches and parks clean, safe, healthy and pleasant for the public.

On November 15, 2001, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine presented a staff report to the Long Beach Recreation Commission on AB 188, State Smoking Legislation in Playgrounds and Tot Lots that states "the chief benefit of this legislation should be the protection of children, youth and families from smoke and tobacco-related waste."

On January 22, 2002, the Long Beach City Council adopted Ordinance No. C-7786 amending the Long Beach Municipal Code in order to reflect California Health And Safety Code Section 104495, Assembly Bill 188 (AB 188), No Smoking on Playgrounds by adding Section 8.68.021. The ordinance specifically defined the term "playground" to mean twenty-five feet from the edge of a sand area within a City park or recreational area specifically designed to be used by children and that has playground equipment installed in it. In this action, the Long Beach City Council extended the protection of the health of children, youth and family beyond the minimum State standards established by AB 188.

On October 24, 2004, the Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach submitted a Position Paper on Smoke Free Beaches in Long Beach at the request of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department stating that it strongly supported a proposed policy for smoke free beaches that will increase the benefits of healthy recreational environments and enhance the overall health of the community.

The City of Long Beach promotes healthy lifestyles, good quality of life, physical activity and protection from environmental pollution exposure. Long Beach has more than eleven miles of accessible coastline and recreational area beaches for the public's year round use and enjoyment. The public and children will benefit from smoke free beaches especially when participating in beach-related activities such as swimming, bicycling, skating, jogging, walking, playing volleyball and picnicking.

More than 84% of Californians do not smoke. The passage of a smoke free beaches policy for Long Beach will continue to enhance the health of residents and visitors by ensuring that there are healthy and safe outdoor areas where the public can enjoy these sites in a smoke free environment.

If you need additional information, feel free to contact me at extension 84016.

cc: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Melinda Cotton
PO Box 3310
Long Beach, CA 90803
562/433-2795
October 11, 2004

Attachment #5

Mayor Beverly O'Neill
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mayor O'Neill:

We are very excited about the prospect of having Smokefree Beaches in Long Beach – for that would mean that we would also have “butt free” beaches, as well!

I have participated several times in the 30-minute Beach Clean-up at the Granada Launch Ramp, as well as other beach clean-ups. Each time, I and others pick up an incredible number of cigarette butts, as well as cigar butts, cigarette packages and wrapping, matchbooks, etc. The cigarette butts are terribly gross, as you can imagine, and are very bad for the ocean and the environment, and any child who picks up one.

When participating in the beach clean-ups, I usually clean the areas between the parking lots and the bike path – so the cigarette butts we are picking up are not from the ocean, but from visitors to our Long Beach beaches and parking lots, just carelessly smoking and tossing their cigarettes away.

Beaches and piers all along the Southern California coastline are going “smokefree” – so it is very important that Long Beach join this group of environmentally conscious cities and counties in also having smokefree beaches. When people come to the beach, they are eager to escape second-hand smoke, to go barefoot and find clean sand for themselves and their children to play in.

Smokefree beaches in Long Beach will also send the appropriate message to young people and adults – that a healthy lifestyle does not include cigarettes.

There is strong community support for smokefree beaches, as well. The Long Beach Press Telegram, in its editorial of August 10, 2004, noted many other excellent reasons why the City Council should approve smokefree beaches in the city. I've enclosed a copy of that editorial.

Please, lend your support to the campaign for Smokefree Beaches in Long Beach. It will be a huge benefit for Belmont Shore, Naples and all the beaches in the city, as well as the ocean at our doorstep.

Sincerely,



Melinda Cotton
Past President, Belmont Shore Residents Association

10/20/04

Dear Ms. Rae Dabelich,

My name is Diane Brown. I am a Long Beach resident in the 8th district, and I reside at 4517 Elm Avenue. I am writing to express my support for Smoke Free Beaches in Long Beach. I think it is important to have smoke-free beaches in Long Beach because I want to reduce my children's exposure to second-hand smoke. My oldest daughter is an asthmatic, which makes it difficult for her to enjoy environments where tobacco smoke is present. I hope you will take the time to investigate the positive impact that tobacco use policies have had on smoking rates and health effects. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Brown

October 20, 2004

Dear Member of Long Beach City Council.

My name is Mario Gonzalez. I live in the city of Long Beach at 1634 W 20st. Long Beach, CA 90810

I'm writing to express my support for smoke free beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because it would reduce the number of individuals coming in contact with harmful chemicals and exposing them with second hand smoke. I also believe that by creating smoke-free beaches would make our city a cleaner city and we all would like that.

Thanks for your time & attention.
Please help make Long Beach a safe & healthy place to live, work & play
Sincerely,
Mario Gonzalez

October 20, 2004

Dear Councilmember Frank Colonna,

My name is Natali Whitehorse-Capvano. I work in Long Beach at California State University, Long Beach. I am writing to express my support for Smoke-Free Beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because tobacco litter leaches toxic substances into water and sediment contaminating the food supply or directly killing small animals. I have participated in several beach clean-ups and saw first hand that cigarettes are the number one source of beach litter.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a healthier, safe and family friendly community.

Sincerely,

Natali Whitehorse-Capvano

Dear Council Member Tania Reyes Franco,

I live and work in Long Beach
at 200 east 25th st. I am writing to
support Smoke-Free Beaches in Long
Beach. I truly feel that Smoke-Free
Beaches would assure mothers, caregivers
and parents of children safety. Being
a mother of two it's important for
the safety of my family and their
health.

Thank you for your time and
attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tania Reyes Franco'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dear Member of Long Beach City Council,

My name is Cecelia Williams. I live/work in Long Beach at 236 Lime Ave. I am writing to express my support for smoke free beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because I want this environment to be smoke-free, at some beaches are full of cigarette butts in the sand but if we have some free then it would be better. Also I have little sisters and they like to put things in their mouth so I get so afraid to take my sister's to the beach because of smokers so please stop the smokers from smoking in the beach.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy place to live, work and play!

Sincerely, Cecelia Williams

Dear. Council person,

my name is Crystal Ghico I live and work in Long Beach
I honestly think that we need a smoke-free
beach. Second hand smoking is very harmful
not all people want to smell like smoke Plus
the beach is dirty enough we don't need more
litter. Kids can pick a butt up and choke. beaches
are very busy we don't need smoking on beaches
it's dangerous

Sincerely,

Crystal Ghico

10-20-64

Dear member of Long Beach City Council,

my name is Jesse Perez I live and work in Long Beach. I've stayed in Long Beach my entire life. I enjoy life in Long Beach but I am highly concerned with the smoke filled environment. The beach is a high priority to me. And

think that a smoke free beach in Long Beach is critically important. First of all it disturbs me to know that smoke floats along the air we breathe. I highly disapprove with my sibling breathing in the tar and chemicals that come from cigarettes. And also we both know that no one likes dirty beaches, ~~so~~ the number of tourists coming down to the beach would go down. It's nice to know that people visit our beach because it's nice, so why spoil it and give our city a bad reputation. Remember our city's name is Long "Beach", not Smoky Beach.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,



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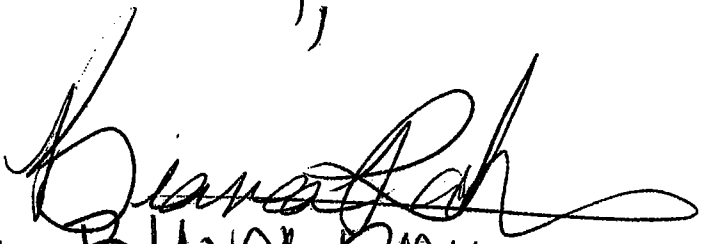
DEAR MEMBER OF LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL,

→ MY NAME IS BIANCA ROCHES. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AT 1312 W. 34TH ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90810. I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR SMOKE FREE BEACHES HERE IN LONG BEACH.

→ I THINK THAT SMOKE-FREE BEACHES IN LONG BEACH ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WOULD REALLY HELP WITH DECREASING SECOND-HAND SMOKE, CIGARETTE LITTER, & MAKE THE BEACHES LOOK BETTER & JUST BE AN OVERALL BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR FAMILIES.

→ THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIMELY ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. PLEASE HELP MAKE LONG BEACH A SAFE & HEALTHY PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, & PLAY!

SINCERELY,


~~BIANCA~~ BIANCA ROCHES

Dear Council Women
Tonia Reyes Uranga,

My name is Alice Castellanos, I'm 21 yrs old
a student at CSULB, and part-time employ
for HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention program, &

city of Long Beach Dept. of Health & Human Services.

My office is located at the new Millers Family
Health Education Center, at 3820 N. Cherry Ave

which is located in your district. The reason

I'm writing to you is because I want to express

my support for smoke-free beaches in Long Beach.

Even though I don't live in Long Beach yet, I love

This city I hope to afford a home here soon.

But I'm a student and employee for Long Beach

I eat @ restaurants by the beach some times I

go fishing at The Pier at Belmont. So I

strongly support smoke free beaches. One day far

in the future, I would like to have a family

of my own & I would like to take them

down to the beaches here in Long Beach and

not worry about any of my kids pick up a

cigarette butt let alone swallow it.

Thank you so much for time.

October 20, 20

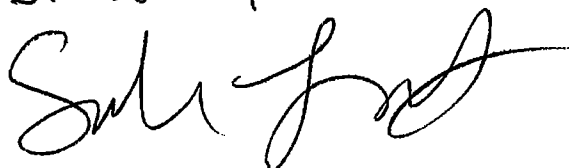
Dear Member of Long Beach City
Council,

My name is Sarah Long. I live/work
in Long Beach at Cal Stat University,
Long Beach. I am writing to express
my support for Smoke Free Beaches in
Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long
Beach are important because
3,000 youth start smoking every day
and I don't want my future kids
dying early. I want a ^{free} cigarette
butt and second-hand smoking beaches
so I can play sports on the beach.
I want a smoke-free beach in
Long Beach also because it will
show the beauty Long Beach has to
offer.

Thank you for your time and
attention to this important issue. Please
help make Long Beach a safe and
healthy place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,



October 20, 2004

Dear Member of Long Beach City Council,

My name is Tammie Dedmon. I work in Long Beach at 936 Pine Avenue. I am writing to express my support for Smoke Free Beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because:

- 1) Tobacco litter is harmful and unsightly &
- 2) Secondhand smoke is harmful

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,

Tammie Dedmon

10/20/01

HERM PERLMUTTER

Dear City Council Members:

I work in Long Beach and

occasionally go to the beach here.

I am upset that smoking occurs at the beach, as I have sensitivities to the toxins in the smoke. It seems that only Long Beach and a few other cities have not passed this legislation.

It is cost-effective (actually will save clean-up money), and make the beach more family friendly and more pleasant to visit.

Thank you for doing the right thing!
It is what most people want. The trend is here!

Thank-you-

Herm Perlmutter

OCTOBER 20/2017

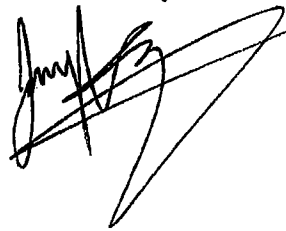
Dear Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga,

My name is Jenny Heng. I live/work in Long Beach at 2390 Pacific Ave. Long Beach. I am writing to express my support for Smoke-Free Beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because children can enjoy going to beach without worrying about eye, nose or inhaling second hand smoke. Also, smoking at the beach is not good for people who want to enjoy their day.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy environment for people to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,



10/20/07

Dear Council member Baker,

My name is Katie Moreno-Branson. I as a member of the Coalition for a ^{Smoke Free} Long Beach ^{W.B.H.} to express my support for Smoke Free Beaches in Long Beach.

Smoke free beaches here are important because they reflect the will of the greater community.

Many of your constituents have had to move away while at the beach to avoid unpleasant and dangerous second hand smoke. Furthermore, none of ^{us} wants to be exposed to the unacceptable amounts of cigarette butts littering our beaches and putting wild life and children at risk when they ingest them.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



10/20/04

Council member,
Dear Laura Richardson,

My name is Vongboun N. Marshall. I work in Long Beach with Cambodian Association of America CAA. I am writing to express my support for smoke free beaches in Long Beach.

I think that smoke-free beaches in Long Beach are important because.

- ① Keep the beaches clean and healthy.
- ② save money to clean the butt of cigarettes.
- ③ make the beaches attractive to foreign visitors.

Thank a lot for your time.

VN Marshall.

Vongboun N. Marshall

Dear Mr. Frank Colonna,

My name is Richard Mora, and I am a coalition member w/ The Coalition for a Smoke-Free Long Beach. I am writing to express my support for Smoke Free Beaches in Long Beach.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please help make Long Beach a safe and healthy place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

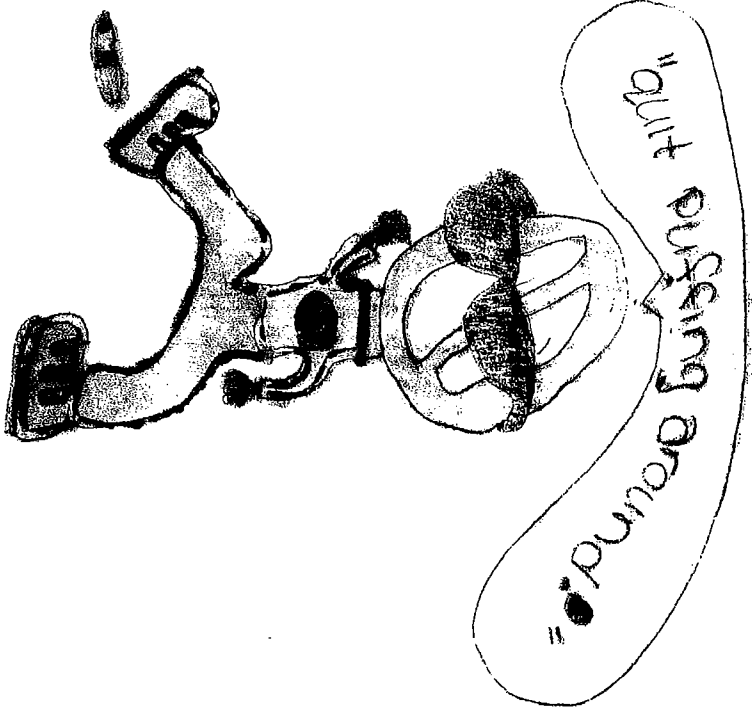
Richard Mora

Dear Councilmember
I don't like



people smoking
on the beach
because it bothers
me

the smoke = smell
but one gets
in your lungs



~~if you smoke, you better quit extremely fast because I~~
~~don't want me to come and get you~~
~~present?~~

Dear council members, I think that people should not smoke because
 for and bad chemicals get into your lungs and it makes
 your lungs work overtime and it gets into your liver.
 I don't like to see cigarette sales on the beach because it tells
 that people are smoking here and I would really go
 I don't want to go and get that for in my

October 22, 2004

Dear Councilman O'Donnell:

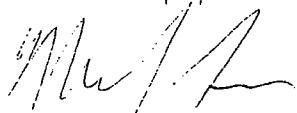
I am writing to urge you to support pending and upcoming legislation pertaining to the use of tobacco products in public, recreational spaces. As a city resident, I am pleased by the legislative limits imposed on tobacco use in public park playgrounds and tot lots; however, extending the smoking prohibitions to the spectator areas at athletic fields and complexes would be great.

On previous occasions, I've taken my two godsons to the parks and beaches in Long Beach. Each visit my godsons would find cigarette debris in the sand and bring them to me. Of course, this is something that young children will do, however

...presents a serious risk for these young boys
& other children in public sandboxes and at
public beaches. Enforcing this type of legislation
does present a logistical challenge that requires
careful planning. Nonetheless, planning is a
major part of leadership and public policy
decisions, and I am certain that ~~you~~ you and
other councilmembers are capable of solving this
problem.

In closing, I want to applaud and thank you for
your efforts as the leader of my city council
district. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Lyde, Ph.D.

1468 Freeman Avenue

Long Beach, CA 90804

Dear Councilmember Colonna,

My name is Maura Dwyer, and I am a resident of the Third district. I strongly support the proposed ban on smoking on Long Beach's beaches. Smoking not only negatively impacts our environment, but also the health + enjoyment of our many residents and guests who come to our city and visit our beaches. Environmental tobacco smoke is a known cause of cancer, asthma, cardiac disease, SIDS and a whole host of other diseases and conditions that cost us money and our quality of life. Please support this ban and help improve our health + environment.

Sincerely,

Maura Dwyer

Dear Councilmember Colonna,

My name is Maura Dwyer, and I am a resident of the Third district. I strongly support the proposed ban on smoking on Long Beach's beaches. Smoking not only negatively impacts our environment, but also the health & enjoyment of our many residents and guests who come to our city and visit our beaches. Environmental tobacco smoke is a known cause of cancer, asthma, cardiac disease, SIDS and a whole host of other diseases and conditions that cost us money and our quality of life. Please support this ban and help improve our health & environment.

Sincerely,

Maura Dwyer



**Marine Advisory Commission
Long Beach, California**

Attachment #6

205 Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803

Richard Miller,
Chairman
Bradley Whyte,
Vice Chairman
Michael Malbon
Holly Carpenter
Michael Reed
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford
Peter Hogenson
David Calhoun

September 15, 2004

Phil T. Hester
Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
2760 Studebaker Road
Long Beach, CA 908015

Dear Phil:

The City Council recently requested that the Marine Advisory Commission evaluate a proposed ban on smoking on the City's beaches. On September 2, 2004, the Commission chaired a Public Hearing in Council Chambers, and the issue was subsequently discussed at our Commission meeting on September 9, 2004.

On a majority vote, the Marine Advisory Commission failed to support the proposed smoking ban on the beaches of Long Beach. I have detailed below a number of the reasons for the lack of support, as discussed in Committee and in the Commission meeting:

- A number of Commissioners were not sure what the proposal was attempting to accomplish. If it was to control cigarette butt litter on the beach, there is already a no littering Ordinance on the books. If it was to keep second hand smoke from non-smokers or children, the thought was that there was a lot of beach in Long Beach to avoid the limited number of smokers.
- A number of Commissioners were reluctant to support a law that would not be actively enforced, but would rely on signage, education and self-policing for enforcement.
- A number of Commissioners held the belief that the majority of cigarette butts that ended up on our beaches were from the L.A. River runoff, not from smokers on the beach.

Phil T. Hester
September 15, 2004
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The Commissioners stressed that none of them smoked, and that they were indeed anti-smoking in general, but for the reasons detailed herein, the majority could not support a ban on smoking on the beach.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Miller
Chairman
Marine Advisory Commission

:RM:vc

cc: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
Christine Shippey, Assistant City Manager
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Anthony Batts, Chief of Police
David Ellis, Fire Chief
Ronald Arias, Director of Health and Human Services
Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches