



## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated  
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The Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is committed to promoting a healthy campus environment that acknowledges the well-established health risks associated with smoking and the exposure to secondhand smoke. As the single recognized voice for nearly 27,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles, A.S.I. was engaged by our constituents and asked to study the California State University, Long Beach Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy Task Force Report<sup>1</sup>, the impact of smoking on campus, and the feasibility of a Smoke-Free campus.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS)<sup>2</sup> exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing over 50,000 non-smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, The US Environmental Protection Agency<sup>3</sup> has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A Carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogen; and

WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board<sup>4</sup> has categorized secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant, the same category as diesel exhaust; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and establishing smoke-free environments is the only proven way to prevent exposure; and

WHEREAS, according to the USDHHS, nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent; and

WHEREAS, The American College Health Association (ACHA)<sup>5</sup> encourages colleges and universities to achieve a 100% indoor and outdoor campus-wide tobacco-free environment; and

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<sup>1</sup> CSULB Tobacco and Smoke Free Task Force - [www.csulb.edu/livewell/breathe-home/task-force](http://www.csulb.edu/livewell/breathe-home/task-force)

<sup>2</sup> The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General - <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/full-report.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> US EPA. Respiratory Health Effects of Passive Smoking. US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, Office of Health and Environmental Assessment, Washington, DC, EPA/600/6-90/006F, 1992.

<sup>4</sup> California Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board. News Release, California Identifies Secondhand Smoke as a "Toxic Air Contaminant." - <http://www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/nr012606.htm>

<sup>5</sup> Position Statement on Tobacco on College and University Campuses - [https://www.acha.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA\\_Position\\_Statement\\_on\\_Tobacco\\_Nov2011.pdf](https://www.acha.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA_Position_Statement_on_Tobacco_Nov2011.pdf)



WHEREAS, the US Department of Health and Human Services has created a Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative that invites university and college leaders, administrators, faculty members, staff, and students to promote and support the adoption and implementation of tobacco-free policies at institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, smoke-free campus policies are proven to decrease current smoking prevalence among students, decrease the amount of cigarettes used by those who continue to smoke, positively influence students' perceptions of peer smoking, change social norms around tobacco use, and increase favorable attitudes towards regulation of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, these findings are consistent with a study<sup>6</sup>; that found that college students who lived in smoke-free residences were more likely to be nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Youth Advocacy Network<sup>7</sup>, "approximately 1,182 colleges in the United States are 100% smoke-free and of those, 811 campuses are 100% tobacco-free;" and

WHEREAS, in California, an increased number of public colleges are going completely tobacco-free and that, since 2014, the University of California system has been a part of the more than 1,100 colleges and universities nationwide that have implemented a system-wide smoke and tobacco-free policy; and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Association of California Community Colleges introduced A White Paper on Tobacco Prevention and Control for the California Community Colleges<sup>8</sup> to support the efforts of individual campuses and districts in adopting tobacco-free policies;" and

WHEREAS, the California State University (CSU) Office of the Chancellor has announced its intention for a tobacco-free system in the near future<sup>9</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the California State University Board of Trustees has delegated authority to campus presidents to adopt rules regulating smoking on campuses; let it be

**RESOLVED**, that the A.S.I. Board of Directors hereby:

Recommends smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, be prohibited on all property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by California State University, Los Angeles.

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<sup>6</sup> Seo, D.C., Macey, J., Torabi, M., & Middlestadt. (2011). The effect of a smoke free campus policy on college students' smoking behaviors and attitudes. Preventative Medicine, doi:10.1016/j.ypmed.2011.07.015.

<sup>7</sup> California Youth Advocacy Network: Tobacco-Free Policy Rationale - <http://cyanonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/CYAN-Tobacco-Free-Policy-Rationale.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> The Health Services Association of California Community Colleges: A White Paper on Tobacco Prevention and Control in the California Community Colleges - <http://cyanonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/HSACCC-White-Paper-Feb-2014.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> AS-3102-12/EX/AA (Rev): A Smoke-Free California State University - [http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/records/resolutions/co\\_response/documents/CO\\_Response\\_January\\_2013.pdf](http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/records/resolutions/co_response/documents/CO_Response_January_2013.pdf)



Requests that smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, also be prohibited in all vehicles owned by California State University, Los Angeles and at any event or activity on campus property.

Recommends that the use of nicotine smoking products, not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as cessation devices, be prohibited in all indoor and outdoor spaces where smoking is prohibited. Products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookahs), electronic smoking devices, and marijuana.

Requests an active and positive education campaign to increase the awareness of a tobacco and smoke free policy and a multi-component enforcement plan after the policy has been adopted for one year.

Recommends a one-year implementation period, which would provide an opportunity for the campus to focus on an awareness campaign about cessation services and counseling available through the Health Center.

Will distribute copies of this resolution widely, including, but not limited to, the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, the California State Student Association, the California Faculty Association, the Cal State LA Campus President Dr. William A. Covino, the Cal State LA Academic Senate, and the Cal State LA University Times.

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