

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ENSURING STUDENT HEALTH BY RESTRICTING THE MARKETING AND SALES OF TOBACCO, FLAVORED TOBACCO, AND VAPING PRODUCTS TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MONROVIA AND THE NEIGHBORING CITIES

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Unified School District are committed to providing a healthy environment for all students and staff to ensure that the physical, behavioral, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students are met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, Board of Education, staff, district educators and health professionals recognize the importance of tobacco use prevention education in order to reduce tobacco-related illnesses, and understand the best way to prevent tobacco-related illnesses is to keep youth from starting to smoke or use tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the City and District work with Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and other partnering public agencies to promote good health by discouraging tobacco use through the participation of District students in local Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) efforts

WHEREAS, marketing by the tobacco industry has now targeted young people with packaging and names that appeal to youth, as well as tobacco products that mask the harsh taste and odor of tobacco with flavors highly appealing to youth (e.g. bubble gum, cotton candy, grape, gummy bear, chocolate chip cookie); and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Surgeon General, e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine devices (ENDS) contain nicotine, which is a highly addictive drug that has immediate biochemical effects on the brain and body, alters adolescent brain development, and is toxic in high doses; and

WHEREAS, E-cigarettes and other ENDS were found to be harmful to youth and other individuals by the United States Court of Appeals; and organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Lung Association, and American Heart Association support the regulation of e-cigarettes and other ENDS; and

WHEREAS, the City and District recognize that ensuring the health of children is a community-wide commitment;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES hereby find, resolve and order as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Monrovia and the Governing Board of the Monrovia Unified School District will take all practical and necessary steps to discourage students and youths in community from smoking, including forbidding the use of tobacco products and vaping devices on campuses and during any school-related activities, and by providing student education and family information on the dangers of tobacco and vaping use;

That the City and District call on our entire community and elected leaders, and legislative representatives to join in support of ensuring student health by restricting the marketing and sales of tobacco, flavored tobacco, and vaping products to young people throughout the City of Monrovia and the neighboring cities served by the District.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this XXth day of XX, 2020.

Tom Adams, Mayor
City of Monrovia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

Craig A. Steele, City Attorney
City of Monrovia