



Repeal Ordinance 5210 - Repeal Ordinance 5211

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Attn – Planning Commission Attn – Board of Supervisors

Regarding – On March 12, 2026, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review the proposed repeal of Ordinance 5210 (Tobacco Retailer Land Use Regulations). The proposed action would send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to repeal Chapter 130.40.340 (Tobacco Retailers) in its entirety, and would amend Chapter 130.22.020 (Matrix of Allowed Uses) as directed by the Board on July 29, 2025 ([File No. 25-0901](#)).

The best thing would be to follow California State Law since there are already policies in place by the state and they enforce these policies. If county officials propose a new law and enforce a different law than state law, it would be a waste of EDC taxpayer money. The state already spent a lot of money to come up with a list to include all the smoking products, it's called UTL (unflavored tobacco list) by DOJ and it took more than a few years to have this list finalized. The list just recently came out and here is a link for your information.

<https://utl.doj.ca.gov/>

Let's avoid serious financial impacts to the county by enforcing an ordinance that is so harmful to so many small businesses. Let's also face the facts that restricting legitimate businesses from selling tobacco products only forces customers to other jurisdictions and/or to "underground" with potentially more harmful products.

Do the right thing for small businesses, for EDC and for kids by discouraging use of tobacco products through education via the media, schools, and parent involvement.

Thanks for listening!

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