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Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors.

In regards to the above agenda item regarding actions and recommendations related to the Healthy Communities Strategic Plan I would like to state my rebuttable comments to the recommendation being made by HHSA: First, #4 of this item recommending to prohibit smoking etc on all County owned or leased properties appears to be a healthy and environmentally wise action however I believe this to be not only unnecessary but also more than likely will cause more trash to be left on and around County property. Go to any high school and look at the grounds just outside the campus and you will find trash and cigarette butts. This action would end up with our properties becoming trashy and possibly causing even fire hazards if dispensaries were not provided for your constituents. State law already prohibits smoking within 20 feet of entrances etc. so just make sure you have dispensaries aka ash trays placed away from the doors, air-intake vents and you should not have issues. I noticed that when the dispensaries were removed this past year or so, and the smokers did not have a safe place to put their cigarettes that the butts started being left all over the grounds. Just because you call the campus 'Tobacco-free' that does not mean it will be adhered to and you will have difficulty enforcing this action. Bottom line is this action is not necessary and the adverse consequences far out way the benefits.

Second, regarding items #8 and #9 of this same agenda item, all I can say is what makes this Agency think it can force healthy eating on another human. I believe healthy eating is good however the very thought that this is being forced on mainly County Employees, as I believe it is the employees who utilize these machines a majority of the time, is absurd. Maybe the recommendation could be to try and seek healthy vending machine options in addition to what is currently being provided. Over time the successful vendors will prevail, I would like to think it will be the healthy option vending however any option is better than no option and my concern is that the healthy eating vendor will be to costly to stay and then we would end up with no other option.

Thank you for your time and consideration to my comments.

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