

## Fwd: Adopt Citywide Restriction on the Sale of Menthol and all Other Flavored Tobacco Products, Including Flavored E-Juices in Los Angele

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Subject: Adopt Citywide Restriction on the Sale of Menthol and all Other Flavored Tobacco Products, Including Flavored E-Juices in Los Angele

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Councilmembers,

The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council (AATCLC) is re-sending our letter of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (see attached). In that correspondence we strongly encouraged the Council to restrict the sale of menthol and all flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-juices, with no adult venues exemptions city-wide.

Since then many cities have adopted city-wide menthol and flavor restrictions, including San Rafael, Lafayette, Livermore and our State Capital Sacramento. Here is a link to a list compiled by the American Nonsmokers Rights Foundation showing all 26 cities in California and around the United States that have adopted city-wide menthol restrictions: <https://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/flavored-tobacco-product-sales.pdf>

It would be a tremendous step forward for the public's health in general and a major victory in the fight against health disparities in particular if the Council would adopt menthol restrictions. Indeed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest City in the United States taking this action would be a clarion call for the rest of the nation!

Best Regards,

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