LPC Smoke-Free Initiative Resolution

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Sponsors:

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges adopted a resolution urging all community college campuses to adopt 100% smoke and tobacco-free policies in May 2018, and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges sent a memorandum [1] to all community college CEO's regarding the resolution, the importance of going 100% smoke and tobacco-free, and grant opportunities for those districts to implement the policy request;

WHEREAS, at least 2,487 college and university campus sites in the U.S. are 100% smokefree, indoors and outdoors, including 2,062 campus sites that are 100% tobacco-free and 2,094 campus sites that prohibit vaping;

WHEREAS, the University of California Office of the President implemented a smoke and tobacco-free policy on all UC campuses in 2014 [2] and the CSU Office of the Chancellor issued an executive order of the same policy in 2017 [3] but the CCC system cannot enforce a systemwide policy due to local governance;

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, accounting for more than 480,000 deaths every year, or about 1 in 5 deaths [4]; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General declared a youth vaping epidemic in December 2018, finding that vaping of nicotine nearly doubled between 2017-2018 among 12th graders (from 11% to 20.9%) and 10th graders (from 8.2% to 16.1%); and e-cigarettes are now the most commonly used form of tobacco by youth in the U.S. [5]; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that through a collaborative effort with all governing bodies within and of Las Positas College a 100% smoke free and tobacco-free campus policy be adopted and implemented, where smoking, vaping, and other tobacco use will not be permitted anywhere on Las Positas College property, indoors and outdoors;
RESOLVED, that Las Positas College allocate resources and funding dedicated to support and rehabilitation services for individuals (faculty, staff, students, etc.) directly impacted by this policy,

RESOLVED, that through a collaborative effort with Las Positas College and Chabot College, in conjunction with Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD), implement a district-wide policy enforcing 100% ban on smoking, vaping, and other tobacco usage on both college campuses.

Citation 1:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/582cd52d2994caad8bdc9000/t/5b5b9a946d2a73ec3deec771/1532730009735/Memo+from+Chancellor+Oakley.pdf

Citation 2:
https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc-goes-tobacco-free

Citation 3:
https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/6591951/latest/

Citation 4:
https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/adult_data/cig_smoking/index.htm

Citation 5: