



STOP THE L.A. SMOKING BAN!

*L.A. City Councilman proposes banning smoking almost everywhere;
you can help stop this!*

Los Angeles City Councilman **Bernard Parks** introduced a motion to asking the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to “enact a second-hand smoking law effective throughout the City which would limit public exposure to secondhand smoke in all public areas and common areas where people congregate including, but not limited to, but not limited to indoor and outdoor businesses, hotels, parks, apartment common areas, restaurants and bars, and beaches.” If drafted and passed as requested, this measure would:

- ▶ Eliminate smoking in all cigar shops in the City of Los Angeles;
- ▶ Eliminate smoking on the streets of Los Angeles;
- ▶ Eliminate cigar smoking in outdoor areas of hotels and restaurants;
- ▶ End cigar events as we know them in the entire City of Los Angeles;
- ▶ Eliminate smoking in common areas of apartment buildings, including lobbies and hallways!

What you can do to help:

(1) Call Councilman Parks’ office at (213) 473-7008 and ask for him to withdraw his motion for a smoking ban (item no. 08-2123). Tell him that the motion should be withdrawn:

- ▶ Because outdoor secondhand smoke, despite what he claims, is not a health threat.
- ▶ Because Los Angeles police should be arresting drug dealers, not smokers.
- ▶ Because tobacco products are legal and Prohibition never-ever-ever works.
- ▶ Because smokers are not criminals!
- ▶ If you want to reduce smoking, education and enforcement vs. underage sales are what works.

Be sure to tell the receptionist or staff members if you live in, or visit Southern California, especially the city of Los Angeles.

(2) Send an electronic mail message asking Parks to withdraw his smoking-ban motion (no. 08-2123) to Councilmember.Parks@lacity.org.

(3) If you live in Los Angeles, send a message to your Council member and register your protest against the Bernard Parks Motion for a smoking ban (no. 08-2123). City Council contact information:

District 1:	Ed Reyes (East Los Angeles)	(213) 473-7001	Councilmember.Reyes@lacity.org
District 2:	Wendy Greuel (East Valley)	(213) 473-7002	Councilmember.Greuel@lacity.org
District 3:	Dennis Zine (West Valley, south of Roscoe Blvd.)	(213) 473-7003	Councilmember.Zine@lacity.org
District 4:	Tom LaBonge (Mid-City area)	(213) 473-7004	Councilmember.LaBonge@lacity.org
District 5:	Jack Weiss (Westside, east of the 405 Freeway to mid-town, plus Encino area)	(213) 473-7005	Councilmember.Weiss@lacity.org
District 6:	Tony Cardenas (Mid-Valley area)	(213) 473-7006	Councilmember.Cardenas@lacity.org
District 7:	Richard Alarcon (North Valley, east of the 405 Freeway to just east of the 210 Freeway)	(213) 473-7007	www.lacity.org/council/cd7/contact.htm
District 8:	Bernard Parks (South Los Angeles)	(213) 473-7008	Councilmember.Parks@lacity.org
District 9:	Jan Perry (Southeast Los Angeles)	(213) 473-7009	Jan.Perry@lacity.org
District 10:	Herb Wesson, Jr. (Midtown south, on both sides of the 10 Freeway)	(213) 473-7010	Councilmember.Wesson@lacity.org
District 11:	Bill Rosendahl (Coastal area, south of Mulholland Drive and north of 105 Freeway)	(213) 473-7011	Councilmember.Rosendahl@lacity.org
District 12:	Greig Smith (West Valley, north of Roscoe Blvd.)	(213) 473-7012	Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org
District 13:	Eric Garcetti (Midtown east area)	(213) 473-7013	Councilmember.Garcetti@lacity.org
District 14:	Jose Huizar (East Los Angeles)	(213) 473-7014	Councilmember.Huizar@lacity.org
District 15:	Janice Hahn (Harbor district, including San Pedro)	(213) 473-7015	Councilmember.Hahn@lacity.org

(4) Show up – with your friends – to protest at Committee or City Council meetings where the motion will be discussed. You can keep up by checking www.WeAreNotCriminals.com for more information.

DON'T LET THE CITY COUNCIL ARREST YOU FOR SMOKING!