



The California Healthy Housing Coalition

Equitable Approach to Smoke Free Housing



Divisive Issue

- Historical Conflict
- Common Ground?



Process

- Facilitated Discussion
- Research
- Search for Consensus
- Peer Review
- Finalize and Share



Topic: Terminology

Principle: When developing policies, it is important to focus on eliminating exposure to second-hand smoke and limiting smoking behaviors.

- Labels and stigmatization limit potential solutions



Topic: Engaging Communities

Principle: Policies should be developed with broad and meaningful community engagement

- Formal multi-stakeholder committee
- Outreach and education
- Oversight



Topic: Transitioning Away from Smoking

Principle: Provision of cessation resources

- Dependent on local resources

Principle: Delayed implementation period

- Allow time to inform community about new policy

Principle: Provide outdoor smoking areas, where possible.



Topic: Applicability

Principle: Address all smoke, including marijuana and vaping

- Note: medical marijuana may need special consideration.

Principle: Policies should apply to all residents – new and existing – and all types of multi-family housing – rented and owned.



Topic: Complaint Management and Enforcement

Principle: Monetary penalties are not recommended

Principle: Recommend enforcement be led by public health agencies, not law enforcement

Principle: Use a graduated enforcement process providing opportunities for residents to change smoking behaviors

- Include mediation or a restorative justice step towards a resolution



Topic: Tracking and Evaluation

Principle: Gather data to evaluate impacts, identify unintended consequences, and make adjustments when needed.

- Community advisory board could serve an oversight function



Evictions: Still a Source of Disagreement

- Significant concerns on both sides of the issue
- Some agreement found:
 - If eviction is on the table, it should be the last resort
 - The enforcement process should be informed by available local resources and determined through meaningful stakeholder engagement.



Feedback: What do you think?

- Are the principles useful?
- Is anything missing?
- Anything you disagree with or would change/adjust?