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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2025

N.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATED DRAFT ORDINANCE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO SMOKE SHOP REGULATIONS

PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE FINAL ORDINANCE LANGUAGE AND SET NOVEMBER 18, 2025 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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Dear Mayor Light and Member of the City Council,

Beach Cities Health District commends the City Council for its continued leadership in advancing strong public health policies and for taking thoughtful action to strengthen smoke shop regulations. The proposed cap of five smoke shops and the 600-foot buffers from high schools, youth centers (including allcove), and other smoke shops are important steps to reduce youth exposure and limit retail density that can normalize tobacco and vaping use. Research shows that areas with higher retailer density experience higher rates of tobacco use.

These updates reflect Redondo Beach's longstanding commitment to protecting community health and supporting youth well-being. In 2019, the City established a tobacco retail licensing program to curb illegal sales to youth and banned the sale of flavored tobacco products. A comprehensive smoke-free ordinance also prohibited smoking in all public places. As a result of these progressive policies, Redondo Beach's smoking rate is just 5% according to the latest Gallup data—more than 50% lower than the U.S. average of 11%.

As the Council considers this ordinance, we encourage the Council to consider whether the five-year compliance period could be shortened to accelerate these impacts. Manhattan Beach, for example, implemented their retail ban with an 18-month transition timeline. Expanding buffer protections to include other youth-sensitive areas such as elementary and middle schools would also strengthen the ordinance's impact. Finally, continued vigilance in enforcing the City's strong smoke-free and retail licensing laws will be key to sustaining these health impacts and ensuring equitable protection across the community.

We stand ready to support with any additional technical assistance or education needed from the City.

Respectfully,

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