



Mayor and Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA. 94102

Dear Mayor Lurie and members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Chase Kornacki, and I am an Advocacy and Public Policy Intern with the American Lung Association and a recent Master of Public Health graduate from the University of California San Diego. My internship experience and four years in tobacco prevention research have strengthened my understanding of tobacco harms and the need for comprehensive tobacco control policies.

I am writing to express my support for the smokefree ordinance currently under consideration that would designate bar patios as smokefree areas. Policies like this are essential for protecting workers and patrons from secondhand smoke exposure while creating healthier public spaces for everyone. San Francisco already protects workers from secondhand smoke in many outdoor settings including restaurant patios. Bar workers deserve the same protection in their workplace patios as restaurant workers already receive.

At the American Lung Association, I contributed to the [State of Tobacco Control Local Grades report](#) evaluating California's tobacco prevention policies. One key area of the report is smokefree outdoor air protection, as there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The adoption of a smokefree dining ordinance would improve San Francisco's grade in smokefree outdoor air protections from a 'B' to an 'A.' This change would also raise the city's overall tobacco control grade to an 'A,' positioning San Francisco among the 79 cities and counties across California that have earned the highest grade for tobacco control policies.

My experience in tobacco prevention has shown me how effective local policies can be in lowering secondhand smoke exposure and fostering healthier environments. Smokefree policies are proven strategies that protect workers, help others quit tobacco, and promote healthier communities overall.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important public health measure. We trust that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors will prioritize the well-being of San Franciscans by supporting this ordinance to designate bar patios as smokefree areas.

Sincerely,

Chase Kornacki, MPH
Advocacy and Public Policy Intern