

# SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL ASSOCIATION

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## **PROP. 188 - WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU**

Prop. 188 is the common sense answer to the hysterical hype that the "political correct" moralists, who want government intrusion and regulations of our lives, have packaged in as Assembly Bill AB 13. AB 13 means a virtual 100% smoking ban in all hotel restaurants, dining rooms, and in all banquet facilities where food is served starting in four months. The law also calls for smoking to be completely banned in all bars and bar areas of restaurants on January 1, 1997.

As the Executive Director of the San Francisco Hotel Association I am in constant contact with hotel and motel owners and General Managers throughout the state. The majority

of these hotel operators have great concerns regarding the impact of the state-wide smoking ban. The largest concern is the ability to accommodate all of our guests, especially our foreign visitors. Without the flexibility to allow smoking in our restaurants, banquet rooms, and bars we will be at a disadvantage competing for the foreign and domestic tourism dollar.

The California tourism industry cannot afford any more regulations that will drive customers away. This past year, due to the Los Angeles smoking ban, Los Angeles lost a \$10 million convention that instead chose to move its 1995 meeting to Illinois where they do not ban smoking.

There is a solution. It's called PROPOSITION 188 and it is on the November election ballot. PROP. 188 is endorsed by thousands of hotels, restaurants and bar owners and managers throughout California. PROP. 188 is not a total prohibition on smoking. It is a uniform statewide smoking law that still allows General Managers some measure of choice to provide a separate smoking and non-smoking section in their dining rooms, and will continue to allow smoking in bars and bar areas of restaurants if the property so desires.

---HELP US NOW---

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