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Sheriff McDonald Announces Opposition To Prop. 5; Would Cost \$43,000,000

Sheriff John R. McDonald of San Mateo County today announced his support of Californians for Common Sense, the statewide organization opposing Proposition 5, the smoking prohibitions proposition on the November ballot.

"I find the proposed ballot proposition on smoking prohibitions to be unrealistic and costly," Sheriff McDonald said.

"I am certain that the people of California, in light of their recent expression at the polls, are concerned with the added burden of laws that cannot be realistically enforced," he added.

\$50 Fine

Peace officers, under general law, would be required to arrest anyone they see violating the new smoking prohibitions. A mandatory \$50 fine for every violation is also required. Each day on which a violation occurs would be a separate offense and punishable as such.

A study by Economics Research Associates, a national research firm, estimates the cost of signs (at every entrance to every governmental facility), enforcement, prosecution and court time would cost California taxpayers \$43 million in the first year to comply.

Co-chairmen of Californians for Common Sense, the organization campaigning for defeat of Proposition 5, are Houston I. Flournoy, dean of the

University of Southern California's Center for Public Affairs; Katherine B. Dunlap, prominent conservationist and civic leader; John F. Hemming, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO).

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