

MEMORANDUM

March 19, 1991

TO: State Activities Policy Committee
FROM: Bob McAdam
SUBJECT: California Local Update

What follows is a summary of significant activity on the local level in California.

Sacramento:

Ray McNalley is continuing his efforts to broaden our coalition here in hopes of reaching a sufficient level of participation to support our direct lobbying of targeted members of the City Council. Lobbying efforts will be headed by Jose Hermocillo of David Townsend and Associates.

In addition, we have begun the process of incorporating organized labor into our efforts. Using advice and support from the LMC, we hope to bring key local union leaders into direct communication with Council members.

Auburn:

The City Council voted (5-0) on March 11 to pass a city smoking ban. The ban will take effect in 30 days. City businesses will have 180 days to comply with the ordinance, which covers both restaurants and workplace. At this time, I recommend no action to be taken on this ordinance. We expect Placer County to take similar action; this is where we should center our attention.

Riverside:

The City Government Affairs Committee considered the proposed smoking ban ordinance on March 18. The Committee voted 2-0 not to pass the ordinance as proposed. The Committee will forward the recommendation to the full City Council. There were no amendments made to the ordinance, but a motion was made asking for a two-year moratorium on any changes to the existing smoking ordinance. The Mayor was present for the hearing and concurred with the vote and the motion. We expect the ordinance to go to the full Council in a week to two weeks. However, we do not expect any of the Council members to vote for the ordinance and override the Committee's decision.

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Bellflower:

Lobbying by restaurants and various other coalition members here has resulted in the reconsideration of the previously passed smoking ban. The Council will re-hear the issue on March 26 with written testimony due on March 18. Two Council members who voted for the ban the first time have indicated they are now opposed to the ordinance. The restaurant coalition is in direct contact with the Council.

Long Beach:

On February 26, the Quality of Life Committee amended the proposed ordinance increasing the amount of nonsmoking seating in restaurants to also ban smoking in workplaces. Full Council will review the ordinance on March 19.

RSM/mln