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Re: Public Meeting on Possible Changes to City's Smoking Ordinance

Dear Owners & Managers of Multi-unit Housing and Homeowners Associations:

The City of Novato, in partnership with Marin County Tobacco Related Disease Control Program, is embarking on a review of its Smoking Ordinance. On October 25, the Novato City Council directed staff to draft possible amendments to the ordinance which includes adopting clearer rules and expanding health and fire safety protection for residents of multi-unit housing units.

- The current ordinance restricts smoking in 50% of existing apartment units and 75% of newly built apartment units; the new ordinance will propose 100% non-smoking in all apartment units, to be specified by lease.
- The current ordinance is not clear on the rules surrounding condominiums and smoking. The proposed ordinance will designate 75% of all condominiums, new and existing, as non-smoking.

You are invited to attend a public workshop on the proposed changes to the smoking ordinance regarding changes to multi-family housing on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the City's Administrative Offices at 922 Machin Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Womack Conference Room).

The City Council will consider the above changes to the smoking ordinance at their meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to make the workshop but would like to provide feedback to the City, please email <a href="mailto:jdeakyne@novato.org">jdeakyne@novato.org</a> or call 415-899-8919 so your feedback may be included in the information provided to our City Council.

Thank you,

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