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Re: Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to City's Smoking Ordinance

Dear Owners & Managers of stores, drug stores, mini-marts, gas stations and other businesses that sell tobacco or electronic smoking devices:

In late November, you received a letter outlining a timeline and proposal for updating the City's Smoking Ordinance. The City held a public meeting on Thursday, December 1 and we did not have any attendees for the session related to tobacco retailers.

As a reminder, you were made aware of these proposed changes because your business sells items that Council may wish to limit with the goal of discouraging youth from purchasing tobacco and tobacco-related products via the establishment of a Tobacco Retail License (TRL).

We wanted to let you know that the timeline for updating the smoking ordinance in the original letter shifted to allow us to communicate with all of our constituents. The City Council will now consider the above changes to the Smoking Ordinance at a Public Hearing to be held during their regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to make the Public Hearing but would like to provide feedback to the City, please email jdeakyne@novato.org or call 415-899-8919 before the end of the day on January 4, 2017 so your feedback may be included in the information provided to our City Council. A website was also established to keep smoking ordinance documentation in one place. Please visit www.novato.org/smokingordinance for up to date information on the process.

Thank you,

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