

City of Encinitas City Council's Office

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Catherine S. Blakespear Mayor The Honorable Chris R. Holden California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Ste 5650 Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 1690 Tobacco and cannabis products: single-use electronic cigarettes and integrated cannabis vaporizers – Notice of Support

Joe Mosca Deputy Mayor

Dear Assemblymember Holden,

Kellie Shay Hinze Council Member I am writing on behalf of the City of Encinitas in support of AB 1690, which would prevent single-use, disposable smoking and vaping devices from being sold, transferred, or furnished to another person of any age. This applies to in person sales as well as deliveries from out of state to an address within California.

Tony Kranz Council Member Single use plastic waste continues to present a serious environmental and public health problem. A ban on electronic single-use smoking and vaping devices was included in the Statewide Microplastics Strategy adopted by the Ocean Protection Council, as they are a recognized source of plastic pollution. In addition to the environmental harm caused by single use plastics, electronic smoking and vaping devices create additional hazards due to improper disposal of the lithium-ion batteries needed to operate these devices.

Joy Lyndes Council Member

For these reasons, and for the protection of the natural environment that brings three million visitors to Encinitas each year, I support AB 1690.

Sincerely,

Pamela Antil City Manager

Catherine Blakespear

Mayor