

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Tobacco Retail Licensing

NAME (PRINT & INCLUDE PRONUNCIATION): Laurie Mounis Anderson

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AGENDA ITEM # PK4 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR:  AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Gregory Blaschke MD. CAPT (Ret) USN

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR:  AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Ben Hoffman MD

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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AGENDA ITEM # ✓ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: X AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Jeffrey Showell

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NAME (PRINT & INCLUDE PRONUNCIATION): Michael Grice

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NAME (PRINT & INCLUDE PRONUNCIATION): Sarah Higginbotham

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TO: Chair Kafoury & Commissioners  
Multnomah Board of County Commissioners  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600  
Portland, OR 97214

October 20, 2015

Chair Kafoury and Commissioners:

On behalf of the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association, thank you for the opportunity to address tobacco use, Oregon's number one preventable cause of death.

It's been fifty years since the Surgeon General issued its first warning of the dangers of tobacco. It's astounding how far we have come since then. Today, we all know just how harmful tobacco has been to our health: the toxic chemicals in cigarettes, the highly addictive properties of nicotine, and the long list of illnesses that result in early death for thousands of Oregonians every year. We know about what we're up against—millions of dollars spent by Big Tobacco on marketing a deadly product to the next generation.

Most importantly, we now know what tobacco control policies work to better protect our kids. A retail licensure system is one of those policies and I want to thank you for so thoughtfully considering this approach. The American Heart Association encourages you to pass a strong tobacco retail licensure system that includes effective fees that can adequately cover enforcement and education. Additionally, we support a policy that will limit new retail licenses from being issued around schools, and one that focuses enforcement on the retailer. Doing so will help to rein in the sale of tobacco to minors, currently a major and unnecessary failing in Multnomah County.

By passing a strong retail licensure policy, we will be getting up to speed with the rest of the country—Oregon being one of only a handful of states to not have such a policy. However, the county is faced with a timely opportunity to not only play catch up, but to lead.

We know that 95% of smokers start before age 21. Earlier this year, the Institute of Medicine released a new report highlighting the efficacy of raising the legal sale age for tobacco to 21 in reducing addiction and preventing disease. The report indicates that raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21 nationally would reduce the smoking rate by 12%. Around the country, over 90 municipalities have already raised the age from 18 to 21, as well as the state of Hawaii. And it's proving to be a popular decision: 75% of the country agrees that the smoking age should be the same as the drinking age—as do 7 out of 10 smokers, according to a 4,200 person public opinion survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

This research reinforces what we've known all along: Age matters when it comes to tobacco prevention. We have an abundance of research about the harms of tobacco. We have the ability to put tobacco control policies in place that we know will work. What we do not have is the time wait, and today's kids are depending on you to help protect their healthy futures.

**The American Heart Association is joined by 14 other organizations in asking you to lead by passing a strong retail licensure policy and raising the legal sale age to 21.** These include: AFSMCE Local 88, the American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network, the American Lung Association of Oregon, the Oregon Medical Association, the Oregon Health Equity Alliance, the Urban League of Portland, the Oregon Latino Health Coalition, Kaiser Permanente and others.

Thank you,

Sarah Higginbotham  
Oregon Government Relations Director,  
American Heart Association | American Stroke Association

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FOR:  AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Jeffrey Fellows PhD

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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*Commissioners*

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October 20, 2015

Dear Chair Kafoury and Multnomah County Commissioners Bailey, Smith, Shiprack, and McKeel,

On behalf of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions, we ask that you support tobacco retail licensing in Multnomah County. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions have been following the discussion and reports on easy accessibility to cigarettes and vaping that youth have in the current environment and strongly believe that the risk to themselves and their futures must be addressed. We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony that affect our constituent communities so closely.

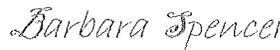
Young communities including Oregon's API, Latino and Black populations are disproportionately targeted by the tobacco industry which knows well how to influence children and youth to purchase e-cigarettes with images and flavors targeting their demographic and their individual cultures. The industry also has special messages focused on Oregon's male and female youth, the facts are clear that both genders are targeted. National studies have shown that most cigarette smokers acquire the habit in their youth which project enormous costs both monetary and health related into the futures of each young smoker. Who benefits in this system is the tobacco industry and the communities who pay the price are highly disproportionate demographic of those in poverty, and culturally targeted youth.

We can take effective steps for health and prosperity of the entire community with policies and licensing that promote education and enforce regulations on sales to minors. Thank you for your positive consideration as you deliberate establishing needed retail licensing in this area.

  
Stephen Ying, Chair, OCAPIA

  
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MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Tobacco Retail Licensing

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TO: Chair Kafoury & Commissioners  
Multnomah County Commission  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600  
Portland, OR 97214

October 20, 2015

Dear Chair Kafoury and Commissioners,

**We are writing to express our support for a strong tobacco retail licensure program that includes raising the legal age of purchase for tobacco to 21.**

The costs are too high to ignore. Tobacco continues to be the largest cause of preventable death in Oregon, killing 7,000 people each year<sup>i</sup>, including almost 1,200<sup>ii</sup> in Multnomah County. Tobacco-related illness costs Multnomah County \$233.9 million annually. Additionally, our tobacco control policies related to youth access are lagging behind the rest of the country and are a significant factor in Multnomah County leading the nation in tobacco sales to minors.<sup>iii</sup>

To decrease tobacco use, reduce youth access and improve health, we recommend that Multnomah County raise the minimum legal sale age of tobacco products to 21 as part of a strong and comprehensive tobacco retail licensure program. The inspection and enforcement system should be focused on retail owners, not clerks or individuals, in order to ensure effective compliance with age restrictions on the sale of tobacco products.

A minimum sale age of 21 for tobacco products would reduce access to tobacco products for youth and young adults, having a strong effect on tobacco prevalence. This year, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a report entitled Public Health Implications of Raising the Minimum Age of Legal Access to Tobacco Products. The IOM, using conservative assumptions, predicts that a national tobacco sales age of 21 would reduce smoking initiation in 15-17 year olds by 25%, a 12% reduction in smoking prevalence in the long term, as well significant reductions in smoking-attributable newborn conditions such as premature birth, low birth weight, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.<sup>iv</sup> Furthermore, because only 2% of tobacco revenue comes from sales to those under the age of 21, this policy has a strong effect on tobacco prevalence with little burden on retailers.<sup>v</sup>

A tobacco sales age of 21 also has broad public support. The Center for Disease Control published a 4,200-person public opinion survey in 2015 showing that a tobacco sales age of 21 is supported by 75% of the American public and 70% of current smokers.<sup>vi</sup>

We hope that you will support a tobacco sales age of 21 for tobacco sales as part of the tobacco retail license package. With this action, Multnomah County would follow

in the footsteps of 90 municipalities nationwide and recently the state of Hawaii. vii  
This will take Multnomah County from a national leadership position in tobacco sales to minors to a bold leadership position in effective tobacco control.

Thank you,



AFSCME Local 88



Kaiser Permanente



Oregon Pediatric Society



American Cancer Society  
Cancer Action Network



Oregon Chapter of the American  
College of Emergency Physicians



Tobacco 21



American Heart Association  
& American Stroke Association



Oregon Health Equity Alliance



Tobacco-Free Coalition of Oregon



American Lung Association  
of the Mountain Pacific



Oregon Latino Health Coalition



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Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids



Oregon Medical Association



Urban League of Portland

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- <sup>iii</sup> Iboshi, K. (2015). Mult. Co. leads U.S. in illegal tobacco sales to kids. Retrieved October 2013, 2015, from KGW.com: <http://www.kgw.com/story/news/investigations/2015/06/29/oregon-leads-us-in-illegal-tobacco-sales-to-kids/29486481/>
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