



# California Community Colleges

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Business Officers

FROM: Eloy Ortiz Oakley  
Chancellor, California Community Colleges

RE: 100 percent Smoke and Tobacco Free California Community College  
Resolution

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Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable and premature death, accounting for an estimated 480,000 American deaths in the United States each year or one out of every five deaths.<sup>i</sup> These deaths are due to preventable conditions such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, and lung diseases including emphysema, pneumonia and chronic airway obstruction.

In recognition of the health detriments that result from smoking, including exposure to secondhand smoke, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges passed a Resolution in support of the adoption and implementation of 100 percent smoke and tobacco free policies at all 72 Community College Districts, including all 114 California Community Colleges. In addition to adopting and implementing 100 percent smoke and tobacco free policies, the Board of Governors encourages campuses to provide tobacco cessation services and referrals to students, faculty, and staff. Cost free cessation services are available through the California Smokers Helpline at 1-800-NOBUTTS and at [www.nobutts.org](http://www.nobutts.org).

Adopting 100 percent smoke and tobacco free campus environments promotes health and wellness for all members of the campus community. Developing and implementing policies in support of 100 percent smoke and tobacco free campus environments decreases exposure to second hand smoke, changes tobacco use behaviors, decreases tobacco related liter on campus, prepares students for smoke free work environments, and decreases exposure to new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products. In passing its resolution the Board of Governors also directed the Chancellor's Office to provide

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additional resources to assist colleges with implementing 100 percent smoke and tobacco free policies.

Research conducted by the California Youth Advocacy Network (CYAN) indicates 51 percent of public colleges and universities throughout California implement 100% smoke or tobacco free policies, including 42 California Community Colleges (CCC). A full description of the research, including information about the current smoke and tobacco policies across the CCC system, is available in the [California College & University Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy Report Card](#). CYAN has developed multiple cost-free resources for districts and colleges interested in establishing and implementing smoke and tobacco free policies. They offer technical assistance, training, campaign support and networking opportunities to colleges throughout the country. Additional CYAN resources:

<https://catobaccofreecolleges.org/policy>  
<https://catobaccofreecolleges.org/education>  
<https://catobaccofreecolleges.org/cessation>  
<https://catobaccofreecolleges.org/about>

Grant opportunities designed to support college's efforts to develop and implement smoke and tobacco free policies are available:

- [American Cancer Society - Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative](#) provides grants up to \$20,000 to campuses without 100 percent smoke and tobacco-free policy. (Deadline August 15, 2018)
- [Truth Initiative](#) has partnered with 20 California colleges and provides grants up to \$20,000 to adopt a 100 percent smoke-free or tobacco-free college policy (Deadline September 13, 2018)
- [California Department of Justice](#) is distributing \$30 million dollars to help enforce existing tobacco laws and they want colleges to apply (New RFP August 2018)

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