



**City of Carson
City Council Policy Sub-Committee**

**Date: July 21, 2011
New Business No. 1**

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SMOKE FREE POLICY

I. SUMMARY

On June 15, 2011, the City Council forwarded this item to the Policy Sub-committee for further review. Today the sub-committee is requested to review the materials provided and give direction to staff as it relates to amending the City of Carson's municipal code on smoking.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

III. BACKGROUND

In preparation for the City Council staff report of June 15, 2011, Councilman Santarina provided staff with documents from the Dept. of Health and Human Services and Public Health Law & Policy Technical Assistance Legal Center.

In order to assist the sub-committee in consideration of amending the city's existing ordinance, staff has surveyed a number of cities to gauge the limitations on smoking in outdoor areas in other cities (Exhibit No. 1). According to our survey, of all the cities surveyed, the City of Beverly Hills is the least restrictive and the Cities of Calabasas and Glendale are the most restrictive. Local jurisdictions have the right to regulate smoking more strictly than the state.

The outdoor areas under consideration for regulation of smoking are; recreational areas, services areas, dining areas, places of employment, common residential areas, outdoor public events and balconies/patios of housing units.