

- * Did you know that 83.7% of Carson City residents **do NOT** smoke
- * Surgeon General of the United States reports there is **no safe level of exposure** to secondhand smoke
- * Secondhand smoke continues to be the 3rd leading cause of preventable death in U.S.

* **Healthy Living**

*Secondhand smoke is linked to several health conditions

* Stroke, cardiovascular disease, lung cancer, reproductive health of women, respiratory irritation

* Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to young children

* Ear infections, new and more severe asthma, respiratory illness with wheezing, bronchitis & pneumonia, SIDS

* Healthy Living

*Tobacco and Smoke-free venues and living encourages families to attend events

*Tobacco and Smoke-free events helps prevent initiation of tobacco or smoking in adolescents and young adults

* Healthy Living

- * **Toxic waste**

- * Cigarettes are the most littered item on earth
- * Cigarettes are poisonous to children, pets, and animals when eaten
- * Cigarette butts contain toxic chemicals which contaminate soils and water

* **Healthy Environment**

- * **Fire Hazard**

- * Human and property cost by careless smoking is over \$6 billion- annually
- * Improperly discarded cigarettes and other smoking materials start fires
- * Every second, 142 cigarette butts are flicked out of car, thrown in grass, or stubbed out on sidewalks

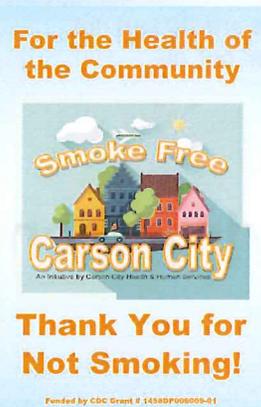
* **Healthy Environment**

*Maintenance Costs

- * Cleanup of tobacco litter from sidewalks, streets, and recreational areas is costly
- * San Francisco impact study- clean up costs was \$0.22 per pack
- * Litter audit for San Francisco found it cost \$7 million annually to clean up tobacco litter. Taxpayers and local authorities bear the cost.

*Healthy Environment

- * Thank you for your time and consideration to keep Carson City healthy and clean.
- * Carson City Health and Human Services will assist with temporary signage for smoke-free events



*Thank you

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