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Survey of Calabasas Voters
About the Secondhand Smoke Control Ordinance and Smokefree Apartment Laws
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Number of Respondents = 300

1. To begin, do you think the Calabasas City Council is doing an excellent, pretty good, fair, or poor job?

	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NA</u>
City Council -----	21%	46%	16%	4%	13%

2. Now, about a year ago, the Calabasas City Council passed a law restricting smoking in all outdoor areas in the city accessible to the public, except for designated smoking areas. Do you approve or disapprove of this law?

Strongly approve -----	70%
Somewhat approve -----	10
Somewhat disapprove -----	5
Strongly disapprove -----	12
DK/NA -----	3

3. Had you heard about this law before this phone call, or was this the first you had heard of it?

Heard previously -----	94%
First I heard of it -----	5
DK/NA -----	1

4. Based on your understanding of this law, would you say that it is working very well, somewhat well, not that well, or not well at all?

Very well -----	34%
Somewhat well -----	38
Not that well -----	4
Not well at all -----	4
DK/NA -----	21

5. OK, in part of this survey, I will be asking you about your views on second-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke refers to tobacco smoke that is inhaled by people who are not smoking themselves, but are near people who are smoking. Would you say that second-hand smoke is or is not harmful to people who inhale it?

Is harmful -----	92%
Is not harmful -----	4
DK/NA -----	3

6. Would you say that second-hand smoke is very harmful to people who inhale it, somewhat harmful, or not too harmful?

Very harmful -----	83%
Somewhat harmful -----	15
Not too harmful -----	1
DK/NA -----	1

7. Let's go back to the law in Calabasas. The purpose of this law is to protect non-smokers, including children and people with chronic illnesses, from the effects of second-hand smoke. Do you think this law is an appropriate way to protect people from second-hand smoke, or do you think this law goes too far in restricting the rights of smokers?

Appropriate ----- 74%
 Goes too far ----- 22
 OTHER ----- 2
 DK/NA ----- 3

8. Let me share with you some of the specific provisions of this law. I'd like to know if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of each provision.

	STR. <u>APP</u>	S.W. <u>APP</u>	S.W. <u>DIS</u>	STR. <u>DIS</u>	DK <u>NA</u>
a. The law prohibits smoking anywhere outdoors in Calabasas except on private residential property -----	58%	17%	13%	11%	1%
b. The law prohibits smoking in outdoor common areas in apartment buildings, including pools -----	59	20	11	9	2
c. The law prohibits smoking in parking lots -----	45	16	19	17	3
d. The law prohibits smoking on sidewalks -----	55	18	10	16	2
e. The law prohibits smoking in outdoor areas of bars and restaurants -----	57	17	10	14	2
f. The law allows businesses to designate official outdoor smoking areas for customers, so long as those areas are at a reasonable distance from non-smokers -----	63	25	4	7	1
g. The law declares second- hand smoke to be a public nuisance. This allows people to call the city to complain about second hand smoke, and allows the city to take action to stop it -----	57	22	6	14	2

9. Having heard more, do you approve or disapprove of this law?

Strongly approve ----- 67%
 Somewhat approve ----- 11
 Somewhat disapprove ----- 6
 Strongly disapprove ----- 14
 DK/NA ----- 2

10. Have you personally experienced any problems, or observed any problems, resulting from this law?

Law not being enforced/people smoking anyhow ----- 8%
 People being hostile or angry about the law ----- 0
 Not being allowed to smoke/law is unfair or wrong ----- 1
 Confusion about where you can and cannot smoke ----- 2
 People being rude to smokers ----- 1
 People not knowing about the law ----- 1
 The law does not work ----- 0
 The law is bad/I disapprove of the law ----- 2
 Other ----- 2
 No ----- 80
 Not Sure ----- 2

11. Now, do you approve or disapprove of the job the city is doing in enforcing this law?

Strongly approve ----- 29%
Somewhat approve ----- 17
Somewhat disapprove ----- 6
Strongly disapprove ----- 6
DK/NA ----- 42

12. In general, would you say the city is being too easy on people who smoke in how it enforces this law, too tough on people who smoke, or would you say the city is handling enforcement of this law about right?

Too easy ----- 10%
Too tough ----- 11
About right ----- 47
Depends ----- 7
DK/NA ----- 26

13. Have you heard of anyone being fined or warned for smoking in public places?

Yes ----- 13%
No ----- 85
DK/NA ----- 1

14. Since this law went into effect, about a year ago on March 17, 2006, have you seen anyone smoking in a public place in Calabasas that was not designated as a smoking area? In other words, have you seen anyone violating this law?

Yes ----- 47%
No ----- 50
DK/NA ----- 2

15. And again, since this law went into effect in March of 2006, have you experienced second hand smoke in a public place in Calabasas?

Yes ----- 32%
No ----- 66
DK/NA ----- 2

16. Have you seen any stickers or decals in windows in declaring Calabasas to be a smoke-free city?

Yes ----- 32%
No ----- 65
DK/NA ----- 3

17. Have you seen any materials from the city explaining the law?

Yes ----- 45%
No ----- 50
DK/NA ----- 5

18. Would you say this law has improved the quality of life in Calabasas, hurt the quality of life, or had no real effect on the quality of life in Calabasas?

Improved -----	59%
Hurt-----	5
No effect -----	31
DK/NA -----	5

19. Do you think this law will or will not discourage many people from coming to Calabasas to shop or for entertainment?

Will -----	18%
Will not-----	72
DK/NA -----	10

20. Next, some people have proposed a law requiring all apartment buildings in Calabasas to offer non-smoking sections, where all the apartments, balconies, and patios in that section are smoke-free. This would be similar to the way that hotels offer non-smoking floors. Does this proposed law requiring non-smoking apartment sections sound like something you would favor or oppose?

	STR.	S.W.	S.W.	STR.	DK
	<u>FAV</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>NA</u>
Non-smoking section -----	43%	24%	11%	14%	8%

21. What if the law only required apartment buildings in Calabasas with ten or more units to offer non-smoking sections? If that were the case, would this law sound like something you would favor or oppose?

	STR.	S.W.	S.W.	STR.	DK
	<u>FAV</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>NA</u>
Non-smoking section -----	7%	14%	29%	37%	13%

22. What about a different law? This law would require apartment complexes in Calabasas with multiple apartment buildings to make some of their apartment buildings entirely smoke-free. Does this law sound like something you would favor or oppose?

	STR.	S.W.	S.W.	STR.	DK
	<u>FAV</u>	<u>FAV</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>OPP</u>	<u>NA</u>
Non-smoking buildings -----	46%	22%	11%	16%	6%

23. Let's say the city approves this law making some apartment buildings entirely smoke free. What do you think should happen to smokers who already live in the apartment buildings that have been designated as smoke-free? Do you think:

- A. Smokers should be allowed to continue smoking inside their apartment for as long as they want ----- 38%
- OR
- B. Smokers should be allowed to continue smoking in their apartment but only until their lease is up ----- 38
- OR
- C. Smokers should be allowed to continue smoking in their apartments but for no more than a year ----- 6
- OR
- D. Smokers should be required to stop smoking in their apartments immediately ----- 8
- None ----- 4
- Other ----- 2
- DK/NA ----- 4

24. Again, say the city approves this law making some apartment buildings entirely smoke free. If a smoker moves into a non-smoking building, and repeatedly violates the law by smoking in his apartment, what do you think should happen to that smoker? Should he or she be:

- A. Fined for repeat violations ----- 34%
- OR
- B. Jailed for repeat violations ----- 2
- OR
- C. Evicted for repeat violations ----- 42
- OR
- D. Should there be no penalty for violations ----- 13
- None ----- 3
- Other ----- 3
- DK/NA ----- 4

25. Do you currently live in a single family home, in a duplex, in condo or townhouse, or in an apartment?

- Single family home ----- 83%
- Duplex ----- 1
- Condo/townhouse ----- 12
- Apartment ----- 4
- Other ----- 0
- DK/NA ----- 0

26. Have you ever lived in an apartment building in Calabasas?

- Yes ----- 13%
- No ----- 87
- DK/NA ----- 0

27. While living in an apartment in Calabasas, have you ever experienced second hand smoke drifting into your apartment from a smoker in another unit, or from a smoker outside your apartment?

- Yes ----- 53%
- No ----- 45
- DK/NA ----- 2

28. How would you describe yourself politically?
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| Liberal ----- | 27% |
| Middle Of The Road----- | 48 |
| or Conservative----- | 22 |
| DK/NA ----- | 3 |
29. Is there a tobacco smoker in your household?
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| Yes ----- | 8% |
| No----- | 91 |
| DK/NA ----- | 0 |
28. Do you allow smoking inside your home?
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| Yes ----- | 7% |
| No----- | 90 |
| DK/NA ----- | 3 |
291. Have you, yourself, smoked any tobacco in the past week?
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| Yes ----- | 9% |
| No----- | 91 |
| DK/NA ----- | 0 |
30. Whether or not you are currently a smoker, have you ever been a regular tobacco smoker?
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|--------------|-----|
| Yes ----- | 26% |
| No----- | 72 |
| Depends----- | 0 |
| DK/NA ----- | 1 |
33. Do you know anyone who lives in an apartment in Calabasas, and has a chronic illness such as asthma, heart disease, or cancer?
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|-------------|-----|
| Yes ----- | 11% |
| No----- | 88 |
| DK/NA ----- | 1 |

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Gender of Respondent:

Male----- 47%
Female----- 53