

# Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing in Oakland, California!

## *The Team: Soldiers Against Tobacco (SATs)*

Roots Community Health Center's Soldiers Against Tobacco youth leadership team are working on a Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing (MUH) Initiative based on the Community Action Model. Our SAT team has conducted an extensive community diagnosis, leading focus groups and surveying over 140 East Oakland residents to understand their views regarding second-hand smoke exposure and smoke-free, multi-unit housing policies in the City of Oakland.



## *The Issue: If one person in MUH smokes, everyone is negatively impacted.*



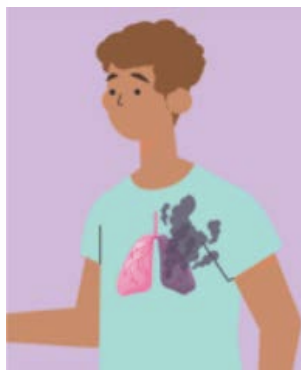
**Community Diagnosis: Key findings from 145 interviewed + surveyed**



**95%**  
East Oakland  
**MUH**  
residents.



**50%**  
smoking  
tenants.



**52%**  
regularly smell  
smoke from  
other units.



**19%**  
are aware that  
second-hand smoke  
affected household  
health.



**56%**  
financially  
unable to  
move from MUH.

**Our Suggested Policy: A 100% Smoke-Free MUH Policy That is FAIR For All**

Our SAT team recommends that the Oakland City Council enact the following policy change: Tenants and landlords/property owners of MUH in the City of Oakland adhere to a comprehensive smoke free MUH policy that is fair and does not displace people or lead to misdemeanors/jail time. All units, patios, and common areas of the complex would be subject to this policy.

This policy will provide more access to clean air in MUH, protect tenants who are addicted to nicotine from being evicted/jailed if they smoke in or around their residence, and reimburse landlords/property owners for unit turnover costs.



## ***Our Vision for a FAIR Smoke-Free MUH Policy.***

### **FAIR FOR SMOKERS**

1. NO EVICTIONS/MISDEMEANORS IF POLICY IS VIOLATED
2. GREATER ACCESS TO SMOKING CESSATION RESOURCES
3. HEALTHY LIVING-SPACE
4. MINIMIZE CONFLICTS WITH NON-SMOKING TENANTS

### **FAIR FOR NON-SMOKERS**

1. DECREASED EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND & THIRD-HAND SMOKE
2. INCREASED ACCESS TO CLEAN AIR
3. MINIMIZE CONFLICT WITH SMOKING TENANTS

### **FAIR FOR LANDLORDS**

1. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TURNOVER COSTS IN SMOKE-AFFECTED UNITS
2. HEALTHY FAMILIES
3. MINIMIZE CONFLICT WITH TENANTS
4. REDUCE POTENTIAL LEGAL LIABILITY



# Surrounding Cities that have Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing

Alameda, CA

Albany, CA

Berkeley, CA

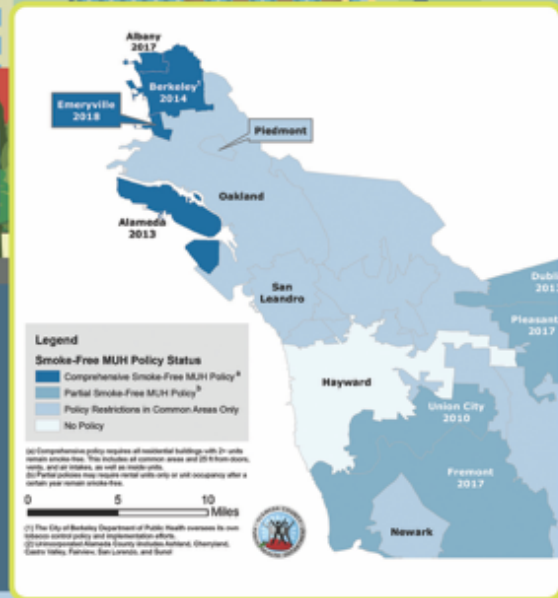
Concord, CA

El Cerrito, CA

Emeryville, CA

Richmond, CA

Walnut Creek, CA



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Ways to Support

- ☐ Share our information with your family and friends!
- ☐ Become an endorser of our policy campaign!
- ☐ Ask for other organizations and/or individuals to support our policy campaign!
- ☐ Help provide youth or adult spokespeople for future campaign activities!
- ☐ Testify at an Oakland City Council meeting!
- ☐ Write a letter of support!