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CHANCELLORS

Dear Colleagues:

As a national leader in healthcare and environmental practices, the University of California is ready to demonstrate leadership in reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke by creating a smoke-free environment on all of our campuses. Already, the UC Medical Centers are smoke-free and nationally, 586 other university campuses are smoke-free.

I am asking that each Chancellor form a committee that is charged with the task of implementing a smoke-free policy on their campus within the next 24 months. Please include a current representative from the Smoking Policy Subcommittee of the Systemwide Occupational Wellness Group on your committee, as they will be a valuable resource to you. The Smoking Policy Subcommittee members' contact information, along with their policy proposal, FAQs, and research can be found at <http://www.ucop.edu/riskmgmt/partners.html>.

While we understand that you will need to craft your smoke-free policy to fit your campus needs, the following key elements need to be present to maintain a smoke-free environment:

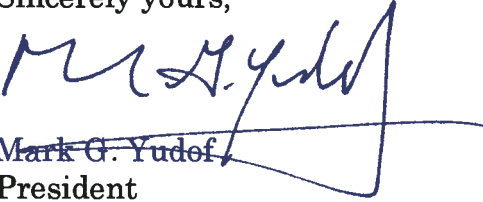
- Smoke-free means that smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products (e.g., "e-cigarettes") will be strictly prohibited in indoor and outdoor spaces, including parking lots, private residential space, and the Medical Center campuses.
- The policy will apply to all UC facilities, whether owned or leased.
- Sale and advertising of tobacco products must be prohibited in University-owned and -occupied buildings.
- Enforcement should be primarily educational, with an emphasis on cessation resources.

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Offering a smoke-free environment will contribute positively to the health and well-being of all UC students, faculty, staff, and our patients and visitors. As you move forward, Senior Vice President John Stobo and Chief Risk Officer Grace Crickette stand ready to offer their continued support.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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