

January 14, 2020

SB 343

Senate Bill 343 mandates supplemental materials that have been received by the City Clerk's office that relate to an agenda item after the agenda packets have been distributed to the City Council be available to the public.

The attached documents were received in the City Clerk's office after distribution of the January 14, 2020, City Council meeting agenda packet.

Item 7.1

From: empiresam64@aol.com <empiresam64@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 1:29 PM
To: John Stefanski <John.Stefanski@dublin.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to City of Dublin's Retail Tobacco Regulations Letter

January 12, 2020

John Stefanski
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City Manager's Office

Dear Mr. Stefanski,

My name is Sadeddin Najjar and I am the current owner of Royal Novelties. I am a smoke shop owner here in Dublin California and I have a few things to say about the city wanting to ban flavored tobacco and electronic cigarettes. I believe that the use and sales of flavored tobacco electronic cigarettes should be banned because it brings underage community to enter the smoke shop and not just mine but the others in the area as well. I own the biggest smoke shop in the area and am having trouble with the underage community. They come in and ask for flavored tobacco and electronic cigarettes and they assume that I will sell it to them, when I DO NOT sell them any sort of tobacco or products. I turn them away all day long and even card them and send them out of my business. Having these products attracts them to come into the store and even my employees have gotten caught selling to them when I wasn't in the store and received a ticket for selling them a product, but unintentionally because they would come in suddenly when we are busy and they didn't realize that we forgot to ask for ID because they made a mistake. I made sure they cleared the tickets legally and they even went to a special school to help clear their names and the tickets. I don't want to jeopardize my business and investments. We do not want to have this problem and in order to solve this problem it would be to ban flavored tobacco and electronic cigarettes. It would stop all the underage community from entering the businesses such as mine and others and help. I even get false Yelp reviews that state I sell to underage and I do not sell to them. They get carded and turned away and in return they post false reviews. Banning these products will stop them from entering and making false accusations.

Mr. Stefanski please take in consideration of banning these products to help not just the city, but the local businesses who really mean well and want to help clean the community and protected. We are doing our best to turn the underage community away, but it will be more helpful if these items get banned from being sold here in Dublin. In having these bans, it will stop the underage community from entering the stores and making purchases and lessen the amount of smoking happening from that community. I completely support the City of Dublin and their final decisions on this situation and hope that they will follow through and ban these items.

Sincerely,
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