

RSCCD 100% Smoke, Vape, and Tobacco-Free (SVTF) District Policy

Presented by The ASGSAC Smoke-Free Campus Committee

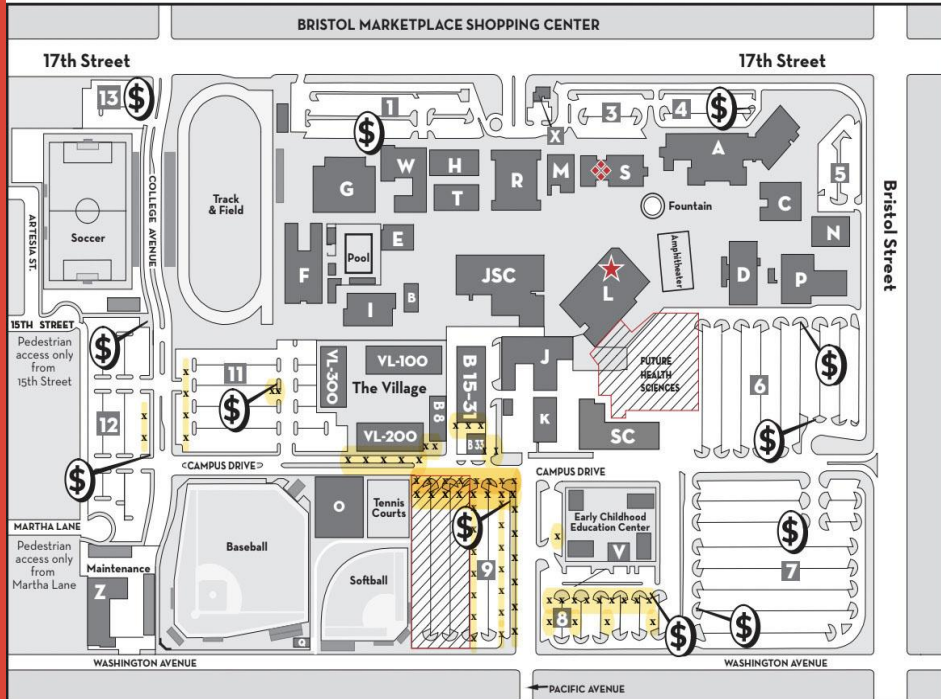
Existing Policy

- According to RSCCD AR 3570, the district allows smoking, vaping, and tobacco-usage in “in designated parking lot areas and [not] within 20 feet of entrances, exits, and operable windows.”¹
- Confusing and not clearly communicated to general population of SAC
- Exposes students, staff, and faculty to second-hand smoke entering campus
- Parking lots’ proximity to buildings and facilities

Evidence

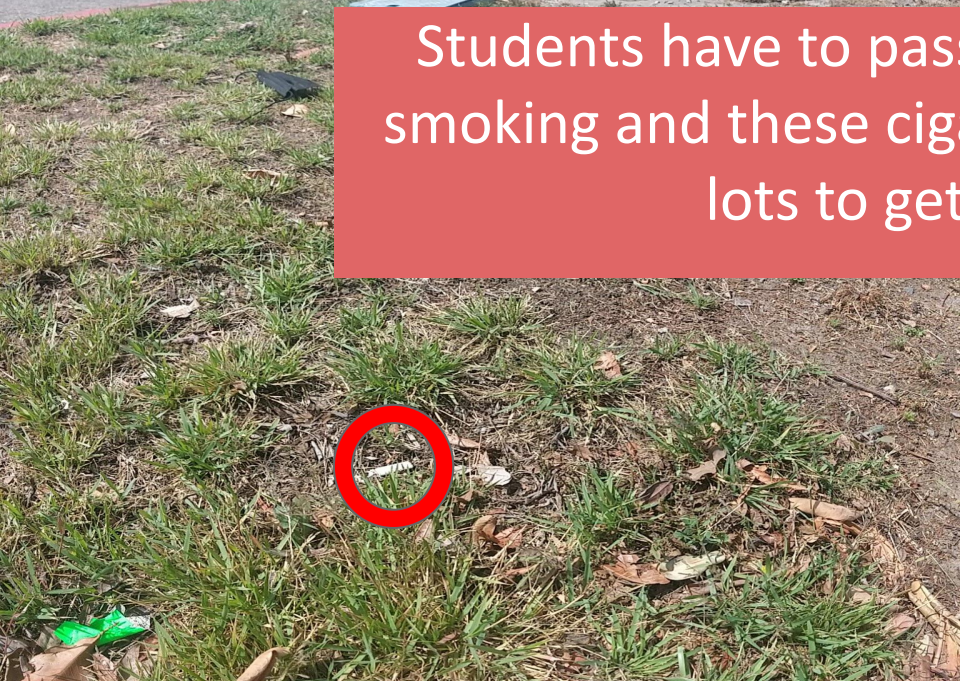
CIGARETTE CLEAN-UP

Total Items Collected: 198





Students have to pass by people who are smoking and these cigarettes in the parking lots to get to class.





Cigarettes in the parking lot right outside of the Administration building, where students frequent.



Cigarette butt in the parking lot outside of SAC's Early Childhood Education Center; 3-5 years olds are being exposed to second-hand smoke.





Visitors line up for COVID vaccines right next to parking lot, which are littered with cigarette butts like the one shown.

Potential New Policy: 100% SVTF

- Makes all district property (campus, facilities, parking lots for both SAC and SCC) 100% smoke-free, vape-free, and tobacco-free
- Non-disciplinary enforcement
- Signage set up to show that SAC is a 100% SVTF campus
- Emphasis on providing resources

Why we should go 100% SVTF

- Students' exposure → fosters environment to pick up smoking
- Reduces/eliminates secondhand smoke exposure
- Supports those trying to quit
- COVID-19
- Environment and Sustainability
- Improves SAC's appeal (recruitment & enrollment)

Precedent for 100% SVTF

- 60% of California Community Colleges have adopted 100% SVTF policies
- All CSUs and UCs are 100% SVTF campuses
- SCC has passed 100% SVTF resolution through College Council
- SAC and RSCCD policy is currently graded as C (75% smoke-free)

Support for Change

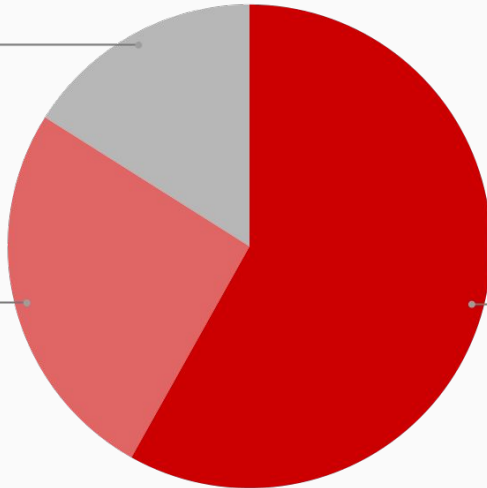
Support for 100% SVTF District Policy⁶

RSCCD Districtwide Survey "Assessment of Smoking and Tobacco, 2019"

Not Support
16.0%

Neutral
25.8%

Support
58.1%



4,241 Answered
21 Skipped

4,262 total survey responses from students, staff, & faculty from all RSCCD campuses, departments, & offices

Running List of Endorsements/Support:

- SAC ASG (unanimously & fully approved/endorsed)
- SAC Health and Wellness Center
- SAC Student Life Office
- 2 SAC Clubs (of 6 ratified)*
 - SAC Anime Circle
 - Phi Theta Kappa
- RSCCD Student Trustee
- SCC ASG
- SCC Academic Senate
- SCC College Council

**Presenting to the others over the upcoming weeks*

Support for Change (Cont.)

Clubs & Orgs. Endorsements

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Angel Torres, President of the SAC Anime Club, on behalf of the students of SAC Anime Club, am writing this letter to show our official support and endorsement for the Santa Ana College Associated Student Government Resolution #20-21-01 "100% Smoke, Vape, and Tobacco-Free District Policy."


The SAC Anime Circle is in full support of creating a district-wide policy to make all campuses and district property 100% Smoke-Free, Vape-Free, and Tobacco-Free, because no one in the club smokes or vapes, and we are tired of smoke polluting our fresh air on campus.

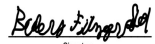
Date of Vote: September 28th, 2021 Votes in Favor: 10 Votes Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

Sincerely,
Angel Torres



Authorized by:

President: Angel Torres  Date: 10/01/2021
Name Signature mm/dd/yyyy

2nd: ICC Rep Bailey Fitzgerald  Date: 10/01/2021
Title Name Signature mm/dd/yyyy

Student Letters of Support

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nabel Martinez. I am a freshman at Santa Ana College, pursuing to major in Nursing. I am writing to you to make my support be heard regarding the 100% Smoke and Tobacco-Free campus policy for our Rancho Santiago Community College District. A smoke-free campus will promote the importance of the health of students, staff, and faculties.

As an incoming freshman here at Santa Ana College, in the beginning, I had in mind that the campus would be smoke-free considering my previous school emphasized on this. During my first day here at Santa Ana College, one of the first things I noticed while walking towards the school, was the smell of cigarette smoke. It was unfortunate that this would be my first impression of my new school and possibly become other students first impression as well.

That is why, I am asking for you to vote in favor of the 100% Smoke and Tobacco-Free campus policy for our Rancho Santiago Community College District. It's important to implement the several ways that tobacco can have a serious influence on students and can lead to an unhealthy addiction.

Best,

Nabel Martinez



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RSCCD Student Trustee Support

To whom it may concern,

I, Elisabeth Neely, the Student Trustee for Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon Community Colleges, advocate for and support a Smoke, Vape, and Tobacco Free District Board Policy to be established and implemented.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated secondhand smoke to be a group A carcinogen, where there is significant evidence that the substance causes cancer in humans; and the Surgeon General has established that there is, "no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure." In addition, people with or without medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, and other chronic illnesses experience worsening health outcomes as a result of smoke exposure.

According to a 2019 Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) survey, 63% of RSCCD students stated that they have had a negative experience caused by secondhand smoke, 58% of students were in favor of a Smoke, Vape, and Tobacco Free (SVTF) district board policy, and 64% of students stated that the current smoking policy at RSCCD was only somewhat or not effective.

It is the desire of the students, whose support continues to grow, for this policy to be established and implemented in both Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon Community Colleges. Please reach out if you need anything else from me.

Respectfully,
Elisabeth Neely



RSCCD Student Trustee

Future Plans

- Updating signage
- Campus Cigarette Clean-Ups
- Expanding Smoke-Free Campus Committee to have ambassadors on campus educating people of new policy

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