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Organizations and Public Express Overwhelming Support for Trailblazing Calabasas Second Hand Smoke Ordinance

*Calabasas City Council approves wording of revised
Comprehensive Second Hand Smoke Control Ordinance -
Final passage expected at next meeting*

Senior officials from the Los Angeles County Department of Health, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, Healthier Solutions, Inc., Smoke-Free Air for Everyone (SAFE) and the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Los Angeles personally expressed their strong support for the proposed Comprehensive Second-Hand Smoke Control Ordinance at a Calabasas City Council meeting last night. Additionally, 16 of 17 public speakers, including Calabasas elementary and high school students, supported the ordinance with only one public speaker expressing opposition to the ordinance.

The City Council approved the first reading of the revised text of Ordinance No. 2006-217 which would protect the right of Calabasas residents and visitors to be free from exposure to the well-documented dangers of second hand smoke. Final passage of the ordinance will occur at a future meeting.

The "Comprehensive Second-Hand Smoke Control Ordinance" would prohibit smoking in all public places in the City of Calabasas where other persons will be exposed to second-hand smoke. These places include indoor and outdoor businesses, hotels, parks, restaurants and bars where people can be reasonably expected to congregate or meet. Business owners and employers would be responsible for ensuring that patrons and employees comply with the requirements of the ordinance within their premises.

The text of the proposed ordinance, staff reports and Council agendas are available online at www.cityofcalabasas.com. Internet users can view the February 1, 2006 City Council Meeting on demand using the CTV Web Archive located at www.cityofcalabasas.com/ctvarchives.html .

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