



Smoke Free Milwaukee Project

COLLABORATING AGENCIES

American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
American Lung Association of Wisconsin
Children's Health Alliance of WI
Fighting Back Inc.
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Hmong American Friendship Association
Hmong Education Association
Ignace Indian Health Clinic
Infant Death Center
Latino Health Organization
Milwaukee Area Health Education Center
Milwaukee Chapter - National Black Nurse's Association
Milwaukee Chapter - NAACP
Milwaukee Courier/WNOV Radio Station
Milwaukee Community Tobacco Coalition
Milwaukee Health Department
Milwaukee Public Schools – Safe and Drug Free Schools Program
Milwaukee Urban League
Praxis Project
Reach, Inc
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
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Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
Smoke Free Wisconsin
UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention
Wisconsin Baptist Pastors Conference

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LOCAL PROJECT COMMENDS ALDERMEN FOR SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE SMOKING-BAN

Milwaukee—The 3 to 1 vote yesterday by the city's Judiciary and Legislation Committee to adopt a resolution supporting the Governor's statewide smoke free air initiative was commendable according to Smoke Free Milwaukee Project (SFMP). Last year, SFMP tried to pass a local ordinance, but the Public Safety Committee agreed not to take a vote.

The resolution, which is sponsored by Aldermen Terry Witkowski, Joe Davis, Willie Hines, Robert Puente, Michael Murphy and Michael D'Amato, will go before the full common council for a vote.

“Several aldermen said that a statewide ban would be better legislation for everyone and would eliminate the argument that smokers would go to adjacent communities to smoke,” said Patricia McManus, SFMP spokesperson. “We commend the common council members for having integrity and keeping their promise to support a statewide initiative, and we ask that all members of the common council vote for the resolution” she said.

The Smoke Free Milwaukee Project is a citywide effort to protect Milwaukee residents from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

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