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FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

5.G. Tobacco/Smoking Regulations.

- 1) Email from Napa County Office of Education received on October 20, 2020. *

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Dear Council,

Thank you for reading this letter from the Napa County Office of Education with regards to Item 5 G.

Sincerely,
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Dear Napa City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts and comments regarding **Item 5G** before the Council today.

The Napa County Office of Education fully supports the city of Napa passing an ordinance to ban flavors in e-cigarette and vaping products.

With an alarming number of more than 15,000 different tobacco flavors, particularly in e-cigarettes, it's not surprising that one in eight California high school students currently uses a tobacco product. Of these students, 86 percent use a flavored tobacco product through electronic smoking devices, according to the California Tobacco Facts and Figures of 2019.

It's critical that we close this loop and make tobacco use less attractive to our young people, as 80% of youth in middle and high school who have used flavored tobacco products ended up using tobacco later in life. This is particularly at issue right now, as smoking and vaping have been linked to an increased risk for severe symptoms for COVID-19, if infected.

We deeply appreciate the support from the City Council regarding this ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie McClure'.

Julie McClure
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