

Buzby, Maureen

From: Buzby, Maureen
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:09 PM
To: Elaine Silva
Subject: SJC decision!
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Hi Elaine,

I'm sure you are almost as excited as I was to hear the news. Not sure if you received a copy of the actual decision. Here it is. Don't mind the highlights. I did that before sending this to Amy Luckiewicz in North Reading. I'm actually presenting to her Coalition on Monday. More and more communities showing interest. Which is what we expected. Beverly. Belmont. Somerville. Even Saugus!!!

As you will see from the decision doc, not only did the SJC unanimously uphold the Town of Brookline's right to enact public health policy, they went on to say so many positive things about the importance of the leadership role of local public health - which you and I know!

You may remember I referenced the smoke free workplace law of 20 years ago (which you remember well) when I presented at your BOH meeting back in August. I was psyched to see it mentioned in the SJC's ruling. Not bragging or anything. 🙄

I think you know Chris Banthin from NU's Public Health Policy Institute. Longtime member of Tobacco free Mass and frequent presenter at MMA, MHOA, MAHB, etc. He defended Brookline in oral arguments before the SJC. So proud of him. I worked closely with Chris back when I was working on smoke-free housing about ten years ago.

The industry's attorneys (the billion-dollar tobacco industry!) were inept. I watched a recording of the hearing. Well, if I were a decent lawyer I wouldn't want my claim to fame being that I represented the tobacco industry. 🙄

Have a great night. Look forward to seeing you soon. We should celebrate!

Maureen

P.S. Proud of all our local Boards for having the courage to entertain this policy - even before the SJC decision. When my now fourteen year-old Glavin Middle School great nephew graduated from pre-school "Miss Barbara" hugged him tight and said, "Remember, Jake, be a leader, not a follower." Love that Miss Barbrara!

Hope you are well and enjoying life!

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From: CHHLTPRT01@cityofmelrose.com <CHHLTPRT01@cityofmelrose.com>
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From: mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org
Subject: FW: PLEASE OPPOSE TOB FREE GENERATION

From: Mayor Grigoraitis <jgrigoraitis@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:49:19 PM
To: Chui, Anthony <achui@CityofMelrose.org>; Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: RE: PLEASE OPPOSE TOB FREE GENERATION

Anthony,

Sounds like last night went well and that the Board is anticipating a vote next month. I did want to let you know that NFG came up at my Metro Mayors meeting yesterday and there was interest in MAPC working to lead an effort to have all 15 communities (Brookline is the 16th) do joint messaging in support of becoming NFG communities. Obviously this would be impactful from a policy perspective as you are talking about a much broader geographic area that would be impacted. As you know, your three communities plus Malden are the farthest along in the process, but it sounds like Cambridge, Medford, and Somerville anticipate movement shortly. If our BOH moves ahead before a broader coalition is formed, that is fine; I just wanted to make you aware that there is potential for broader collaboration.

Regarding the Council, I think it is fine if you let them all know that these emails are in response to a regulatory change currently under consideration by the BOH, send them a brief explanation of NFG, and then offer to find time to connect individually with anyone that has questions. The council does not have any regulatory authority over this matter and I think an info order could cause confusion amongst the public regarding with whom the decision lies, plus it opens up a public comment period that would occur outside a BOH meeting.

Hope this helps. Enjoy the weekend!

Mayor Jen Grigoraitis
She/Her/Hers

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From: Chui, Anthony <achui@CityofMelrose.org>
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To: Mayor Grigoraitis <jgrigoraitis@CityofMelrose.org>; Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: PLEASE OPPOSE TOB FREE GENERATION

Hi Mayor Jen and Lauren,

This topic seems timely due to our discussion today. This letter of opposition is, not surprisingly, from a known tobacco industry distributor. Would this be something the City Council or the Health sub-committee like to hear an update about? I would be happy to provide an update or anything else you might think is helpful.

Best,
Anthony