

Gautho, Julia

From: Lila <lilaseldin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:49 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Susan Pierszalowski
Subject: Support the ban of filtered tobacco products

Dear City Council Members,

We support the ban of filtered tobacco products in the city of Capitola . This would not only address this toxic litter in your city but also would help protect your neighbors and communities that surround our National Marine Sanctuary. It will safeguard our shared environment and wildlife from the harmful health consequences of tobacco filters and the microplastics from them.

Our team has been picking up litter, with a focus on cigarette filters weekly for over 10 years along our shoreline between Asilomar State Beach to Monterey. With the help of statistics professor Dr. Steven Kim and his students from California State University Of Monterey Bay, we had a yearly count of cigarette filters exceeding 31,000 over a 4 mile radius, in 2019. Our 2025 data also shows similar and devastating pollution numbers.

With this very important and impactful ordinance, we are hopeful that our beloved Monterey Bay will be free from this harmful waste. We will follow your lead in this ban by advocating similar bans in our Monterey County and our shoreline cities of Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside, Marina and Carmel.

Thank you for your time and continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Lila Seldin and Susan Pierszalowski
Residents and Volunteers of Pacific Grove

Sent from my iPhone