



October 15, 2019

The Honorable Dan Gelber
City Council Members
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mayor Gelber and City Commissioners:

On behalf of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, I would like to express our support for the resolution amending your city's parks rules to extend prohibition of e-cigarettes throughout your city's parks. Your city is taking an important step to encourage healthy behaviors.

Studies have found that levels of secondhand smoke in outdoor areas can be equal to amounts found inside where smoking is allowed. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General concluded in a December 2016 that e-cigarette aerosol is not harmless, and can contain harmful and potentially harmful chemicals, including nicotine. Moreover, city leaders across the country are taking the initiative to deal with the youth e-cigarette epidemic.

The recent spate of serious lung illnesses reported across the country underscores the urgency of acting now to protect our kids and, indeed, the health of all Americans. We applaud you for all your efforts to make the City of Miami Beach parks safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CRodas".

Claudia Rodas
Director – Southern Region
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids