

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE**

### **For the week of July 29, 2013**

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#### *Southern California*

##### **LA City Freshworks Grocery Store Survey**

Community Health Councils (CHC) has asked our members to help them identify factors that both encourage and impede grocery store development, especially in food desert areas. The survey is short and all answers are anonymous. The link to the survey is [here](#).

#### *Northern California*

##### **Town of Truckee**

The City of Truckee conducted the first of three public workshops on July 24 to discuss moving forward with single-use carryout bag regulation. CGA attend the meeting to discuss components necessary for an acceptable ordinance. At the next meeting, scheduled for August 14, the stakeholder group will discuss specific language for a proposal. The Town has established [a web site](#) for interested parties to use through the process.

##### **Sacramento County**

After meeting with CGA and representatives of the restaurant industry, the County plans to hold a public workshop on July 31 at 4:30 PM to discuss a proposal for new requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages. With respect to Type 20 and 21 licenses, the proposal mirrors that already in place in the City of Sacramento. Existing uses would be considered conforming, even upon sale to a new owner, with new licenses for stores smaller than 15,000 sf and those with more than 10% of floor space dedicated to alcohol subject to the conditional use permit process. Significant modification of existing license (expansion, Type 20 to Type 21) would also be subject to the new CUP requirements for defined stores.

##### **City of St. Helena**

The St. Helena City Council unanimously voted to direct staff to draft an ordinance that would ban single use plastic bags and mandate a ten cent charge on paper bags.

##### **Monterey County**

The County will hear a presentation on a draft ordinance regarding carryout bags on July 30. The current ordinance bans single-use plastic bags and mandates a ten cent charge on paper bags for all retailers. The ten cent charge would last one year, with a price increase to 25 cents after the first year. This would affect all unincorporated areas of Monterey County.