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## Government affairs action for the week of December 5, 2021

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### Pleasanton to Ban Smoking in Condo and Townhome "Public" Spaces

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Pleasanton City Council took the first step to ban smoking in the common areas of owner-occupied multifamily housing developments including condominiums and townhomes.

Effective July 1, 2022, smoking will be outlawed on balconies, decks, and patios and in hallways, lobbies, and community rooms.

The Council considered, then rejected, options to ban smoking inside of privately-owned units, as well as requiring a smoking ban be added to all rental agreements, including existing agreements, and that private property owners would be responsible for enforcing the smoking ban.

The Council is expected to approve the ordinance during their Dec. 21 meeting.

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### Townhall about Trucks on 580

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley is holding a townhall about the ban on truck traffic on Interstate 580. The event is Thursday, Dec. 16 from 5:30 to 8:30pm.

The current ban for an 8-mile section that passes through San Leandro and Oakland was established in 1951. The townhall is part of an effort to determine the impacts the ban has had on neighborhoods along 880. Online [registration](#) for the event is available.

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### PG&E Scammers Hit Livermore Listings

Bay East has learned that a scammer is targeting vacant listings in Livermore. An agent was contacted by someone posing as a PG&E employee who asked the agent to tell their client they were delinquent in paying their utility bill and gave bogus instructions on how to pay.

This activity is similar to a scam in Hayward during the Fall of 2019.

Please be cautious if you are contacted by anyone claiming that a client has a delinquent utility bill that must be paid. PG&E has prepared [resources](#) to avoid scams.

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If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.

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