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Contra Costa supervisors say 'no' to menthol

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MARTINEZ — Contra Costa supervisors today urged the federal government to ban the use of menthol and flavored tobacco in cigarettes.

The board, which has heavily restricted smokers with anti-smoking ordinances, urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to crack down on the tobacco products that target minority populations in advertising and marketing campaigns.

A 2009 law allows the FDA to curb or ban menthol or flavored tobacco products. The federal agency plans to act on menthol cigarettes next year and Contra Costa's resolution will be forwarded.

"This just adds to our leadership role and I look forward to us being active in this process," said supervisor Federal Glover.



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