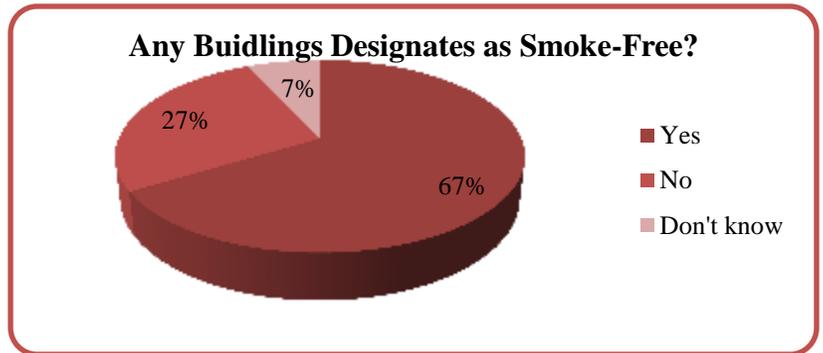


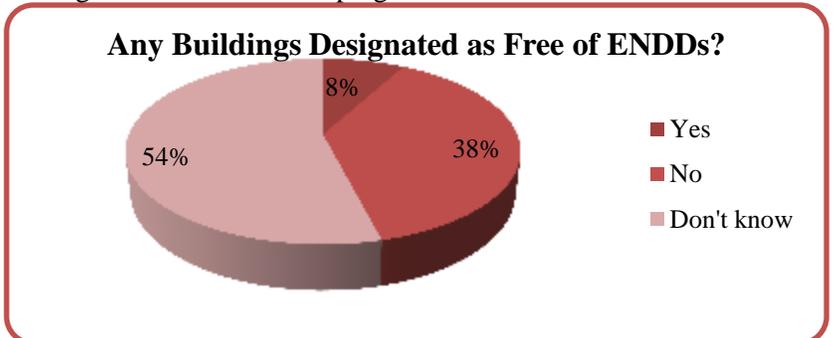
# Merritt College Administrator Initial Interview Report from July – December 2014

**Introduction:** From July 1 to December 21, 2014 Project staff and campus advocates conducted 15 interviews with 15 faculty, 2 of whom are also administrators, at Merritt College in order to ascertain their knowledge/beliefs about campus policies to restrict smoking, about the harms of e-cigarette use, about campus policies to restrict e-cigarette use on campus. They were: Heather Casale, Michelle Lee, Carlos McLean, Taya Llarde, Jon Drinnon, Audrey Trotter, Ann Ellion, Mano Rivas, Jon Murphy, Nancy F, Marge Dixon, Ron Nelson, Etna Lavraross, Bill Love, and Barbara Dimopoulos.

**Knowledge of Existing Policies:** Not everyone knew what campus-wide policies currently exist regulating smoking. A majority of the interviewees (10 of the 15 or 67%) said that there were buildings designated as smoke-free on campus. One person said “no” and one other person said “don’t know.” Project staff have confirmed that within the Peralta District that all the buildings are designated as smoke-free.



Interviewees were asked if any of the buildings were designated as free from vaping or use of other electronic nicotine delivery devices. The majority (7 of the 13 who answered or 54%) of the interviewees did not know. We asked if the campus has a written policy about vaping and use of other ENDDs, and the answers varied from “don’t know” (54%) to “no” (38%) to “yes” (8%). Project staff have confirmed that within the Peralta District there are no campus policies about vaping and the use of other ENDDs products. There was no knowledge of any requests made for limiting the use of e-cigarettes or of any complaints by students or staff about drifting vapor associated with the use of e-cigarettes or ENDDs.



## Knowledge of the Benefits of Campus Policies

The majority of interviewees (73%) were not aware of any benefits which might occur as a result of restricting vaping and the use of e-cigarettes or ENDDs products on campus. When asked if they had any interest in discussing the feasibility of establishing such campus policies, the majority (64%) said “no.” When asked about information they might like to have 21% said that they would need more information about vaping and about ENDDs.

