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### Tackling Tobacco to Advance Oral Health

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Rachel is a program consultant in the Advocacy Campaigns and Training Section at the California Tobacco Prevention Program (CTPP) in the California Department of Public Health. She has been a part of CTPP for 3 years and currently oversees the Program's efforts in tobacco cessation, develops training opportunities and resources for community partners, and coordinates programmatic interventions with CTPP-funded projects across Southern California. Her career also includes serving as an AmeriCorps service member with a Sacramento nonprofit and community education specialist for the University of California (UC) Davis Nutrition Department in which she coordinated research projects for the CalFresh Healthy Living, UC State Office.

#### Benjamin W. Chaffee, DDS, MPH, PhD

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Dr. Chaffee is a professor in the Oral Epidemiology and Dental Public Health Division at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and director of the UCSF School of Dentistry Program in Global Oral Health. His research includes studies of new and emerging tobacco products (particularly use among adolescents), dental professional engagement in tobacco cessation, and influences of oral health among children and young adults. Dr. Chaffee has authored more than 130 scholarly publications and has been nationally recognized for excellence in teaching.

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Liz is an assistant adjunct professor and project policy analyst in the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences at the UCSF School of Dentistry. Her research interests include tobacco-related behaviors and decision making among youth and young adults and the role of dental professionals in tobacco prevention and cessation. She is affiliated with the UCSF Center for Tobacco Control Research & Education and serves on the Journal of Dental Hygiene Editorial Review Board. As a Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist (CTTS) and dental hygienist, she is dedicated to addressing tobacco use in her community and beyond.