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Phoenix's first smoke-free park gets signage installed by officials and student activists

Phoenix (July 27, 2015) -- At the urging of STAND Youth Coalition members from Trevor G. Browne High School, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board approved a policy that prohibits the use of all tobacco products in El Oso Park for a two-year pilot.

The policy went into effect July 1. Signage donated by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health is being installed at smoking "hot spots" identified by the STAND students during observations, park clean-ups and resident surveys.

Vice Mayor Daniel Valenzuela – an early champion of the students' efforts – and Councilman Michael Nowakowski will help the students and parks staff hang the final sign.

What: Smoke-Free Park Sign Installation Ceremony

Who: STAND Youth Coalition from Trevor G. Browne High School
Phoenix Vice Mayor Daniel Valenzuela
Phoenix Councilman Michael Nowakowski
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department
Maricopa County Department of Public Health

When: Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Where: El Oso Park, 3451 N 75th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85033

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STAND (Students Taking a New Direction) is a statewide coalition of students ages 13-18 who work to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and urge elected officials at all levels of government to treat cigarettes as hazardous materials - including creating regulations for storage, transport, sale and disposal. StandAZ.com