

Fill the Gap in Cosmetics Disclosure Laws: Hidden Toxic Chemicals and Salon Worker Health

AB 2775

Voters overwhelmingly support ingredient disclosure of professional salon products

The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative's Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program conducted targeted door knocking and phone banking to survey registered voters and identify supporters of our work to help improve occupational health and safety nail salons.

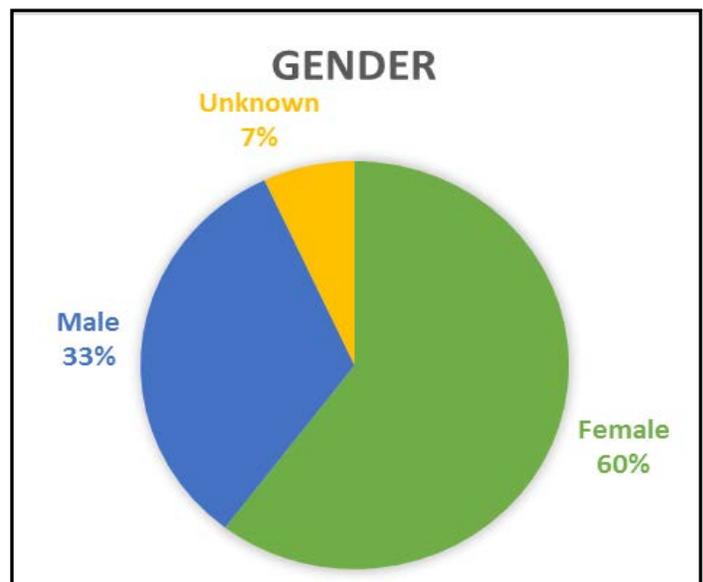
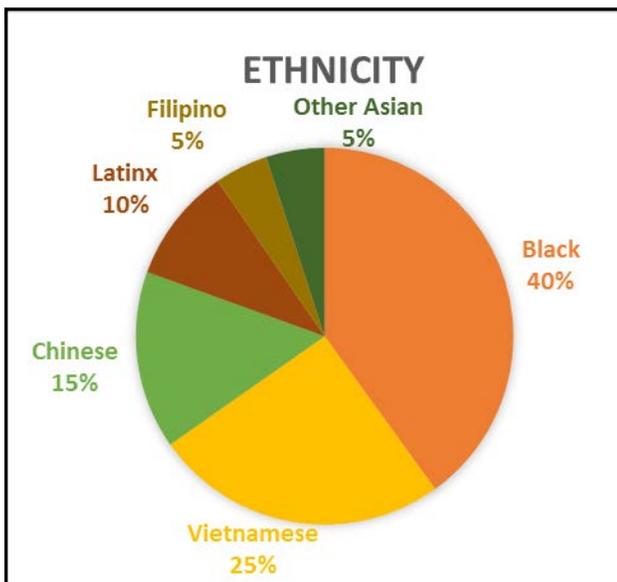
We collected **2332 supporter pledges** from voters in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Santa Clara County, Orange County and Los Angeles County.

92% support ingredient labeling of professional hair and nail salon products

Many voters shared personal stories about workplace injuries or illnesses that they believed were due to occupational chemical exposures. In sharing their stories and seeing similarities with the health and safety challenges that nail salon workers face, voters voiced their support of worker right-to-know. They look forward to the successful outcome of bills like AB 2775 (Kalra) which calls for ingredients to be listed on the labels of professional cosmetics and helps salon workers and owners access information impacting their health.



Breakdown of Supporters: Data from Political Data Inc (PDI), collected by the California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative



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California Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program Survey Results

Nail salons that were recognized as Healthy Nail Salons were interviewed to assess the effectiveness of the California Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program. Healthy nail salons are located in five California counties and cities. They are required to use safer products and implement healthier safer practices* (details on back).

Highlights of owner responses

“I heard that if nail salon workers work more than 17 years in nail salons, they’re more likely to suffer from cancer. That was why I joined the program.”

“It separates us from other nail salons. It shows how much we care about our health as well as our customers’ health.”

Program Quality

83%

Reported that the biggest benefit of being a healthy nail salon is that they and their employees are healthier and happier

90%

Became a healthy nail salon because they wanted to create a safer and healthier workplace for employees and customers

85%

Reported that the healthy nail salon trainings and workshops they participated in were effective or very effective

Program Benefits

93%

Reported at least one benefit: better air quality, more customers, county recognition, and increase in revenue

80%

Experienced an increase in new customers

Salon Health & Safety Knowledge

98%

Felt more comfortable or very comfortable in training their employees on workplace health and safety practices

**40 Healthy Nail Salons from Alameda, San Francisco and San Mateo counties were interviewed in July 2015 and February, and April 2016*

There are currently 203 salons officially certified as “Healthy nail salons” throughout California.



Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program Criteria

- *Use nail polishes without the toxic-trio: dibutyl phthalate (DBP), toluene, and formaldehyde*
- *Safer nail polish removers without ethyl or butyl acetate, such as acetone.*
- *Avoid using nail polish thinners. Use those without toluene and methyl ethyl ketone.*
- *All nail salon staff should wear nitrile gloves when using nail products.*
- *Ventilate the salon. Designate a specific area for artificial nail services.*
- *Install a mechanical ventilation unit within 1 year of entering the program.*
- *Train all salon staff (payroll & on contract).*
- *Commit to adopting safer nail products.*
- *Do not allow customers to bring in products unless they meet program criteria.*

The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative

The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative was established in 2005 in response to growing concern over work-related health issues among nail salon workers. The Collaborative worked with some of California's largest counties and a significant number of nail salons to establish Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Programs, which are county-operated programs recognizing nail salons that have undergone training and changes in order to reduce chemical exposure and protect the health of employees, customers, and the environment. First established in San Francisco in 2012, the program has now been adopted by several other counties and cities, such as Alameda County, City & County of San Francisco, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and the City of Santa Monica. The program provides an approach that encourages resource-sharing and incentivizes salons to create safer work environments by minimizing workplace exposures to harmful chemicals.