A Ban on Public Smoking

There's an enormous list of changes I'd love to see, but let's focus on "public smoking." While everyone has the right and liberty to do as they please, that liberty should respect others' sanity.

I've long observed people freely smoking cigarettes, shisha, and marijuana in public. Just yesterday, as Jeff and I bought water, a man lit a cigarette right in front of us, releasing smoke into the air. It irritated me. What if I have asthma or another condition aggravated by smoke?

I turned to Jeff and said, "When I become president, I won't ban smoking, but strict restrictions will be in place. Bars, clubs, et al., will have designated smoking areas. No public smoking for the sake of our sanity and others."

I may be overambitious but, "If we're to make a change, it starts with us. If not us, then who?"

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