

## Citizens Against Government Interference

You are a member of **Citizens Against Government Interference**. The Summerville City Council is going to vote on whether to adopt a new law that would ban smoking in all city restaurants and other indoor workplaces. You are against this proposal. You want to see it defeated.

*Important! Important! Important!*  
DO **NOT** TELL **ANYONE** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:  
Your group is paid for and organized by the tobacco industry. This is your secret.

YOU WANT PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE JUST A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO WANT TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF SMOKERS AND RESTAURANT OWNERS.

A TV reporter may visit your group. If so, make sure that person does not see this sheet or learn your secret.

Here's what is going to happen next:

1. One person from your group will try to convince members of the City Council to vote "no" on the proposed law. That person will have about 2 minutes to share reasons for voting no.
2. After representatives from each group share their views, the Council will take their "first" vote. This vote doesn't count.
3. After the Council has voted, you will be invited to try to convince others in the room that your views are correct. (At that time, you will be told to turn this sheet over and follow the instructions on the back.)
4. The Mayor will then call the Council back, allow you to add anything new, and then a final vote will be taken.

**OK, start by selecting the person that will represent you before the Council. Then decide whether you think your group should encourage the Council to vote "yes" or "no." Help your representative prepare as many arguments as possible to support your position.**

Here's some "information" you might want to use:

- 79% of restaurants that ban smoking lose customers as a result.
- 94% of smokers are against bans on smoking in restaurants.
- Even 37% of nonsmokers don't want restaurants to ban smoking.

(The information is made-up, but who's going to know? You can say you did a survey.)