

Citizens Against Government Interference Lobbying Instructions

“Lobbying” involves trying to influence others. In a few minutes, you will be allowed by try to convince others to oppose the smoking ban.

- **To prepare for lobbying, create a poster that supports your opposition to the smoking ban. You might want to include a catchy slogan, if you can think of one. Your goal is to communicate in a few words and/or pictures why you oppose the ban. *Be creative!***

When the Mayor announces that it is time to lobby, leave at least one person at your table to talk with those who want to change your view.

Send at least two people to lobby other people or groups. You might want to send someone to talk to a Council Member who voted in favor of the ban. You might want to send someone to talk to the “general public.” You might want to send someone to talk to the Chamber of Commerce, the Restaurant Workers Union, or Citizens Against Government Interference. Target those people or groups who supported the ban.

You’ve got plenty of money, so don’t be afraid to use it! If you can change the mind of a City Council member by promising a large donation to their next campaign, *do it!* (Of course, do it quietly, since it is against the law!) Perhaps you might promise to donate money to build a new city park or sports field if a Council Member will vote against the ban. If the Council won’t budge, try members of the Chamber of Commerce. Maybe you can “buy” their support.