

## **General Public**

### Lobbying Instructions

“Lobbying” involves trying to influence others. In a few minutes, you will be allowed by try to convince others to adopt the same view of the smoking ban that you have.

- **To prepare for lobbying, get with other members of the general public who agree with you. Then create a poster that supports your position “for” or “against” 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 favor or oppose the ban. *Be creative!***

When the Mayor announces that it is time to lobby, go and try to convince others of your position. Carry your poster with you and talk to as many people as you can. Perhaps you and others who agree with you can corner one of the Council members who voted on the “wrong” side during the first vote. Try to change their mind.

Be ready to convince others that your group has the right position. Still, if others convince you that your position is wrong, be willing to change.