

## Restaurant Workers Union

You are a member of the Summerville **Restaurant Workers Union (RWU)**. As a union, you are interested in promoting the interests of people who work in restaurants. You are particularly concerned about the health and safety of restaurant workers. The Summerville City Council is considering a law that would ban all smoking in restaurants. You must decide whether to favor it or oppose it. Here are some things to consider:

- Breathing smoke from other people's cigarettes ("secondhand smoke") is quite dangerous.
- Separate "smoking" and "nonsmoking" sections in restaurants are little help. Smoke easily drifts from one section to another. Besides, waiters and other restaurant workers must constantly walk through both sections.
- Restaurant workers, even nonsmokers, get smoking-related illnesses more frequently than people in most other jobs.

Here's what is going to happen next:

1. One person from your group will tell the City Council how you think they should vote. That person should be ready to provide reasons for why the Council should vote "yes" or "no." The person will have about 2 minutes to share the views of the Restaurant Workers Union.
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 instructed to turn this sheet over and follow the lobbying 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.**

A member of the City Council may sit in on your meeting.