



## Smoke-Free Cities Call to Action

### C-Change Members asked to adopt C-Change SMOKE-FREE CITIES Resolution.

#### INTRODUCTION

In support of the growing body of scientific evidence defining the hazards of secondhand smoke, and in support of the numerous states and cities deciding to prohibit smoking in all indoor workplaces, restaurants and bars, the C-Change Board of Directors has adopted the "Smoke-Free Cities Resolution." This resolution declares that C-Change Member meetings, conferences and symposiums will convene **ONLY** in smoke-free cities and jurisdictions starting in 2006.

The Tobacco and Prevention Teams applaud the Board of Directors for taking this action. The resolution protects both C-Change members and guests from the dangers of secondhand smoke and provides a catalyst for further change.

We encourage every C-Change Member to join with C-Change and adopt this smoke-free city policy within their organization or company.

#### CALL TO ACTION

#### **Members will convene major conferences in smoke-free jurisdictions.**

The C-Change policy sets forth the following minimum requirements for smoke-free jurisdictions:

- Any city, county or state with a smoke-free policy that includes enclosed workplaces, public places, hotels, restaurants and bars.
- As of March 2005, six states have state-wide laws in effect that meet this standard; California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, and New York.
- Rhode Island's law takes effect in 2006 and will meet the C-Change requirements.

Local jurisdictions with smoke-free ordinances can be found at [www.no-smoke.org/pdf/100ordlisttabs.pdf](http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/100ordlisttabs.pdf). Some of these listed jurisdictions meet the C-Change standard for smoke-free cities.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ title \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ organization \_\_\_\_\_

**agree to adopt and implement** the SMOKE-FREE CITIES resolution for future conferences and large meetings convened by my organization. I commit to implementing this policy as soon as feasible but no later than January 2007.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ title \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ organization \_\_\_\_\_

**agree to pursue consideration to adopt and implement** the SMOKE-FREE CITIES resolution for future conferences and large meetings convened by my organization. I will present the policy and propose consideration of adoption within my organization no later than January 2006.