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Hello everyone,

As I'm sure most of you know, on Tuesday night/Wed morning the Madison City Council acted on three amendments to Madison's comprehensive smoke free ordinance. After months of heated public debate, an expensive multimedia campaign, rallies, ban the ban promotions and all of that, the City Council voted 10-9 against repealing the ordinance. It was the third such vote to uphold our ordinance. Additionally an amendment to put the issue to referendum failed 5-14, and an amendment creating a hardship clause was removed from consideration.

It was a courageous stand by City Council members and the Mayor in the face of more than 5 hours of heart-wrenching testimony on both sides, and we in the public health community should be sure to thank the City Council for standing up for health. It should also serve as a valuable lesson to those of you who may be persuing smoke free ordinances in your community that the fight for these policies does not end with the creation of the ordinance, does not end with the enactment of the ordinance, and in fact does not even end after a vote(s) to repeal are taken.

Anyways, that's the update from Madtown, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. If you want to read more, there are stories on Madison.com, and probably a whole lot more.

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