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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Rally Coming To Renounce Proposed Smoking Ban**

Citizens who believe government is overstepping its role and authority will join **Ald. Bob Donovan** and several small business owners during a news conference tomorrow (Wednesday, February 28, 2007) at 1:30 p.m. at **Hector's – A Mexican Restaurant, 7118 W. State St.** (71<sup>st</sup> and W. State St.). The news conference will preview a **large public rally** scheduled for **Saturday, March 3 at Serb Hall** from noon to 3 p.m. to renounce the proposed statewide smoking ban and tax increase on cigarettes announced by Governor Jim Doyle last month. The owner of Hector's has said his business has been negatively impacted by a smoking ban in Wauwatosa taverns and restaurants.

Ald. Donovan has publicly criticized the proposed smoking ban and tax hike, calling it "blatantly unfair" and a measure that would surely spell doom for the owners of small corner taverns, including the dozens located in his 8<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District. "We have higher priorities in Milwaukee – such as stopping deadly gun violence – that we really could use the Governor's help on," he said.

**WHAT:** News conference

**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 28

**WHERE:** Hector's, 7118 W. State St. (71<sup>st</sup> and State)

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