



## 2016 Legislative Agenda

### CITY OF CHICAGO & COOK COUNTY:

- **TRANSPORTATION**
  - Support analysis of Residential Permit Parking by task force
  - Support and drive creation of Business Permit Parking license
  - Oppose 24-hour Residential Permit Parking and/or its expansion into unregulated areas or the lengthening of restricted hours in existing zones
  - Support reinstating Sunday parking meter fees to encourage turnover at local businesses
  - Support comprehensive planning for transportation, parking and traffic initiatives looking at long-term planning
  - Support the CTA's #11 bus temporary reinstatement and encourage permanent reinstatement to public officials and CTA
  - Support promotion of pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly planning and policy solutions
  
- **ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**
  - Monitor proposals for the A. Finkl & Sons and other North River Corridor sites and support projects that bring diverse job opportunities to the community
  - Monitor proposals for downzoning business corridors in Lincoln Park to ensure business and resident input is considered
  - Monitor proposals for new residential construction / conversions and support proposals that will be helpful to local businesses
  - Monitor proposals for liquor license moratoriums and applications
  
- **TAX REVEUNE & BUDGET MANAGEMENT**
  - Encourage and support analysis and planning for Chicago pension situation
  - Oppose new taxes on businesses to balance other budgetary needs
  - Monitor effect of property tax increase on small businesses
  
- **BUSINESS CLIMATE**
  - Support efforts to ease and streamline business licensing and permitting regulations and procedures
  - Support open source data for government and business transparency
  - Support programs that spur economic growth through collective leveraging of funds through public / private partnerships
  - Support recognition, promotion and incentives for Cultural Institutions including museums, theatres, music venues, galleries and more
  - Support needs of members to operate effectively through necessary and appropriate zoning changes, liquor licensing and other operational requirements controlled through government
  - Support Choose Chicago efforts to drive traffic to Chicago's iconic neighborhoods
  - Oppose laws and policies that incentivize property owners to keep retail property vacant



## **STATE OF ILLINOIS:**

- **TRANSPORTATION**
  - Support efforts by the Regional Transportation Authority to develop long-term funding solutions
  - Support development and funding for mass transit solutions that support Lincoln Park residents and the neighborhood's reputation as a destinations for tourists
  
- **ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**
  - Oppose legislation that restricts positive economic development initiatives through Eminent Domain
  - Support legislation that encourages transparent government
  
- **TAX REVENUE & BUDGET MANAGEMENT**
  - Monitor State budget process and encourage lawmakers to reach a compromise and pass a sensible State budget
  - Oppose legislation that unduly shifts State tax burdens to small businesses
  - Monitor HB 1384 or any bill that would legislate how Special Service Areas (SSAs) operate and are managed
  
- **BUSINESS CLIMATE**
  - Support legislation to normalize fees for starting or dissolving an LLC or Corporation in Illinois
  - Support job creation and education programming to encourage entrepreneurship and economic growth
  - Monitor HB 2430 that would create a tax credit for any employer who hires an employee that remains on staff for more than two (2) years