



2017 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
- Support public transportation, pedestrian, and bicycle-friendly environments in regards to the North Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction planning process

- **ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Monitor and stay involved in the North Branch Corridor Modernization Planning process
- Support the notion that if the Planned Manufacturing Districts are dissolved in the North Branch Corridor, that zoning for residential uses should be prohibited and that high paying technology, innovation, and manufacturing uses should be encouraged
- 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 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
- Work with Small Business Advocacy Council to introduce an ordinance to permit and regulate the size, height, number, timing, and location of A-Frame signs within the City limits. These standards will minimize public safety risks while permitting effective advertising and identification.
- Work with Small Business Advocacy Council to introduce an ordinance that eases certain restrictions on home based-businesses
- Work with Small Business Advocacy Council to create permit process that allows business owners to apply for sign construction building permits for simple window signage that is non-structural and non-electrical
- Work with Small Business Advocacy Council to introduce an ordinance that allows for extending sidewalk cafes beyond the edge of their storefront if they have the support of the neighboring business owner and landlord that it would be in front of

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
- **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