



## 2018 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
  - Support and advocate for infrastructure upgrades and expansion in regards to the North Branch Corridor Modernization Plan
  - Support the establishment of a Pedestrian Street along Lincoln Avenue, from Webster to Belden
  - 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 implementation and development from the North Branch Corridor Modernization Plan.
  - Encourage the development of high paying technology, innovation, and manufacturing uses within the North Branch area
  - 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
  - Support transit oriented development within TOD zones to add residents and discourage automobile ownership
  
- **TAX REVENUE & BUDGET MANAGEMENT**
  - Encourage and support analysis and planning for the Chicago pension situation
  - Encourage and support analysis and planning for fair property tax assessments
  - 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 commercial 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 clarify signage regulations on windows
- 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
- Work with Small Business Advocacy Council to launch a pilot program to allow business owners who do not wish to contest fines to pay those fines on-line without being required to go to administrative hearings with legal representation.

#### **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 destination 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**
  - 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 positive economic growth and an expanded workforce