

2019 Legislative Agenda

CITY OF CHICAGO & COOK COUNTY:

• TRANSPORTATION

- \circ 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 Lincoln Yards Development
- 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 of the Lincoln Yards development
- 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 challenges
- 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

- o 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

STATE OF ILLINOIS:

• TRANSPORTATION

- \circ 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
- o Support legislation that encourages transparent government

• TAX REVENUE & BUDGET MANAGEMENT

• Oppose legislation that unduly shifts State tax burdens to small businesses

BUSINESS CLIMATE

• Support job creation and education programming to encourage positive economic growth and an expanded workforce