



## 2020 Legislative Agenda

### CITY OF CHICAGO & COOK COUNTY:

- **TRANSPORTATION**
  - 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 and advocate for enacting a Business Permit Parking license
  - Support comprehensive planning for transportation, parking and traffic initiatives
  - Support and advocate for upgrades to and expansion of infrastructure in regard 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 project
  
- **ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**
  - Monitor and stay involved in the implementation and development of the Lincoln Yards development
  - Monitor proposals for zoning changes in business corridors in Lincoln Park to ensure business 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
  - Support the Small Business Advocacy Council's efforts to reform Chicago's sign code
  
- **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 increases 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 and institutions
- Continue to work with the Vacancy Tax Relief Coalition in partnership with World Business Chicago to 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 the Small Business Advocacy Council to support an ordinance that will streamline the public way permitting process in the City of Chicago

#### **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 job creation and education programming to encourage positive economic growth and an expanded workforce
  - Support the Small Business Advocacy Council's effort to reinstate the Small Business Tax Credit program
  - Support the funding for the funding of the Illinois Small Business website which would assist businesses with permitting issues