

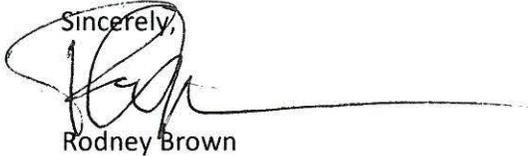
Rodney Brown

Support 18-4541

Small Business Commission Ordinance

I run a small business development center on the west side in North Lawndale. I am here to **Support** the 18-4541 Small Business Commission for Cook County. First of all, thank you for considering our small business owners. We see hundreds of individuals that would love to do business with the county. However, they lack the resources and connections to do so. Even when they are awarded a contract, often times, they cannot come up with the initial cash flow that would be required to get them started. A commission of this sort would help to create the necessary tools to make sure they have a chance to be successful. This places these business owners in position where they can make a significant impact for their families and communities. Furthermore, I believe that the people selected to be part of this commission should be culturally sensitive individuals that understand business and the communities that are represented by those that may not have the needed resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rodney Brown

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