

BUILDING STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES & ENTREPRENEURS

Our local economy and our neighborhoods depend on a thriving small business community. From creating jobs, to sponsoring our Little League teams, to supporting walkable communities, our small businesses build the character of our neighborhoods, activate our streets, and pour their profits back into employing nearby residents and supporting other small businesses.

With many owners living and working locally, it means **our small businesses are closely tied to our neighborhoods and deeply invested in their future**. Local business development means creating more local jobs and building stronger neighborhoods, and I am proud to support them. As Councilmember, I have:

- Launched the **Made In DC program** to promote locally created, manufactured, and assembled products through brand certification via the Department of Small and Local Business Development.
- Created and funded **“Main Street” programs** in Ward 6 to support and attract small businesses in our key neighborhood retail corridors like Barracks Row, Shaw, H Street, Shaw, and Eastern Market.
- **Lowered the business franchise tax rate** from 9 percent to 8.25 percent, lessening the tax burden on our smallest businesses.
- Work directly with locally owned businesses, employers, and entrepreneurs to **navigate the District’s regulatory agencies** such as the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the Office of Tax and Revenue.
- Hosted regular **Ward 6 Career Fairs** to connect thousands of residents seeking jobs with employers hiring for openings in local companies. My office works with workforce development organizations year-round to open doors for Ward 6 residents to career opportunities with local employers.