

**ORDER TO MAYOR'S OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
TO DRAFT BUDGET AMENDMENT RESTORING FUNDING FOR
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
AGENCIES TO 2009 BUDGET YEAR LEVELS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed 2110 budget calls for an across-the-board 21% funding reduction in corporate allocations for the Technical Assistance to Business Groups (TABG) and Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI); and

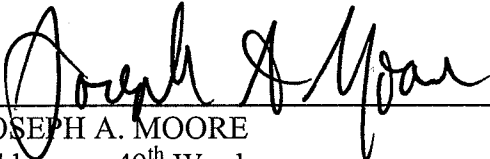
WHEREAS, these groups are contracted to serve as delegate agencies to provide crucial support and services to small business; and

WHEREAS, these groups play a vital role in meeting the needs of small businesses through training, workshops, seminars, networking events, commercial corridor planning, technical assistance, and referrals for credit and capital; and


WHEREAS, the Kaufman Foundation released a study showing that newly-created and young companies are the primary drivers of job creation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the key to ending this recession is job creation, and small businesses are the number one source of jobs in the city of Chicago; now therefore,

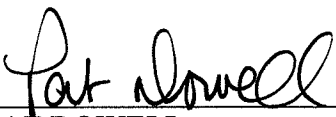
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Mayor's Office of Budget and Management submit to the City Council Committee on Budget and Government Operations for its review and approval no later than Monday, November 23, 2010, an amendment to the proposed 2110 budget that restores funding to the Technical Assistance to Business Groups (TABG) and Local Industrial Retention Initiative (LIRI) to 2009 budget year levels.



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Alderman, 49th Ward



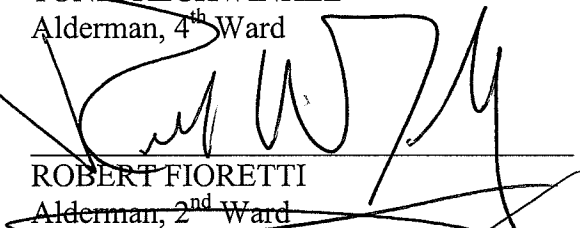
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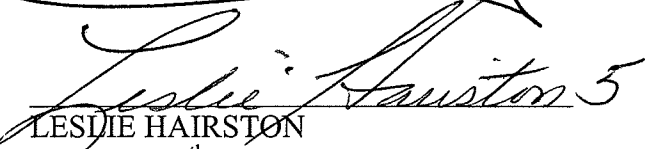
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
BUDGET & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
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<i>Miguel del Valle</i> City Clerk City of Chicago