



The Small Business Jobs Survival Act

Thank you for taking your valuable time to advocate for small business rights and the passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA) currently introduced in the New York City Council. Your time and dedication is going to protect our local business economies, the character of our neighborhoods, and ensuring everyone has access to economic mobility.

- More than 50% of New Yorkers work at a small business
- 1000-1200 NYC small businesses are forced to close their doors every month, most of these because of ridiculous rent increases.
- Especially hard hit from all this real estate speculation and greed are working families, the immigrant and minority communities, and the millions of people they employ.
- These are not just businesses closing, they are real people losing real jobs and real income.
- There is a solution: The Small Business Jobs Survival Act
- This Act was introduced in the NYC Council in June 2014 where it has been sitting in the Committee on Small Business where certain Council Members in the pocket of Real Estate are fighting to keep this life-saving Act from a fair and open Public Hearing and a vote in the NYC Council.
- If the SBJSA passes, commercial tenants will finally have the right to:
 - A 10 year minimum lease, with equal negotiating power as the landlord for new terms
 - An end to the ever-changing yearly burden of landlords passing on their property tax expenses
 - An end to rent-gouging and exorbitant rent increases
 - Binding arbitration holding the landlord to fair lease terms if the tenant and landlord can not come to an agreement on lease renewal

We have a real chance here to TakeBackNYC from the greed, from the inequality, and from the hands of those who are destroying the character of NYC, the livelihood of its' people, and our communities.

