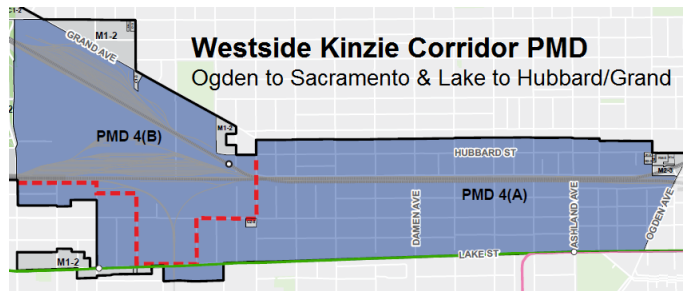


Kinzie Corridor PMD Petition - Signatures Needed by April 17 - roger@fultonmarketchicago.org

- Signatures Needed from 1st and 27th Ward Voters and Business Interests
- Prevent Rushed City Hall PMD Changes & Business Licenses Eliminated
- Require Community Hearings and Public Input

Petitioned Officials

Lori Lightfoot, City of Chicago Mayor-Elect
Walter Burnett, Jr., 27th Ward Alderman
Daniel LaSpata, 1st Ward Alderman-Elect



Whereas

- Voters on April 2, 2019 chose a new approach to City Hall government (more transparency, inclusion and public participation) by electing Lori Lightfoot as Mayor.
- City Hall enacted the Kinzie Industrial Corridor Planned Manufacturing District (PMD) in 1998. The PMD is bordered by Ogden Ave. - Sacramento Blvd. - Lake St. - Hubbard St./Grand Ave. The PMD ordinance in this area has not changed since 1998.
- On April 9, 2019 outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his Department of Planning (DPD) released its first-ever Kinzie PMD Modifications Proposal seeking to drastically change the PMD ordinance, prohibit business licenses that have been allowed for 21 years and ignore the PMD zoning reforms sought by our community:

PMD repeal is wanted for the Ogden Ave.-Ashland Ave.-Lake St.-Hubbard St. area. DPD opposes this.

PMD relaxation (larger business sizes) is wanted for the PMD arterial streets of Ashland, Damen, Western and Lake. DPD opposes this.

Millions of dollars have been and are being invested for business licenses that have been allowed in the PMD for 21 years. Without justification or public discussion, DPD wants to eliminate new restaurants, personal services, medical services and other businesses needed by Kinzie Corridor employees, Westside residents and the public from most of the PMD.

- PMD changes will have monumental economic development consequences for Chicago's Westside: investment, jobs, businesses, goods and services, and housing alongside tax revenues for City Hall's desperate budget deficits and pension obligations. After 21 years, a new PMD plan must be vetted by our community and have majority community support. Neither exists now.
- After presenting its proposal on April 9, DPD wants public comments via email through May 10, then fast-track approval at City Hall on May 16. This is unacceptable. Community meetings and public input cannot be bypassed by DPD.

Therefore

- We, the undersigned 1st Ward and 27th Ward voters and business interests, oppose the lack of community participation for DPD's first-ever PMD Modifications Proposal. We oppose any fast-tracking of this proposal.
- We oppose DPD's attempt to eliminate several business licenses from the PMD that have been allowed for 21 years. We call out DPD's failure to recognize millions invested to operate these businesses and gain new business licenses in the PMD.
- DPD's approach does not match up with Chicago voters who want a responsive, transparent City Hall. DPD's proposal does not reflect the overwhelming consensus of Westside voters and Kinzie Corridor business interests who want different PMD reforms.
- Mayor-Elect Lightfoot, Alderman Burnett and Alderman-Elect LaSpata should halt DPD's process. Community meetings should occur to review DPD's proposal and the following community consensus of Westside voters and Kinzie Corridor business interests:

PMD zoning repeal for the Ogden-Ashland-Lake-Hubbard area.

PMD relaxation (larger business sizes) for the arterial streets of Ashland, Damen, Western and Lake and the northside of Hubbard between Ashland and Damen.

Continuing the PMD business licenses that have been allowed for 21 years except where empirical data exists of negative community-impact AND extensive community discussions of this information has occurred.