

What We Heard from You: **Economic Development**

Strengthen the District's economy by sustaining core industries, attracting new & diverse industries, facilitating job growth & preparedness, fostering the success of small businesses, and revitalizing neighborhood commercial centers.

Public Comment

- Increase and improve neighborhood serving retail.
- Reinforce preferential hiring of District residents.
- Support new grocery stores in high-poverty areas.
- Avoid the displacement of small and local businesses by supporting programs and grants.
- Invest in Black resident-owned businesses.
- Promote good paying jobs.
- Support the entrepreneurship of District residents.

Agency Input

- Emphasize the DC Economic Strategy's six opportunity areas, which represent cross-cutting industry clusters that offer high potential for tax revenue growth, industry development, and/or an increase in living-wage jobs for workers with various levels of educational attainment.
- Recognize that federal employment is unlikely to increase in the foreseeable future.
- Support the existing core industries while seeking growth opportunities in emerging fields.
- Emphasize the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) as an important part of the District's workforce development infrastructure.
- Identify sites where modern food hubs, central storage, and community kitchens can expand healthy food access.
- Continue to offer incentive-based programs that encourage District businesses to hire job-seekers who are disadvantaged.
- Encourage District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter Schools to continue providing career magnet campuses.
- Encourage outreach for job training, skill enhancement, and job placement for persons with limited reading proficiency.

Priorities that Will Shape our City

Create Jobs

Advance Workforce Development

Support Small Businesses

Build Economic Resilience