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With the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Comprehensive Job Creation Plan, the City Council declared job creation a top priority. As the Committee seeks to create a more business friendly Los Angeles, it will seek the input of businesses throughout the city. Los Angeles County has approximately 200,000 small businesses. These businesses provide about half of the 3.5 million private sector jobs in the County. Some city policies, like the minimum wage policy, albeit well-intended and beneficial overall, can be particularly burdensome to small businesses.

Small businesses are engines of economic growth and are a vital part of the local economy, providing jobs and neighborhood stability. In recognition of this, some local governments, including the County, have created a small business commission to allow small businesses to play a greater role in the policymaking process and to ensure they have effective representation. A small business commission could offer the City insight on the needs, challenges, and priorities of small business.

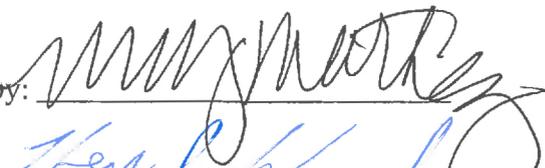
In acknowledgement of the importance of local businesses, the Council implemented a local preference ordinance in 2010 to provide a competitive advantage to local businesses and to create opportunities for growth. Despite the creation of this program, it is unclear what percentage of the city's contracts are held by local small businesses. The City should use its purchasing power strategically to stimulate economic growth and create jobs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back with an assessment of how much of the City's contracts are held by local small business, and options to establish a goal for small business participation in the City's RFPs, procurements and contracts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back on options to create a small business commission.

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