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**Andersonville Chamber of Commerce's  
Economic Development Support**

**2022**

***Support for our local property owners and brokers to help mindfully  
find tenants for a sustainable commercial corridor***

**CHICAGO** (2022) – The **Andersonville Chamber of Commerce** (ACC) is pleased to announce that it continues to grow in membership, business resources, and support it can offer to local businesses that are looking to join us on Clark Street. As we continue to navigate the pandemic we continue to see new business openings, current businesses growing, and more interest in becoming a long term location for new and existing businesses. This is primarily led by our long standing and ingrained support for supporting local and independent businesses. Working with regional and national chain businesses on working together with our community to connect them so that they have staying power. The local community and tourism that visit Andersonville come to support this unique and diverse community and we would like to continue to support you in making those connections.

Andersonville looking ahead will continue to foster their focus on localism, equity, diversity and inclusion, and rebuild our Swedish narrative by working with the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, the LGBT Chamber of Illinois, the Native American Center as well as Swedish partners the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, Business Sweden, and SWEA Chicago.

Every Year we pull data for our district to help with economic development and to help guide our chamber on events, marketing, and business support. Through this data we examine leakage and saturation within a mile helps guide how we reach out to folks that would be a great fit in Andersonville. [Short presentation here.](#)

**Leakage:** Furniture, Clothing, Theater, entertainment, co working, and activities/experiences

**Saturation:** Eyeglass stores-6 within a mile, Dentists-8 within a mile, Coffee houses-10 within a mile, and Regional and National chains. If there is any question then ask the residents on Facebook what they think.

If you would like to list your listing for a commercial unit that is within our [commercial corridor](#). Please email David Oakes at [doakes@andersonville.org](mailto:doakes@andersonville.org).

**Please note:** New Business resources that are available from the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce include participation in over 20 events each year, Campaigns that include Holiday, Hygge, and Supporting local businesses, Marketing resources such as our AlwaysAndersonville Newsletter, Podcast that goes out to 34K subscribers, and our annual Neighborhood Guide.

Let us support your efforts to find mindful and intentional businesses for the Andersonville Corridor. Please contact David Oakes, Director of Business Services and District Manager for more information at [doakes@andersonville.org](mailto:doakes@andersonville.org).

“As first-time business owners, far and away the most difficult part of launching our business was securing a lease. Large, established businesses have a significant leg up in terms of the experience, resources, and time they can devote to this aspect. Knowing the right lingo, asking the right questions, and having the right contacts are often huge hurdles for new small businesses, ourselves included. David and the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce were absolutely invaluable in advocating for us in this process, setting up tours, and generously answering our numerous questions. Their dedication, generosity, and follow-through has been an extraordinary asset to our development. Their commitment to us has strengthened our commitment to be good and impactful neighbors to the Andersonville community. Small businesses are no less viable or appropriate tenants than chains, and in fact can prove to be more adaptive and more lasting, especially in a tight-knit community like Andersonville, but we do need meaningful outreach, advocacy, and support to find our place. The Understudy Coffee and Books is thrilled to make its forever home in Andersonville. **Adam Crawford and Danny Fender. Understudy Cafe and Books**

"The majority of businesses I speak to that are looking to open in Andersonville are attracted to how dynamic the neighborhood is, at the same time charming and friendly. That's in no small part enhanced by the chamber's hard work." **Bill Hynes & Roger Ward, Brokers Compass**

### **About the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce**

The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce fosters a vibrant environment in which Andersonville businesses can thrive by attracting a diverse customer base; providing business support services and advocacy; and engaging in business attraction, long-range planning, and economic development.

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