



## Portland Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC) August 2009 Report

### PLENARY MEETING – AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Representing the diversity found in the Portland business community, provides an organized voice for small business with the Portland City Council on policies that impact small business.

This month, the SBAC took important action on internal development action items as well as city policies that are having a profound effect on the Portland small business community.

### Action Taken by the SBAC:

Chair: Martin Medeiros  
Swider Medeiros Haver LLP

Create a briefings calendar to manage the regular invitation to plenary meetings of key influencers on small business issues.

Vice Chair: Dwayne Johnson  
PDXO LLC

Recommend that the Portland City Council take an active role in supporting the development of entrepreneurial training in Portland; for example, by supporting the restoration of apportioned funding to Portland Community College's Small Business Development Centers.

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Accept the definition of micro business for discussion purposes as: a business with fewer than 5 employees and/or less than \$250,000 in gross annual revenue.

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### **Useful Links:**

Recent SBAC Minutes and Agendas:  
[www.sbacpdx.com](http://www.sbacpdx.com)

Visit the Business portal on PortlandOnline and review and sign the Small Business Bill of Rights!  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/business>

Learn how to Get Help for your business at the Portland is Better Together website:  
[www.portlandisbettertogether.com](http://www.portlandisbettertogether.com)

Explore the City's Recycle at Work program:  
[www.recycleatwork.com/portland](http://www.recycleatwork.com/portland)

In order to develop a position and take action regarding the Sit-Lie regulation in Portland, the SBAC will invite Mike Kuykendall of the Portland Business Alliance to the next executive committee meeting. Mike manages the Clean and Safe program for downtown and will be helpful in understanding the current situation for business owners downtown.

### Call for new members

The SBAC is currently seeking new members to add diverse perspectives in our mission to provide an organized voice for small business with the Portland City Council on policies that impact small business. Please visit our [membership page](#) on the SBAC website and get in touch with [Josiah Whitman](#) if you are interested.