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Economic Development to discuss loss of manufacturing
jobs and revitalization of industry in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology
Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council recognizes the importance of a vibrant business community and strives to make Chicago a business-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, The current economic climate remains extremely challenging for Chicago businesses; and

WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry in the United States has suffered devastating job losses between 2000 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the United States has experienced a 32% decline in manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, Statewide, in 2010, manufacturing jobs in Illinois had decreased 20% from 2000; and

WHEREAS, Locally, the depressed economic climate has greatly affected Cook County, resulting in the loss of more than 89,100 manufacturing jobs during the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, A healthy and vibrant manufacturing industry is critical to the strength of our state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, Despite the recent job losses in the manufacturing sector, Illinois manufacturers still employ approximately 600,000 people and account for 13 percent of the state's economic output; and

WHEREAS, A revitalization of the manufacturing industry in Chicago has the potential to create high paying jobs that can help get unemployed Chicago residents back to work; and

WHEREAS, Competition between cities for job-creating businesses is fierce, and the City of Chicago must use all job creation tools available to help strengthen its local economy; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That representatives of the Department of Housing and Economic Development are hereby invited to appear before the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development to discuss the loss of manufacturing jobs in the City of Chicago and review the available tools and incentives the City has which can help with the revitalization of the manufacturing industry in Chicago.



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