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For Clean Energy and Local Business

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**Taste of Lincoln Avenue
This Weekend!**

Taste of Lincoln Avenue is Sat & Sun, July 30-31, featuring 40 music acts on 5 stages, a kids' carnival, NEW Lill St Arts and Crafts Fair, & delicious food!

Kids events will be held on Altgeld Ave. Lincoln from 12 -6 each day

The NEW Lill Street Crafts Fair will be held on Lill Street from 12 -6 each day

Proceeds benefit Wrightwood Neighbors Association which makes grants to charitable and educational orgs serving kids, museums, seniors, animals, and parks right here in Lincoln Park.

I'll be there - see you, too!



43rd Ward Office
735 W. Wrightwood

Dear Friend,

As your alderman, I act as a legislator in our city council. Yesterday's City Council session marked the introduction of two major pieces of legislation I pledged to enact while alderman.

Clean Power

I am a co-sponsor of the Clean Power ordinance, introduced today.

Clean air has been a decades-long issue in this country and our city. I worked for five years to help change the federal Clean Air Act to reduce particulate and other emissions from diesel engines to near-zero. Now we have the opportunity to reduce these pollutants from a major source: coal-fired power plants in Chicago. The ordinance introduced today will reduce particulates by over 90%, impose limits on fine particulates, and will impose CO2 limits to those equivalent to a natural gas plant.

Environmental issues are a major concern in our ward and in our city. To learn more about the Clean Power Ordinance, click [here](#). If you'd like to get involved in environmental issues here in the ward, contact [me](#).

Reducing Unfair Taxes on Small Businesses

Promoting small business in the ward is a top priority of mine. But our city code punishes successful businesses by imposing a \$4/month "head tax" on every employee if the business employs over 50 people. So if you have one successful restaurant and open a second - wham! You owe \$4/month for every employee. This is bad tax policy, and bad for our local entrepreneurs. No other city has such a

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tax at such a high level.

I am co-sponsoring the ordinance to repeal this tax. This bill has the strong support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Restaurant Association and will be considered along with our upcoming buget.

I'll keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Michele Smith
43rd Ward Alderman

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