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Council Bill 14-0455 proposes the creation of a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) program to be administered by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office. This program will create a race and gender neutral remedy for ongoing effects of past discrimination in the marketplace by providing a variety of procurement tools for the city that will ensure that all segments of its local business community have a reasonable and significant opportunity to participate in city contracts for construction, architectural and engineering services, professional services, non-professional services and commodities.

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development supports the measure and defers to the Bill Report to be provided by the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women Owned Business Development (MWBD) for our rationale.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important public policy issue.

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