

Helping Small Business to Grow Jobs

So on the morning of Thursday, June 18, a “Yogi moment” overcame me. I listened attentively to Speaker Quinn's speech in which she outlined three measures aimed to make it easier for small businesses to start up and grow. *Deja vu* all over again. A late friend and mentor who was involved not at all in political or civic life but was active in my school and one of our synagogue movement's groups always reminded me that a good idea finds its time. As I continued to listen to this speech at this Crains Forum on The Future of New York - Small Business, I mused to myself that some proposals I worked on during the Spring and Summer on 2005 – during one of (what I fondly call) my prior lives – seem to have caught on with Ms. Quinn and the Mayor. In public policy, authorship matters much less than implementation so if the ideas make sense.....

This was some language used just over four years ago followed by language used below in **bold** as reported in Crains):

► “Offering a three-month amnesty program to give small businesses the opportunity to pay all outstanding fines without penalties.” **“Three-month penalty-forgiveness period for businesses and individuals with outstanding fines owed to the Environmental Control Board.”**

► “Reviewing existing regulatory burdens falling on small businesses and eliminating regulations that fail to advance the public interest.” **“examining agency rules and regulations that affect small business, with the aim of stripping away those that are outdated or unnecessarily interfere with business operations.”**

► “form a small business advisory council to advise the Mayor on small business and economic policy.” **formation of a regulatory review panel”**

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Small Business Getting a Break from City Hall

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City Council Speaker Christine Quinn unveiled an agreement with the Bloomberg administration Thursday morning on a trifecta of measures geared toward making it easier for small businesses in the city to launch and prosper. [Read More](#)