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Resolution Re: Small Business Jobs Survival Act

WHEREAS an unacceptable number of our neighborhood long established small businesses are closing due mainly to not being able to negotiate reasonable lease terms.

WHEREAS these forced business closings have resulted in an unacceptable number of residents and families losing their jobs, many of whom live in the Village area.

WHEREAS these forced closings of our long established small businesses have dramatically changed the character of the Village area.

WHEREAS those businesses who manage to remain in business have been forced to substantially raise their prices to a level which stresses the budgets of many low to mid income residents.

Whereas many of these small businesses have to lay off their employees or cut back their working hours in order to remain in business.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the Village Independent Democrats urges all of our elected official in the City Council, Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio, Comptroller-elect Scott Stringer, and Public Advocate-elect Letitia James to actively support and work for the immediate passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, now pending in the City Council.