

The Proposal to Down-Zone 71st Street: What You Need to Know

South Shore's commercial corridors need help! We all know the problems:

- Vacancy
- Problem businesses
- Safety concerns
- Lack of grocery stores, restaurants, and other desired businesses

Our Aldermen are proposing sweeping, unprecedented solutions to these problems:

- 5th Ward Ald. Leslie Hairston wants to **down-zone the entire 71st Street commercial corridor to allow only residential use.**
- 7th Ward Ald. Greg Mitchell wants to give Aldermen power to approve or deny all business licenses in their wards for any reason.

These proposals have not been debated in the community. They do not give our Aldermen new tools to fight existing problem businesses. Urban planners and watchdog organizations agree that they will have a **negative impact on economic development.**

- No successful commercial corridor carries residential zoning.
- Potential business owners may avoid locating in a residential-zoned corridor.
- Potential new businesses will have to seek re-zoning in order to open.
- Re-zoning is an expensive, uncertain, and time-consuming process.

This ultimately means fewer new businesses and fewer jobs in our community.

We call for more democracy - and a comprehensive and collaborative planning process. With the support of a qualified planning agency, current residents of South Shore can map out our future vision for the community. With so many big changes coming, we have a unique opportunity to define the future - before someone else defines it for us.

Now is the time to make your voice heard. Together, we can build a better 71st Street!

CALL TO ACTION:

SIGN the Petition for a Comprehensive Planning Process for South Shore: southshoreforall.org

SHARE this information with your friends and neighbors

ATTEND the 5th Ward Meeting: June 27, 6pm, La Rabida Hospital (6501 S. Promontory Dr.)

TELL the Aldermen: *No to down-zoning on 71st and Yes to a comprehensive planning process!*

- 5th Ward Ald. Hairston: 773-324-5555, ward05@cityofchicago.org
- 7th Ward Ald. Mitchell: 773-731-7777, alderman@GregMitchell7thWard.org
- 8th Ward Ald. Harris: 773-874-3300, michelle.harris@cityofchicago.org

REPORT nuisance businesses to 3-1-1. These calls help Aldermen fight problem businesses.

To sign the petition, learn more or get involved visit southshoreforall.org



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mobilizing & strengthening Chicago's South Shore community