

Economic Development Update

May 18th, 2021 | 4-5pm

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Join by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join>

Join by Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 983 8144 1690

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I. Introductions

II. Discussion

a. Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and Other People of Color Steering Committee Presentation

- **Yodit Mesfin-Johnson** – YMJ & Associates consultant/facilitation
- **Teresa Gillotti**, OCED Director
- **Cheranissa Roach**, Economic Opportunity Manager – OCED
- **Veronica Brandon**, Economic Opportunity Specialist
- Members of the Subcommittee – all invited to co-present
 - **Rich Chang**, New Foundry;
 - **Brian Jones Chance**, 734 Brewery;
 - **Athena Johnson**, Black Stone Bookstore & Cultural Center;
 - **Rakaya Harris**, Salon Elite;
 - **Deata McLemore**, Bottles & Backpacks;
 - **Roderick Smith**, Smith Consulting and Credit Counseling;
 - **Ylondia Portis**, Brandhrt Strategic Marketing;
 - **Mishelle Rodriguez**, Changemakers Consulting;
 - **Darryl Daniels**, Jacobsen | Daniels;
 - **Rishi Narayan**, Underground Printing; (pictured left)
 - **Charo Ledon**, Olas Travel

- b. Recommendations to accelerate recommended economic opportunity strategies for entrepreneurship and small business group – with a focus on BIPOC and underserved communities
 - **Teresa Gillotti**, OCED Director
 - **Yodit Mesfin-Johnson** – YMJ & Associates
 - **Ned Staebler** – Tech Town

- c. Conversation about the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses and potential short-term recovery investments