



## **INFORMATION UPDATE**

### **City of Dearborn Heights, Michigan**

**Bill Bazzi, Mayor**

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### **Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi meets with Small Business Administration and Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce officials**

*Group explores programs & initiatives that will aid City's small businesses*

*Dearborn Heights, Michigan* – Dearborn Heights Mayor Bazzi hosted a January 24 meeting with representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce to explore ways their respective organizations can help bolster the health and competitiveness of the City's small businesses.

Bazzi was joined by the SBA's District Director Laketa Henderson and Outreach & Marketing Specialist Jennifer Swift, along with Chamber President Jackie Lovejoy. The group discussed a number of initiatives that could will potentially help the City's small businesses, focusing primarily on the SBA's financial initiatives, and marketing/outreach/promotional programs both organizations could assist with.

Bazzi was pleased with the outcome of the meeting. "I was delighted with the scope and number of initiatives we discussed. I am grateful to Mses. Henderson, Swift and Lovejoy for their expertise, and shared commitment to helping serve our businesses. This was just the first

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step in exploring the available types of assistance and programs that are available, but I am confident that together, we will put together some great plans that will benefit our business owners. I am looking forward to more meetings in the future, as we continue to explore and implement the available options.”

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***Caption:*** Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi meets with Representatives From the U.S. Small Business Administration and Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss ways to benefit the City’s small businesses.



***Caption:*** Shown (l to r): Jennifer Swift, U.S. Small Business Administration, Laketa Henderson, U.S. Small Business Administration, Jackie Lovejoy, Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bill Bazzi, Mayor, City of Dearborn Heights.