



Bob Buckhorn
Mayor

Greetings,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the **5th Annual East Tampa Small Business Symposium** on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor Campus. With the theme *Supporting Business Through Partnership and Mentoring*, this comprehensive free event features expert presenters offering financial and business advice through a live panel discussion and a networking luncheon to business owners and those interested in starting a business of their own. We are appreciative of the sponsors and participants that allow this opportunity to assist the East Tampa business community with continued growth and for small business owners to gain valuable information that may enhance their success.



The Small Business Symposium was established by the Central Florida Community Planning and Development and the Executive Board Members of East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership. The purpose of the Symposium is to assist deserving entrepreneurs gain access to accomplished professionals, community leaders and government services, providing them opportunities to better achieve their business goals.

Business opportunities and entrepreneurship are abundant in the Tampa Bay area like never before, and knowledge from experts and those who have experienced success assists with the long-term prosperity and growth of new and existing small businesses. Tampa is a great city, the nation's 53rd largest, and we have a vibrant spirit of economic opportunity. Your participation as a business leader in the East Tampa community is greatly valued. Thank you for being part of Tampa's economic landscape that continues to shape our city.

Again, welcome and best wishes for an enjoyable and productive time.

Sincerely,

Bob Buckhorn