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## Economic Development and Job Growth

**CHALLENGE:** Baltimore City will face a severe budget deficit and record levels of unemployment following the coronavirus pandemic

**VISION:** Protect jobs, support local businesses, expand the economy

**OUR APPROACH:** Assess damage and identify resources to support most impacted industries

The coronavirus pandemic was unforeseen and unplanned, but unfortunately will not be the last time this city faces an unforeseen crisis. Baltimore's next leader will need to be able to bring together the best and brightest to address the issues facing the city and be prepared to act swiftly and efficiently in preparing for and responding to future crises.

Small businesses, minority- and women-owned business will face difficulty recovering from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. As a city, we must find ways to restore cash to these businesses and assess city policies that will ease the transition to the 'new normal' post the COVID-19 pandemic. We can create an environment where our businesses can thrive and give them more flexibility as they recover from this difficult and unprecedented time.

As mayor, I will assess the damage that's been done to the city's economy, including what industries have been most severely impacted. I will work to identify resources that we can bring to provide support to the most impacted industries and businesses, while simultaneously expanding the economy and growing it.