



## **Street Vendors Association of Chicago**

Seeks: Street Vendor Organizer

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to [streetvendorskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:streetvendorskitchen@gmail.com)

The Street Vendors Association of Chicago (SVAC) fights for an inclusive economy by organizing street vendors to build political and economic power without fear of police harassment, excessive fines, and discrimination. Subsequently, SVAC led the campaign to push Chicago's City Council to legalize street vending in 2015. SVAC played a crucial role in the passing of the Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act, which enables worker-owned cooperatives to register as business organization in Illinois. SVAC provides a sustainable model and structures for an equitable economy and development in communities experiencing racial wealth divides and active disinvestment.

### *Mission*

The mission of this organization is to carry out a network of food vendors in order to improve the quality of life as street vendors by providing resources and opportunities for food and employment sovereignty to increase social equity.

### *Vision*

Our vision is to maintain the right and justice of street food vendors, lobbying for laws which improve the rights of minority commerce. Building infrastructure services which enable members have a better quality of life, creating and promoting self-employment and productive development; such as well improving health benefits.

### **Street vendor organizer (Part time-32 hours)**

Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications | Reports to president and board members

The Street Vendors Association of Chicago (SVAC) is looking to hire a part-time Street Vendor Organizer to assist street vendors with their City of Chicago licensing requirements and other duties..

### **Requirements**

- Be a street vendor
- Speak Spanish and English (Not mandatory)

- Be a low-income person
- Agree with the vision and mission of SVAC

**Street vendor organizer - Principal function:**

- That all members have their permissions
- Visit member street vendors
- Know permit requirements
- Fill out forms together with office manager
- Check that all street vendors have the requirements
- Take photos of street vendors' carts
- Help create menu
- Accompany vendors to town
- See that street vendors have the proper equipment
- See that the street vendor cart meets the requirements
- Guide them to get their Kitchen Manager and tax #
- Invite new street vendors to become members of SVAC.
- Guide them to obtain the letter of intent for a shared kitchen.

The ideal candidate will possess strong interpersonal and communication skills, be familiar with street vendors and immigrant rights, and have the ability to work with diverse and multi-disciplinary teams and communities. Street Vendors Association of Chicago does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender identity, religion, age, national origin, citizenship, physical or mental ability, or sexual orientation. To apply, send a resume and cover letter to [streetvendorskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:streetvendorskitchen@gmail.com) Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.