## **Small Business Owners: Goals & Obstacles**

Taxes – Goal: Fair tax code for small firms. Obstacle: Loopholes favor large corporations under federal tax law.

Loans – Goal: Easy access to affordable credit. Obstacle: SBA loans too complex; banks prioritize big clients.

Healthcare – Goal: Affordable employee coverage. Obstacle: Rising premiums make benefits unaffordable.

Competition – Goal: Level playing field. Obstacle: Corporate consolidation squeezes independents out.

Regulation – Goal: Clear, scaled rules. Obstacle: Compliance burdens fall harder on small firms without legal teams.

Workforce – Goal: Skilled, reliable staff. Obstacle: Gaps in workforce training and vocational education.

Local Investment – Goal: Revitalized main streets. Obstacle: Incentives often flow to large developers, not locals.

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