## The small business CLOSURE CRISIS

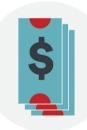
# Baby boomers own half of all privately held firms in Texas

This Silver Tsunami of retiring business owners own approximately 208,150 firms which represent half of all jobcreating businesses in the state. These firms employ around 3 million workers and generate nearly \$536 billion in revenue. As most of these owners retire, our local business landscape is going through a dramatic shift.

#### 6 out of 10 business owners plan to sell in the next decade.







**208,150** firms

3 million employees

\$536 billion in revenue

By selling to their employees, owners can secure their legacy and keep these businesses and jobs in the community.



economy

They make up 99.8% of all firms and provide 44.5% of all jobs in Texas. In addition, they circulate 3x more money back into local communities than absentee-owned businesses and corporate chains.

Baby boomers
employ an
estimated 1 in 5
private sector
workers
nationwide.





#### The Employee Ownership solution

Employee ownership deepens the impact of local businesses and keeps them locally owned for the long term.



#### Benefits to businesses

#### • Higher productiv

- Higher productivity and growth
- Lower employee turnover
- Improved longevity, lasting legacy

### Benefits to workers

- Better pay and benefits
- Assets and business ownership
- Voice in key decisions

#### Benefits to communities

- Increased local spending
- Heightened civic engagement
- Community wealth building

Interested in learning how businesses can transition to employee ownership and communities can keep good jobs?

Visit project-equity.org



