AMIBA Local Leaders Roundtable: Shop Indie Local— **Measuring Success** May 12, 2022



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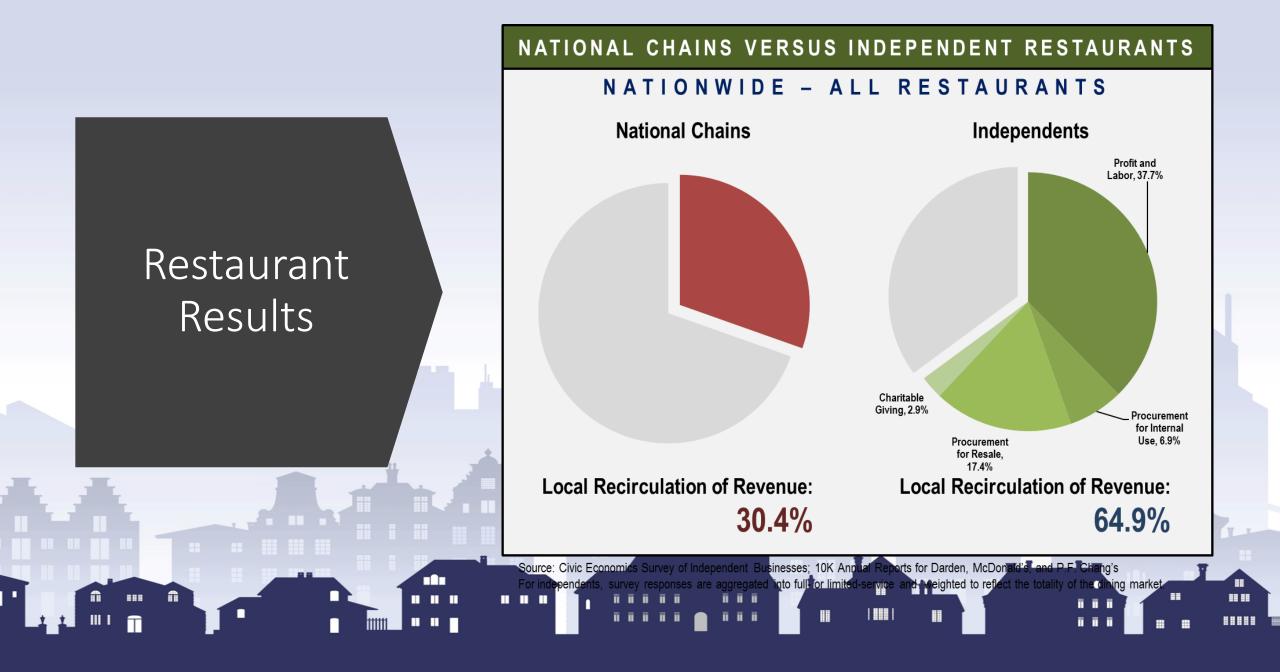
- Started in 2002
- Matt Cunningham- Evanston, IL
- Dan Houston- Tulsa, OK
- Studying economic impacts of local business since being formed
 - Austin, TX Book People Analysis
- Have been working with AMIBA since that first study

How we got here





NATIONAL CHAINS VERSUS INDEPENDENT RETAILERS



Previous Studies

• Surveys have been constructed to look at a wide range of businesses in a single area

- We have previously looked at the entire business
- We have focused on the economic impact

Vancity Project

- Vancity is the largest community credit union in Canada
- Located in Vancouver, British Columbia
- They had recognized deposits had grown during the pandemic
- Wanted the pent-up demand to be driven to locally owned businesses
- Compare Local Businesses to Chain and Online Retailers
- Would analyze two distinct measures:
 - Economic Return
 - Greenhouse Gas Implications

Project Team Assembled

Vancity

Vancity, a credit union committed to a clean and fair world. Vancity was our project sponsor and local economy leader, contributing funding, framing and connection to leading local business members.

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Offsetters, Canada's leading provider of carbon-management solutions. They are experts at understanding how businesses and individual consumers can reduce (and offset) their environmental impacts. Offsetters contributed the analysis on the carbon footprint.

OFFSETTERS

Civic Economics, a small U.S. firm providing credible analyses to support the work of local economic development across North America. Civic Economics contributed the analysis of the economic impact of local products and businesses compared to multinationals, and research into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on independent businesses.

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Project Methodology

- Identify 5 Local Businesses
- Select 1-2 products from each business
- Variety of products
- In-depth Interview With Each Business
- Business Completed Survey
- Compare Results to Multinational Chains and Online Retailers

Develop Report

Participating Businesses





Larry's Market, a vegetarian grocery store in North Vancouver supporting healthy, plant-based lifestyles. Bad Dog Bread, a North Vancouver bakery making naturally-leavened bread and other baked goods using organic B.C. grains, much of which is milled fresh in-house.



Modus Coffee Roastery, a Vancouver coffee roaster and cafe, focused on roasts and profiles as honest to origin as possible, and featuring local ingredients in menu items.



Priory, a Vancouver online clothing retailer focused on quality and comfort, with local manufacturing and a sustainable ethos.

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Sidesaddle, a Vancouver bike shop offering everything you need for city and road riding.

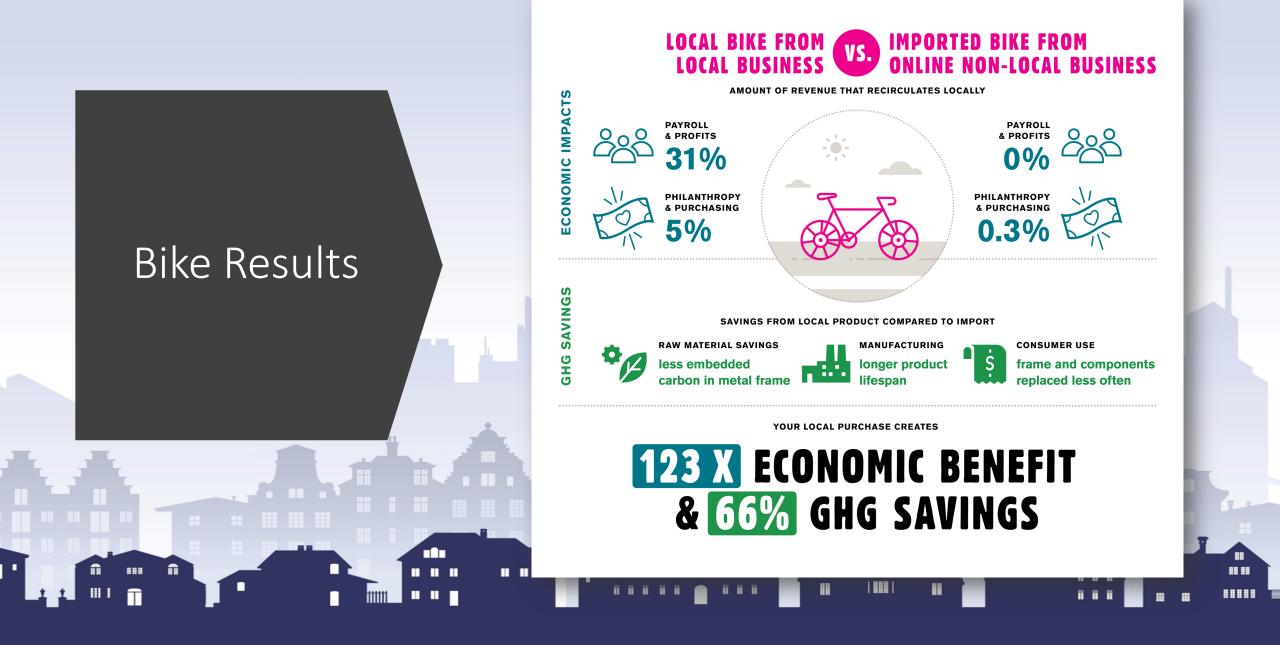


Components of Economic Impact

- Profits by local-based ownership
- Wages paid to local residents
- Procurement of goods and services from local suppliers and producers
 - For internal use
 - For resale
- Charitable giving to local non-profit organizations

Components of Greenhouse Gas Analysis

- Product type (e.g., conventional versus organic foods).
- Energy consumption during manufacturing and product use (e.g., baking).
- Materials used and their quantities.
- Shipping distances and modes (e.g., air, truck, rail).
- Retailer waste minimization.
- Product returns and whether they are resold, donated or landfilled.
- Product durability and anticipated lifespan.

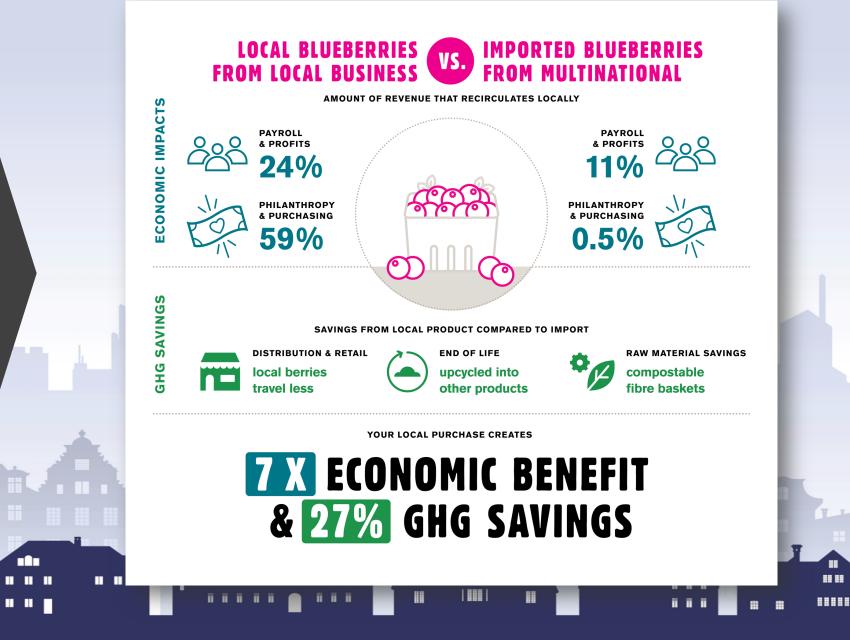


CHOOSE YOUR IMPACT: BIKE Amount of spending recirculated back into your local economy (per \$100) \$ 37 (\mathcal{A}) -1-**Local Business** Local Bike **Recirculated Locally** Bike Impacts +18 **Multinational Recirculated Locally Imported Bike** R +0.30 **Non-Local Online Recirculated Locally Imported Bike** A A . . . Π . .

Blueberry Results

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CHOOSE YOUR IMPACT: BERRIES Amount of spending recirculated back into your local economy (per \$1) 0.83 0) 707 + $\mathsf{N} \mathsf{N} \mathsf{N}$ Blueberry **Local Business Recirculated Locally Local Blueberries** Impacts 0.69 -1-Multinational **Local Blueberries Recirculated Locally** 0.12 - te **Multinational Imported Blueberries Recirculated Locally** A A . . . Π

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CHOOSE YOUR IMPACT: BREAD Amount of spending recirculated back into your local economy (per \$1) 0.59 -1-Bread **Local Business** Local Bread **Recirculated Locally** Impacts +0.22 **Multinational Local Bread Recirculated Locally** + 0.12 **Multinational Recirculated Locally Canadian Bread** A Λ . . . Π .





Conclusions

- Buying local keeps more money in community
- Locally made products sold by locally based companies can reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Buying from a purely online company provides virtually no local economic impact
- Many locally-owned businesses are consciously improving their economic and environmental impacts

Future Projects

- Updating "Prime Numbers", our Amazon Study Series
 - American Booksellers Association
- Conducting a Local Business Analysis
 - City of San Antonio

- Business Services Analysis
 - Love Live Local in Cape Cod, MA