



2020 NASHVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Chamber's purpose is to create economic prosperity by facilitating community leadership. Our Metro government legislative agenda helps fulfill this purpose by focusing on the following priorities:

An environment where business can prosper

1. Support predictable and transparent development and zoning policies that encourage development, investment, and support for entrepreneurs and small businesses.
2. Support the use of local government tax credits, grants and incentives for economic development and job creation as additional tools to encourage the location, expansion and retention of business in Nashville.
3. Support responsible and sustainable fiscal policies, ensuring the long-term prosperity of the city and its people, including but not limited to reforming retiree health benefits for future city employees.
4. Support an effective legislative body that makes decisions in a deliberate, yet timely manner that promotes consistency and predictability across the city.

Talent development of the region's workforce

5. Support operational and capital funding for Metro Nashville Public Schools as a city budget priority.
6. Support school reform efforts that improve graduation rates and academic achievement.
7. Support public/private partnerships that address the Metro-Nashville Davidson County post-secondary completion, technical talent investment and workforce needs.
8. Support efforts to expand access to quality and affordable childcare.

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers

9. Support near-term solutions to address the challenges of mobility and congestion.
10. Support incentive-based approaches to promoting housing affordability that increase the supply of housing.
11. Support investments in public health, safety and quality of life infrastructure that have a strong business and financial case and that broaden Nashville's reputation as a livable city.
12. Support actions to ensure that the downtown core functions effectively, which is essential to the growth of Davidson County and the region.
12. Support justice reform measures aimed at increasing the employability of non-violent offenders following their release from incarceration.
13. Support reforms to the bail system to ensure that non-violent individuals are not incarcerated long term simply for an inability to post bail.
14. Support projects and programs that eliminate barriers to prosperity.
15. Support efforts to maintain our identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city.