



2021 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 creation of opportunity jobs as 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.

Talent development of the region's workforce.

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

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers.

8. Support near-term solutions and long-term investment to address the challenges of mobility.
9. Support incentive-based approaches to increase the supply of housing and promote housing affordability.
10. 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.
11. 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 ensuring the bail system does not incarcerate non-violent individuals for the inability to post bail and increasing the employability of released, non-violent offenders.
14. Support projects and programs that address barriers to prosperity.
15. Support efforts to maintain our identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city.

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