

2019 NASHVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Chamber’s purpose is to facilitate community leadership to create economic prosperity. 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. **PRIORITY ISSUE:** Support the use of local government tax credits, grants and incentives for economic development 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.
5. Support opportunities that promote a level playing field for new and existing small, veteran-, women- and minority-owned businesses that participate in the procurement process with Metro Nashville – Davidson County

Talent development of the region’s workforce

6. Support operational and capital funding for Metro Nashville Public Schools as a city budget priority.
7. Support school reform efforts that improve graduation rates and academic achievement.
8. Support public/private partnerships that address the Metro-Nashville-Davidson County’s postsecondary completion and workforce needs.

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers

9. **PRIORITY ISSUE:** Support the expansion of solutions for mobility throughout Metro-Nashville-Davidson County and a dedicated funding source for mobility that has a strong business case for success
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.
13. Support projects and programs that eliminate barriers to prosperity.
14. Support efforts to maintain our identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city.
15. Support justice reform measures to increase the employment opportunities available to non-violent offenders released from incarceration