



2018 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. Support the use of local government tax credits and incentives for economic development as additional tools to encourage the location or expansion of business in Nashville.
3. Support responsible and sustainable fiscal policies, ensuring the long-term prosperity of the city and its people.
 - Support the Metro Study & Formulating Committee’s 2015 recommendation to reform 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 job creation efforts in Davidson County through the public/private Partnership 2020 contract between Metro government and the Chamber.

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 city’s postsecondary completion and workforce needs.

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers

9. **PRIORITY ISSUE: Support immediate implementation of the nMotion plan. [Plan name will be updated to reflect the transit referendum plan after it is announced in mid-October.]**
10. **PRIORITY ISSUE: Support the right of the public to vote on a transit plan and funding source in 2018.**
11. Support incentive-based approaches to promoting housing affordability that increase the supply of housing.
12. 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.
13. Support actions to ensure that the downtown core functions effectively, which is essential to the growth of Davidson County and the region.
14. Support projects and programs that eliminate barriers to prosperity, such as poverty and homelessness reduction.
15. Support efforts to maintain our identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city.