

# HENDERSONVILLE *Area* CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Chamber's purpose is to facilitate community leadership to create economic prosperity.

### An environment where business can prosper

- Support Medicaid expansion through Governor Haslam's plan to alleviate and prevent increased health care costs to business.
- Oppose the implementation of a state minimum wage for private businesses, leaving the federal government to set the minimum wage level.
- Support the ability of local governments to promote economic development through public/private partnerships (TIF, PILOT).
- Support predictable and transparent zoning policies that promote economic growth and prioritize the rights of property owners.
- Oppose any efforts to diminish Tennessee's long standing status as a right-to-work state.

### Talent development of the region's workforce

- Support assessments aligned to rigorous K-12 standards focusing on college and career readiness in order to accurately measure student achievement.
- Strengthen the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program to ensure high quality and kindergarten readiness.
- Support the expansion of opportunities for high school students to gain postsecondary credit and experience through dual enrollment programs, AP classes, and apprenticeships.
- Support strategies to reach the state's college completion goal of 55% of Tennesseans with a postsecondary credential including providing incentives to employers to encourage employees to seek these credentials.

### Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers

- Support efforts to maintain our identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city, region and state.
- Support, as a transportation funding priority, the widening of New Shackle Island Road and mass transit improvements to Highway 386 (Vietnam Veterans Blvd) in the Hendersonville corridor.

### Regional efforts to ensure economic prosperity

- Support dedicated funding sources to address long-term needs for transportation infrastructure and the development of regional mass transit.
- Support the development of new routes and the expansion of existing routes from Hendersonville to Nashville.

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