



2024 METRO NASHVILLE/DAVIDSON COUNTY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

An environment where business can prosper.

1. Advocate market-driven, evidence-based regulations that preserve businesses' right to decide on policies that impact their employees and customers.
2. Support predictable and transparent development and zoning policies that foster sustainable growth, strategic investment across the county, and support for entrepreneurs and small businesses.
3. Support job creation and job sustaining efforts in Nashville through the Partnership 2030 relationship between Metro Nashville-Davidson County government and the Nashville Chamber.
4. Encourage using local government tax credits, grants, and incentives for economic development and creating and retaining opportunity jobs.
5. Support an effective legislative body that makes deliberate yet timely decisions that promote consistency, responsible, and sustainable fiscal policies across the city.

Development and productivity of the city's workforce.

1. Advocate for continued school improvement that strengthens student outcomes, achievement, and accountability in Metro Nashville Public Schools.
2. Advocate for policy changes that promote and expand access to quality, affordable childcare, and early education across the county.
3. Support public/private partnerships that address post-secondary completion, technical talent investment, and workforce needs in Metro Nashville-Davidson County.
4. Support operational and capital funding that positively impacts student outcomes and aligned accountability for pre-K-12 and post-secondary education as a city budget priority.

Quality of life that attracts and retains residents and workers.

1. Advocate for near-term solutions and long-term investment focused on dedicated funding to address transit and mobility challenges.
2. Support and resource a campaign focused on a public referendum that creates a dedicated source of funding for transit investment.
3. Advocate for policies that foster a multi-faceted approach in improving Metro Nashville-Davidson County's income-aligned housing, including incentive-based strategies to increase housing supply.
4. Advocate for actions with accountability to ensure that the larger downtown core functions effectively, strengthens safety and diversifies the downtown experience for businesses, residents, and visitors.
5. Support projects and programs that promote economic growth that is robust, shared by all, and enduring over the long term.
6. Support efforts to maintain Metro Nashville-Davidson County's identity and brand as a welcoming, inclusive city for all.

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