

# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## FOR THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE - 2023

The **Coppell Chamber of Commerce** supports public policies which will result in the greatest economic and community prosperity.

We amplify the voice of our members at all levels of government as we seek to impact policy discussion in a respectful, open, and ethical manner at all times.

The priorities articulated here are deliberately broad and intended to promote the voice, vision and interests of our diverse membership, their businesses, employees, and customers.



### SALES TAX SOURCING

We **strongly oppose** changing local sales tax sourcing from origin-based to destination-based. Such a change would:

- Weaken Texas' strong and nationally recognized business-friendly climate;
- Undermine longstanding economic development agreements between municipalities and business partners;
- Put a significant burden on entrepreneurs/small businesses.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We **support**:

- Continued funding of the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Enterprise Zone Fund and tax incentives available under Section 313 of the Texas Economic Development Act;
- Preserving economic development incentive programs that enhance job creation and attract capital investments in Texas;
- Modernized systems across government agencies to reduce administrative burdens, increase efficiency, enhance transparency, and provide cost savings to businesses and taxpayers;
- Increased economic development investments

that create high-wage jobs, improve opportunity for quality education, promote public health, and raise the general economic success of low-income Texans.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

We **support**:

- Increased funding and resources to ensure reliability in Texas' infrastructure, especially in electrical grid, expansion of broadband access to both municipal and rural areas and water projects to match the supply needs of our fast-growing population;
- Funding state and local transportation for toll roads, managed lanes, and public-private partnerships;
- A state-wide uniform solution that addresses the disparities among municipalities regarding the treatment of short-term rentals
- Protecting the rights of local businesses and property owners (including compensation & full transparency) in the event of eminent domain.

### WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

We **support**:

- Increased funding for public schools and higher education to ensure teacher pay raises,

school safety and security, and workforce readiness to maintain our region's economic competitiveness;

- Any measure that does NOT limit, reduce, or remove local control from school districts and cities regarding their ability to govern, finance, or otherwise make decisions on behalf of the businesses and community they serve.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

We **support**:

- Increased funding and resources for inpatient, outpatient, and community-based behavioral health services, including the identification and treatment of mental illness and substance use disorders;
- Efforts to improve healthcare coverage and access by reducing the number of uninsured and under-insured individuals, including the expansion of Medicaid.

### REGULATORY & LOCAL

We **support** preserving decision-making authority of local leaders to safeguard the success of our region and preserve the unique character of our communities.

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