

**Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Metro Government Legislative Issues/Interests**

<b>Education – All Metro Schools graduates are prepared for college and career</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports funding for Metro Schools as a city budget priority</li> <li>• Supports the Academies of Nashville high school reform effort</li> <li>• Supports high-performing charter schools</li> <li>• Supports the expansion of the community college system that serves Davidson County</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Development – Nashville is a global leader in creating prosperity for its people and businesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports job creation through the annual public/private partnership contribution from Metro government to the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Partnership 2020 plan that supports the expansion and relocation of companies in Davidson County</li> <li>• Supports the use of local government tax credits and incentives for economic development as additional tools to encourage the relocation or expansion of business in Nashville</li> <li>• Supports the creation/expansion of city infrastructure projects that have a strong business and financial case (such as the existing Music City Center)</li> <li>• Supports efforts that ensures Nashville’s reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly city</li> </ul>
<b>Workforce/Labor – Nashville has the skilled and knowledgeable workforce it will need to support the expansion and relocation of businesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the efforts against the expansion of collective bargaining for public employees</li> <li>• Supports the efforts against the establishment of a “local minimum wage,” leaving the federal government to set the minimum wage level</li> <li>• Supports Metro government funding for workforce training</li> </ul>
<b>Land Use – Planning/Zoning - Metro government policies and procedures promote economic prosperity by encouraging the expansion of businesses and jobs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports zoning and planning policies that are predictable and transparent for developers and the business community</li> <li>• Supports the need to have developable sites ready for investment (availability, infrastructure, etc.) in order to build the city’s property tax base</li> <li>• Supports zoning processes that create a dialogue between business and neighborhoods so that development and economic issues can be responsibly considered</li> <li>• Supports and encourages the development of the downtown core as essential to the growth of Davidson County and the region</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation – An efficient transportation system encourages economic development and improves community livability</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports a dedicated funding source for a regional mass transit infrastructure and system that has a strong business case for success</li> <li>• Supports the expansion of Metro’s transit systems</li> </ul>
<b>Livability – Nashville’s quality of life is a determining factor in economic and business development decisions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports projects and programs that broaden Nashville’s reputation as a livable city (diversity, environment, community assets such as museums, etc.) in order to attract and retain a 21st-century workforce</li> <li>• Supports projects and programs that eliminate barriers to prosperity, including addressing poverty and homelessness reduction</li> </ul>