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

| **Education – All Metro Schools graduates are prepared for college and career** |
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| • Supports funding for Metro Schools as a city budget priority<br>• Supports the Academies of Nashville high school reform effort<br>• Supports high-performing charter schools<br>• Supports the expansion of the community college system that serves Davidson County |
| **Economic Development – Nashville is a global leader in creating prosperity for its people and businesses** |
| • 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<br>• 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<br>• Supports the creation/expansion of city infrastructure projects that have a strong business and financial case (such as the existing Music City Center)<br>• Supports efforts that ensures Nashville's reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly city |
| **Workforce/Labor – Nashville has the skilled and knowledgeable workforce it will need to support the expansion and relocation of businesses** |
| • Supports the efforts against the expansion of collective bargaining for public employees<br>• Supports the efforts against the establishment of a "local minimum wage," leaving the federal government to set the minimum wage level<br>• Supports Metro government funding for workforce training |
| **Land Use – Planning/Zoning - Metro government policies and procedures promote economic prosperity by encouraging the expansion of businesses and jobs** |
| • Supports zoning and planning policies that are predictable and transparent for developers and the business community<br>• Supports the need to have developable sites ready for investment (availability, infrastructure, etc.) in order to build the city's property tax base<br>• Supports zoning processes that create a dialogue between business and neighborhoods so that development and economic issues can be responsibly considered<br>• Supports and encourages the development of the downtown core as essential to the growth of Davidson County and the region |
| **Transportation – An efficient transportation system encourages economic development and improves community livability** |
| • Supports a dedicated funding source for a regional mass transit infrastructure and system that has a strong business case for success<br>• Supports the expansion of Metro's transit systems |
| **Livability – Nashville's quality of life is a determining factor in economic and business development decisions** |
| • 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<br>• Supports projects and programs that eliminate barriers to prosperity, including addressing poverty and homelessness reduction |