

Richardson Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legislative Priorities

Business Competitiveness

- Support initiatives that maintain the reputation of Texas as a business-friendly state.
- Support reliable and sustainable infrastructure development, including the electric grid, domestic energy production, mobility, water resources and broadband.
- Support continuation of economic development tools to ensure Texas leads the nation in competing for major, capital-intensive projects.

Local Government

- Support legislation that blocks any attempts to prohibit the authority to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies as well as pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists.
- Support legislation that entrusts discretion over the use of local fees and policies to address needs of individual communities.
- Support legislation and funding that enhance the ability for local public safety organizations to protect and serve their community, using the latest in technology, promoting transparency and community policing efforts.

Higher Education

- Support funding for enrollment growth and inflation through the academic formulas at higher education institutions in Texas.
- Support continued investments and updates to the community college finance legislation House Bill 8 (2023) including the consideration of out-of-state and private school credit transfers.
- Support increased investment in academic research initiatives such as the Texas Research Incentive Program and the National Research Support Fund to develop more top research institutions in the state.
- Continue investments in Small Business Development Centers and their professional business advising and training programs for small business owners, which are proven resources that strengthen the Texas economy and create/retain jobs.
- Maintain local control for the elected officials who govern Texas community colleges to allow them to act in the best interest of those they serve.

Public Education (Pre-K through 12)

- Support legislation that adjusts for inflation to maintain the funding levels of HB 3 (2019).
- Support legislation to fully fund all mandated programs and services including school safety and security personnel, training and equipment and special education.
- Support legislation that provides incentives to recruit and retain teachers.
- Support maintaining funding for Career and Technology Education (CTE), P-Tech and other early college and workforce readiness programs.
- Support legislation to create an assessment and accountability scorecard to holistically measure and relay school performance.
- Support legislation that requires any PreK-12 entity receiving public funds, directly or indirectly, to participate in all Texas standards and accountability systems that exist for public schools.

Healthcare

- Support healthcare initiatives that provide adequate funding and access to quality services for under and uninsured Texans.
- Support increased funding and support for Texans with a behavioral or mental health diagnosis.
- Support legislation to enhance/increase the base Medicaid rates for hospitals.
- Support legislation to increase the funding and education of chronic condition awareness prevention and treatment to decrease the overall burden placed upon taxpayers across the state.

Transportation

- Support legislation to promote DART's ability to strategically plan and remain an economic and mobility asset to the region.
- Support legislation to promote efficient and effective transportation solutions to enhance the economy and improve the lives of residents and stakeholders.
- Support legislation that ensures adequate funding of statewide and regional efforts to maintain and improve multi-modal transportation systems.

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