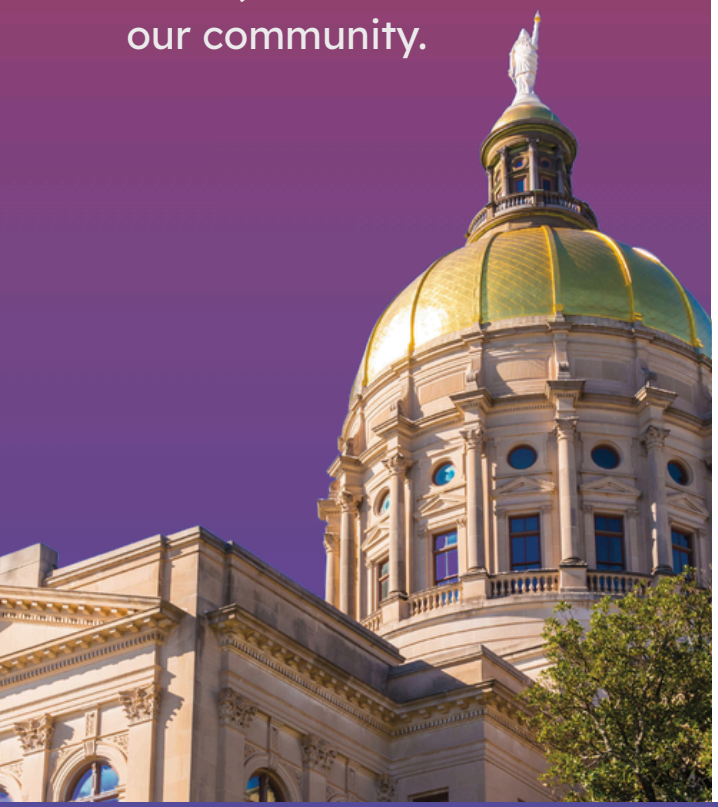
METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER

27-28 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

The Metro Atlanta Chamber Public Policy Team advocates for policies that advance our economy, grow our talent, and enhance our community.



BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Balance a competitive and predictable tax environment that encourages job creation and retention with efforts to lower taxes as fiscal conditions permit.
- Foster innovation and drive entrepreneurship for start-ups and growth stage companies.
- Support and defend a fair, efficient, and balanced legal climate.
- Modernize corporate governance laws, foster legal predictability, and improve access to the State-wide Business Court.
- Protect Georgia's top-rated business climate against legislation that interferes with business operations, is discriminatory in nature, and is harmful to our ability to create and retain jobs and talent.
- Advance policies and funding for public-private partnerships to lead statewide research and innovation efforts.
- Ensure private property owners can manage permitted items on and access to their respective properties.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- Develop globally competitive talent for high-demand careers by aligning workforce and education systems, agencies, and employer partnerships.
- Cultivate strong public-private partnerships to expand work-based learning, build career awareness, and support students and families.
- Coordinate funding and resources with a specific focus on childcare, career and technical education, needs-based aid, and completion of high-demand degrees and certifications with experiential learning.
- Remove barriers to employment and educational attainment for all learners, particularly those in communities with reduced access to resources.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Expand long-term dedicated state funding for transit expansion and improvement.
- Advance Georgia's long-term water strategy and support strategic investments in reliable, resilient water infrastructure.
- Strengthen supply chains through comprehensive freight logistics and expand current freight corridors.
- Ensure air quality by advocating for a clean, safe, reliable, affordable, and diverse energy portfolio for Georgia.
- Increase access to reliable communications networks for businesses, families, and students.
- Continue Georgia's leadership in innovation, research, and applied technology in transportation, including electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles.
- Ensure Georgia maintains competitiveness, security, and leadership in digital infrastructure.

THRIVING COMMUNITY

- Bolster economic development tools and promote inclusive growth to start, recruit, and retain businesses, events and entertainment.
- Support strategic reforms to the criminal justice system to minimize recidivism and fiscal demands while maximizing rehabilitation and re-entry to improve public safety.
- Promote sustainable funding and resources for public health, including behavioral and mental health services and infrastructure.
- Support initiatives improving access and quality of healthcare for low-income and uninsured Georgians.
- Reduce barriers to housing construction and increase overall housing supply.
- Enhance Atlanta's sports community by capturing new tax revenue opportunities and securing long-term funding for major sporting events.

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