# State Legislative Agenda – 89th Texas Legislature

## SUMMARY

The Metro San Antonio Chamber (Metro SA) represents diverse businesses throughout the San Antonio Metropolitan Region, advocating for policies that address member needs at all government levels. We support legislative efforts to strengthen San Antonio's economy, create jobs, and reduce regulatory burdens. This includes engaging business leaders, partners, and legislators to advance long-term priorities in business regulation, economic development, education, workforce, infrastructure, defense, and federal funding distribution for the region.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Private Employer Rights

- Empowering Employer Decision-Making: Advocate for legislation that protects business autonomy and reduces restrictive government mandates that limit operational flexibility.
- Support policies that safeguard employer rights, foster economic growth, and promote a pro-business environment aligned with the evolving needs of both employers and employees.

### Economic Development & Taxation

- Tax Incentives, Investments, and Industry Support: Support local and state incentives to enhance economic development, attract new businesses, and create jobs.
- Advocate for a fair property tax appraisal system, reduced tax burdens, and improved exemptions for businesses and taxpayers.
- Promote incentives that aid recovering industries, drive productivity, and support innovation in high-growth sectors.
- Oppose policies that limit workforce recruitment, business relocation, and tourism.

### Education & Workforce

- Building a Future-Ready Workforce: San Antonio's future workforce relies on strong education and training pathways for all.
- Support requisite funding across educational institutions to meet workforce demands.
- Advocate for sustainable public education funding that adapts to changing student needs and promotes a strong, transparent education system in Texas, recognizing its critical role in our community's economic potential.

### Infrastructure & Innovation

- Transportation & Ports, Energy, Technology, & Healthcare/Biomed: Preserve existing and support new revenue sources for all transportation modes.
- Support innovative, cost-effective solutions that strengthen energy and utility infrastructure.
- Advocate for advanced technology and broadband connectivity.
- Promote expanded consumer healthcare access with reduced business costs.
- Support funding for biomedical research and higher education infrastructure.



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## PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

The Metro SA Chamber includes recommendations, facilitates input, and considers legislative priorities from our member businesses and organizations when developing our legislative priorities. We also engage our business and community partners and take into consideration their respective legislative priorities that pertain to business and job growth and economic development. A few these partners are listed below:

- Alamo Colleges
- Bexar County
- City of San Antonio
- CPS Energy
- Greater:SATX
- Greater San Antonio Chamber
- Joint Base San Antonio
- National Federation of Independent Businesses
- Northeast ISD
- Northside ISD
- OCI Group
- Port San Antonio
- San Antonio Business Coalition
- San Antonio Digital Connects
- San Antonio Hispanic Chamber
- San Antonio ISD
- San Antonio Mobility Coalition
- San Antonio Water System
- South Texas Business Partnership
- Texas 2036
- Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- Texas Association of Business
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- United Way of San Antonio
- University of Texas-San Antonio
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- University Hospital
- Visit San Antonio
- VIA Metropolitan Transit

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