



2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

OUR MISSION:

Develop plans and strategies to ensure that membership is kept informed of local, state and federal legislative issues affecting the businesses and community. When recommended by the committee of business leaders and approved by EPCCC Board, the Chamber advocates on behalf of business interests in conjunction with the State and National Chambers.

The purpose of the Legislative Affairs Committee is to:

- Provide members with up to date, objective information on existing or upcoming state and federal legislation that will have an impact on businesses, employers and employees.
- Keep Chamber Board informed of issues relevant to the Chamber constituency.

LOCAL CONTROL:

- Return control to the local government jurisdictions.

RIGHT TO ADVOCATE:

- Oppose any attempt to limit or prohibit the authority of city, county and /or school district officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies as well as to pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists.

ECONOMIC INITIATIVES:

- Maintain all economic development tools available, reauthorizing Chapter 313 to enable Texas the ability to compete for major capital-intensive projects.

CONNECTIVITY:

- Develop plans and resources needed for greater broadband connectivity to enhance access to public education, healthcare, employment, news and information.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION:

The East Parker County Chamber is committed to improving education and training for high-skilled labor positions in East Parker County which require technical training beyond high school other than traditional college.

- Maintain public school funding levels established in HB3 including full funding for high-quality pre-K and early childhood education for all eligible children.
- Maintain funding for the Skills Development Fund grants to improve workforce training including 60X30TX, 300X300, and continuing investment in SBDCs to support small business.
- Maintain higher education formula funding from the 86th Session including restoring 5% mid-biennium cuts to higher education institutions.

GET INVOLVED:

The East Parker County Chamber of Commerce of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee Advocates for local, state, and pending federal legislation. This committee works tirelessly regarding policies that will benefit Parker County citizens, area businesses as well as our thriving economy. It is important that our local, state and federal officials hear from the community before making important decisions.

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