

The 2019 Legislative priorities of the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce (NCCC).

The NCCC is organized to give voice to local businesses throughout Clackamas County in support of policies that enable business success, job growth and income growth in each of our local cities and unincorporated Clackamas County. We believe a healthy business climate, and the jobs that such a climate creates, is the key to building up our local communities, adequately funding social services and making our region prosperous.

It is our goal to work along-side our partners and State Legislators to address Oregon's financial crises and to create realistic solutions that do not add exhaustive tax burdens on its citizens and the business community.

By no means are the lists below exhaustive and based on the decision of the Chamber's Board of Directors, these legislative issues can be altered or changed by a vote of the Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meetings. In addition, as necessary, the Board of Directors may take further action to add to this list as they see fit, based on the activities going on in the local Cities, County and at the State levels of government.

**in support of:**

1. Transportation funding package (I205, Sunrise Corridor and other regional projects). Supporting maintenance & capital needs in order to improve the reliability of our transportation systems.
2. Pre-emption of local employment regulations
3. Expanding eligibility for the 2013 'small business tax cut'
4. Workforce Housing (availability & affordability - not rent controlled)
5. Workforce Education and Training
6. Land use/UGB expansion
7. Tourism
8. Business and land use development
9. Stable funding for law enforcement & emergency services.
10. The assurance of stable waste water capacity to serve the communities within our region.
11. Healthcare legislation that is fully supported by our providers to ensure the health and wellbeing of our citizens.

**in encouragement of:**

1. Legislators seeking out cost containment (savings) prior to seeking new taxes.
2. Fostering a business-friendly climate relating to regulatory changes.

**in opposition to:**

1. Employer-funded 'paid family leave' program.
2. 'Cap and Trade' or carbon tax legislation that imposes cost on local employers and citizens.
3. Gross Receipts Tax
4. Increasing damage awards for liability, medical lawsuits.
5. Elimination of the small business tax cut
6. Taxes not supported by the business community.
7. Restricting an employer's ability to provide a safe work environment.
8. Re-allocating SAIF surplus funds for any use, other than their intended purpose.
9. Policies that impact an employer, their volunteers and Board of Directors, regarding personal liability and exposure to litigation.

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