

2022-23 North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Priorities

In support of:

- 1. Transportation funding for I205, Sunrise Corridor and other regional projects. Supporting maintenance & capital needs in order to reduce congestion, improve safety and improve reliability of transportation systems.
- 2. Pre-emption of local employment regulations.
- 3. Advocate for expansion of transit services in underserved communities supporting major employers. (ex: TriMet on HWY 212 and the local industrial area)
- 4. The assurance of stable waste-water capacity to serve the communities within our region.
- 5. Preservation and/or expanding eligibility for small business tax credit.
- 6. Workforce Housing (availability & affordability not rent controlled)
- 7. Workforce Education and Training; Increased funding for community colleges to enable students of all ages to achieve education and certifications removing barriers to employment.
- 8. Land use/UGB expansion & accessibility
- 9. Tourism
- 10. Stable funding for law enforcement & emergency services.
- 11. Healthcare legislation that is fully supported by our providers to ensure the health and wellbeing of our citizens.
- 12. Advocate for use of the short session as it was originally intended; focusing on fixing legislation that has un-intended consequences.
- 13. Retaining clean and affordable alternative fuel sources that allow flexible options to all businesses and 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.
- 3. Geographically equitable distribution of public spending in relation to the source of the revenues for the spending.
- 4. Campaign finance restrictions that create a level playing field for all participants.
- 5. Encouraging legislators to ensure public testimony is required for any and all new laws or regulations that impede the recovery or success of business and workforce development.

In opposition to:

- 1. Taxes not supported by the business community.
- 2. Laws or regulations that create disincentives for businesses.
- 3. Increased regulation that creates barriers to affordable housing solutions.
- 4. Increasing damage awards for liability, medical lawsuits.
- 5. Elimination of the small business tax cut.
- 6. Restricting an employer's ability to provide a safe work environment.
- 7. Re-allocating SAIF surplus funds for any use, other than their intended purpose.
- 8. Policies that impact an employer, their volunteers and Board of Directors, regarding personal liability and exposure to litigation.
- 9. Carbon tax legislation that limits affordable options, that creates excessive cost burdens, or removes resources that our businesses and citizens rely on.