



2019
LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA
STATE PRIORITIES

Mission

The Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce promotes the community and its economy by attracting and supporting local businesses, and protecting the interests of its members and the community.

Priority Issues

The Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce urges the legislature to pass legislation this session that achieves the following outcomes:

Sustainable Economy

- Continue support for state and local tools used to compete for corporate expansions and job growth
- Continue the ability to protect residential neighborhoods from activities that would degrade home-owner property values
- Provide municipalities and the state authority to collect accurate hotel occupancy tax from overnight lodging entities and to enact stricter penalties on those who do not remit their taxes
- Protect the city from legislation that would impose a stricter revenue cap, which would limit the city's ability to meet the needs of its growing population

Mobility Solutions

- Support legislation to provide additional funding to expedite needed congestion relief, connectivity and safety projects
- Support new and sustainable sources of revenue will be required in order to meaningfully reduce congestion and meet the needs of our growing population

Pro-Business Climate

- Support education at the community college level as an important contributor to training students for jobs in the workforce and providing a path for certification
- Support funding of Communities In Schools to sustain interventions and support that increase High School graduations, involvement in the military, technical schools and college enrollment/retention for our community's at-risk/low income students
- Support career and technology education in conjunction with public schools and community colleges where appropriate to meet the needs of Texas employers

Environmental Care

- Remove roadblocks for Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) in the Texas Water Code and the EAA Act