



HOW WE STAND

CHANDLER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHANDLER'S GUIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL ISSUES

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One of the most active and engaged bodies within the Chandler Chamber is Public Policy. The bi-monthly meetings are open to Chamber members and are well-attended by members of the local, state and federal legislative delegations.

Annually, the Public Policy committee develops, prioritizes and adopts an official position which becomes this booklet, *How We Stand*. These positions were formulated with essential input from the business community and approved by the Chamber Board of Directors. It prioritizes items critical to our business community that will keep Chandler at the forefront of Arizona's technology hub offering stakeholder businesses the opportunity to flourish and grow. This allows the local business community to speak with one voice, greatly enhancing the power of our pro-business message and augmenting our dynamic economy.



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Thank you for taking interest in the Chandler Chamber's 2017 *How We Stand* Booklet. Many issues can impact a business's bottom line and the community's economic competitiveness. We recognize that legislative policies can help determine the success of our members. This booklet is a blueprint of legislative priorities developed to help build business prosperity.

When we engage and take action, it is a win-win situation. One of our main responsibilities is to research and inform our members of any legislative issues that would affect the outcome of the prosperity of not only our stakeholder businesses, but our entire business community.

We have created *How We Stand* to serve as a tool to encourage and support the development of the Chandler community. Thank you for your dedication to help further development and create opportunity for business as well as community.

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PUBLIC POLICY / GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIVISION PROGRAM OF WORK

MISSION

To proactively engage and influence the outcome of public policy issues and the endorsement of pro-business candidates to sustain and further enhance the healthy business climate in the City of Chandler and Arizona.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The work of the Good Government Committee includes:

- 1) Expanding upon the Candidate Endorsement program and Candidate Forums.
- 2) Collaborating with the East Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on legislative and congressional report cards.
- 3) Working with various governmental groups on issues that affect businesses in Chandler. This includes organizing various events with municipal and legislative leaders, including the East Valley Breakfast with the Governor and the East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance Legislative Breakfast.

PUBLIC POLICY

The work of the Public Policy Committee includes:

- 1) Hosting bi-weekly Public Policy Committee meetings to discuss current issues.
- 2) Seeking input from experts in order to give committee members knowledge about hot issues.
- 3) Developing the *How We Stand* document to share our pro-business objectives with elected leaders.
- 4) Collaborating with The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance in analyzing legislative bills.
- 5) Developing advocacy plans when municipal or legislative issues require our involvement to achieve the desired outcome.
- 6) Promoting Chamber members for state and local boards and commissions.



DEVELOPMENT OF CHAMBER POSITIONS

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce is an organization driven by more than 1,400 members, representing over 170,000 employees of businesses operating within the Chandler area. The Chamber's Board of Directors develops and executes an annual strategic plan by adopting public policies. Recognizing the impact to the business community, Public Policy and Government Relations efforts are high priorities for the Chamber.

The Chamber's mission is to build a strong economic environment conducive to business success in Chandler and the surrounding area. The Public Policy Committee stays involved with policy issues being discussed by Congress, the Arizona Legislature, and Chandler City Council, to ensure any decisions support the mission of the Chamber.

The role of the Committee is to determine what effect proposed legislation, city ordinances, or ballot propositions have on the business community. The Committee composes statements that are submitted to the Board of Directors' Executive Committee for review and approval. The statement is then presented to the Chamber's Board of Directors for ratification. The Chamber uses this process to develop its positions on public policy issues.

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce is an active participant in the East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance along with Apache Junction, Carefree/Cave Creek, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Tempe, and Scottsdale Chambers. The mission of the Alliance is to coordinate and communicate between the East Valley Chambers. Together the Alliance represents more than 6,000 businesses, one of the largest groups in the state.



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EDUCATION



Support a world-class school system, with simplified, stable, equitable funding that provides for innovation necessary to support higher student achievement levels, Achieve60AZ goals, and a prepared workforce for the future.



Support an environment that promotes investment in the education system's human resources to address teacher shortages and improve student outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to loan repayment programs and innovative delivery systems.



Support comprehensive K-12 education funding reform.



Support an appropriate increase in funding for K-12 education that results in nationally recognized graduates that are college and career ready including performance-based funding.



Support rigorous education standards and assessments.



Support an innovative and competitive P-12 education marketplace that includes traditional district schools, public charter schools, private schools and online learning.



Support modernization of K-12 student tracking systems that ensures accurate attendance counts on a daily basis.



Support continued funding that ensures Arizona students have robust career, technical education (CTE) and Joint Technological Education District (JTED) options.



Support greater emphasis on financial literacy, history, entrepreneurship, research methodology and business education to prepare students for informed citizenship and understanding of business issues.

The Chamber supports the City of Chandler's efforts to attract, grow, and retain businesses that provide jobs at all levels of the economic spectrum and needed services in the local community through fair tax, fee, and fiscal policies in order to improve economic prosperity in the city.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support greater emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) to compete aggressively in the global economy.	✓	✓	
Support innovative methods that increase access to technology in order to advance education delivery at all grade levels including universities and community colleges.	✓	✓	
Support school choice that offers options for open enrollment in district, charter, online, and private schools to best meet the needs of individual students.	✓	✓	
Support Community College districts' ability to invest in appropriate non-tax revenue opportunities arising from entrepreneurial research by faculty, staff and students.		✓	
Support strategic investments in Arizona State University, community colleges and other public universities.		✓	✓
Support building upon the existing strengths of the university system and ensure world-class research capabilities, access for qualified students and excellent workforce preparation.		✓	✓
Support continued equitable funding of Arizona's state universities.		✓	
Support continued emphasis on the importance of job training and workforce development for current Arizona employers and small businesses.		✓	
Support an increase of state funding to state universities in order to reduce in-state resident students tuition costs, abide by the constitutional charge of providing education as free as possible, and advance universities as a key economic driver for the State of Arizona.		✓	
Support state university efforts to reform the state tuition remittance process.		✓	

EDUCATION

ECONOMIC VITALITY & EXPANSION

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Encourage global business collaboration by connecting with other international communities to expand business vitality through initiatives similar to the Sister Cities programs.



Support reasonable economic development and planning efforts to create a diverse business climate that supports businesses of all sizes in Chandler to make it “the place” to locate your business.



Support the use of eminent domain and incentives when prudent and necessary to maintain or expand long-term economic development opportunities.



Support the development of a readily available and comprehensive assistance programs regarding the procurement process for small business owners.



Encourage and support entrepreneurial activities throughout the City of Chandler such as the makers movement and collaborate working space that expand entrepreneurialism in the State.



Maximize use of the Retention and Expansion program between the Chamber and the City. Develop a timely and consistent process for partners to access and collect data that allows the Chamber to analyze the success of the program.



Support the city’s short and long-term plans to encourage urban beautification along transportation corridors and decrease blighted areas, especially through education of retail business owners on programs such as the Infill Incentive and Adaptive Reuse Program.



Support the redevelopment of under-producing commercial properties throughout the City through the Adaptive Reuse Program and use of the Mayor’s 4-Corner Retail Committee Report and continue to monitor the results of these programs.

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	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support public and private investment in infrastructure necessary to help enable high-tech manufacturing investments and growth.	✓	✓	
Support an amendment to the City's charter to increase term limits for the mayor and city council from eight to twelve years to provide continuity for the City's legislative process.	✓		
Support expansion of the "knowledge economy" in Chandler by encouraging incentives for public and private investments in the research and development of various disciplines - including but not limited to - high tech manufacturing, the biosciences, healthcare, information technology, and renewable energy.	✓	✓	
Support economic development of the Chandler Municipal Airport.	✓		
Work with the City to provide transitional assistance for new businesses and employees residing in Chandler by sharing information on community resources and opportunities.	✓		
Encourage alternative methods of urban planning. This can involve encouraging construction of additional vertical parking structures, construction of multi-family housing, and housing above store front.	✓		
Give quarterly reports to City Council on business climate and trends.	✓		
Educate the local business community, elected officials, and the public on recognizing the importance of including and utilizing local Chamber businesses whenever possible.	✓	✓	
Support additional job creation measures including workforce training and fiscally responsible tax incentives.	✓	✓	

ECONOMIC VITALITY & EXPANSION

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ECONOMIC VITALITY & EXPANSION *CONT.*

✓

Support programs and agreements that expand trade opportunities for U.S. businesses to ease the ability to compete globally, including the continuation of the EX-IM Bank.

✓

Support the protection of Arizona's image as a favorable environment for business location and expansion, job creation, and tourism.

✓

Support governments' ability to offer economic development incentives.

✓

The Defense and Aerospace industry as an economic engine for Arizona. A fiscally responsible defense budget must protect national security while eliminating automatic sequestration budget reductions which has a devastating impact on Arizona's defense industry.

✓

Support increased funding for tourism marketing and business attraction, retention, and expansion.



GROWTH & LAND USE

The Chamber believes in sustainable economic development that encourages entrepreneurship, business attraction, retention, and expansion with a balanced emphasis on local control of planning, orderly growth, and open space preservation.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support a balanced approach to development, recreational use and preservation of State Trust Land.	✓	✓	✓
Support appropriate zoning and land use around military installations and airports that advances the mission of those facilities.	✓	✓	✓
Support reasonable reforms to the State Land Department that would modernize its operations and maximize the economic return for the State Trust Land beneficiaries.		✓	
Support increased collaboration and coordination between counties and municipalities and the State Land Department in local planning and land use decisions and property disposition timetables.	✓	✓	
Support continued innovative measures to fund ecotourism in state parks such as the successful model at Lost Dutchman State Park.	✓	✓	
Support effective management of federal forest lands, including adequate funding for fire prevention.		✓	✓
Support legislation that would require the federal government to enter into an agreement with the state or any municipality that offers non-federal funds to reopen and temporarily operate public lands including national parks, national monuments and national recreation areas during a government shutdown.	✓	✓	✓
Continued support for the FLAME ACT and the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI).		✓	✓



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EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

✓			Support regular reviews of city elected officials' compensation to reflect the complexity of their responsibilities and the time commitment necessary.
		✓	Support federal agencies operating within the boundaries directed by Congress. All rules and regulations should be thoroughly vetted as to their economic implications under the Administrative Procedures Act.
		✓	The Chamber believes the time has come for bold, long-term discussions to incrementally reduce the federal debt and unmitigated growth of current entitlement programs.
	✓		Support utilization of the appropriations subcommittee process in annual budgeting practices.
	✓		Support streamlining Arizona Corporation Commission business creation processes including publication requirement removal and same-day or next-day service.
✓	✓	✓	Support Streamlining state government processes including paper reductions, process improvements, placing statutorily required public notices online and rightsizing state government.
✓	✓	✓	Support effective communication between departments and modernization of service delivery to businesses including cost-effective state computer system upgrades.
	✓		Support moving Arizona's primary elections for congressional, statewide, legislative and county offices to May provided the election does not increase the cost to Arizona municipalities.
✓	✓		Support abolition of publicly funded elections at the state and local level.

We expect that city and state policy making decisions and monetary appropriations be done by elected officials.

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Support Development of offsite enrollment in the “Request to Speak” system to expand participation in the process and allow greater access to the disabled community.



Support policy and appropriations being accomplished by elected legislators, not through unnecessary ballot measures, executive orders or multi-state coalitions.



Support privatizing state services if they can be comparably and appropriately delivered at equal or less cost.



Support increasing the terms for state senators from two to four years with staggered elections.



Support outreach to the regulated community prior to regulation removal.



EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

ENERGY, UTILITIES, & ENVIRONMENT

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Support utility initiatives, innovations and markets that keep utility rates fair and competitive without compromising service, safety, and reliability.



Support the City's overall water management and drought management plans to ensure stable, affordable, and reliable water supplies of all Chandler residents and businesses.



Support state energy policies that encourage the continued development and maintenance of statewide energy infrastructure such as generation, transmission and distribution facilities in order to ensure safe, affordable and reliable energy supplies.



Support reasonable air, water quality, and energy efficiency policies that provide practical, multiple options for business that do not exceed federal requirements.



Support State primacy under the EPA Clean Power Plan and the Clean Air Act, ensuring low cost electric power for Arizona businesses and protecting Arizona generation assets.



Support appropriate legislation, regulation, and policies that recognize value in the electric power grid as an asset requiring consistent maintenance, improvement and support through investments by all of those who use and operate the grid.



Support policies that distribute system costs equitably by creating mechanisms that recover grid costs from distributed generation customers, enhances cost transparency, and minimize cost shifting between consumer classes to ensure all customers pay a fair and equitable share of costs to maintain the grid and to keep it operating reliably at all times.

ENERGY, UTILITIES, & ENVIRONMENT

In order to ensure the safe, reliable, and competitive provision of services to Arizona industrial, commercial, and residential consumers, the Chamber supports policies and legislation that support the continued development and maintenance of statewide energy, water, and telecommunication infrastructure. The Chamber supports balanced environmental policies that protect our natural resources, yet are sensitive to Arizona's unique needs and do not place an undue burden on businesses.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support cost-effective “green” initiatives including clean and renewable energy but opposes mandates to accomplish those goals.	✓	✓	✓
Support appropriate action to ensure an adequate supply, necessary infrastructure and transmission of gasoline, broadband, electricity, natural gas, water and other critical resources to fuel our state’s economic vitality.	✓	✓	✓
Support the continued viability of the Central Arizona Project including protection of the Navajo Generating Station.		✓	✓
Support the continued viability of the Four Corners Power Plant and the Central Arizona Project with protection for the Navajo Generating Station.		✓	✓
The protection of Arizona’s critical energy infrastructure, including but not limited, to the generation, transmission, and distribution assets already operating.	✓	✓	✓
Support efforts, such as the Arizona Water Banking Authority, that enables Arizona to fully utilize its entire Colorado River entitlement.	✓		✓
Support the fundamental concepts of the 1980 Groundwater Management Act. The Chamber also supports statewide development of long-term sustainable water supplies, coordination between active management areas, and encouragement of direct groundwater recharge projects and promotion of water conservation.	✓	✓	✓
Supports programs and rates that encourage customers to manage their peak power usage to help control overall system costs and maintain affordable power in Arizona.	✓	✓	✓

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ENERGY, UTILITIES, & ENVIRONMENT *CONT.*

		✓	Supports Arizona in developing a State Implementation Plan in response to federal carbon emission reduction requirements under the EPA Clean Power Plan and the Clean Air Act. The Chamber urges the EPA to give deference to Arizona's reasoned policy and technical determinations developed through extensive stakeholder collaboration, thereby ensuring low cost electric power for Arizona businesses and protecting Arizona generation assets.
✓	✓	✓	The 1980 Arizona Groundwater Management Act. Arizona's water needs are vastly different from those of the northeast U.S. and are best left to State management. The Chamber supports statewide development of long-term sustainable water supplies, coordination between active management areas, and encouragement of direct groundwater recharge projects and promotion of water conservation on a State level.
		✓	Support state primacy under the EPA Clean Power Plan and Clean Air Act, ensuring low cost electric power for Arizona businesses and protecting Arizona generation assets.
		✓	Support Arizona in developing, through extensive stakeholder collaboration, its State Implementation Plan in response to federal carbon emission reduction requirements.
✓	✓		Support the 1980 Groundwater Act as well as development of long-term sustainable water supplies in the East Valley.
✓	✓		Encourage efforts to educate businesses and their employees about environmentally-friendly transportation strategies such as mass transit systems and alternative fuel vehicles.
✓	✓		Support a balanced approach to development, recreational use and preservation of State Trust Land.



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Encourage policy changes that provide for major sources to secure required air permits to locate or expand operations.



Support the expansion of the economic incentives for LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified buildings and sustainable development.



Work with Arizona's federal delegation to address environmental overreach by the federal government.



Support the Department of Water Resources' efforts to promote statewide water conservation and ensure coordination between active management areas.



Oppose air quality legislation and regulations that exceed federal requirements, as well as oppose federal regional haze regulations that are based on visibility standards not perceptible to the human eye, do not result in significant health benefits, and increase costs on businesses and consumers.



ENERGY, UTILITIES, & ENVIRONMENT

HEALTHCARE & AFFORDABLE INSURANCE

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Support training and recruiting efforts in the medical community to meet the demands of a high quality standard of care.



Support an environment which attracts capital investment from the healthcare industry as well as encourages investment in people and technologies pursuant to high quality and competitive healthcare.



Oppose Health Insurance Coverage mandates



Support reasonable Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCS) payment rates that cover hospital costs and would minimize hidden/shifted health care costs to employers.



Support an environment that promotes investment in the healthcare industry's human resources and development of technology to address provider shortages and improve patient outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to loan repayment programs, expansion of available Graduate Medical Education (GME) positions and innovative delivery systems.



Support access to competitive healthcare programs that will fix the current problem of rising healthcare costs, loss of providers and loss of benefits within plans.



Support patient-centered clarity in the medical billing process that treats all consumers equally.



Support innovative legislation aimed at reducing the actual cost of healthcare.



Support the continuation of funding for KidsCare in the State appropriations process.

The Chamber recognizes the broad business and economic impacts of rising healthcare costs and the challenges businesses face in providing affordable healthcare benefits to employees. The Chamber also recognizes the positive economic impact the healthcare sector brings to the community in high wage and advanced technology employment and capital projects, in addition to high quality care.

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Support policy and legislation that would allow pharmaceutical benefits to be de-bundled from health insurance coverage for employees to allow them to source lower cost pharmaceutical benefits from third party providers.



Support efforts to reform provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that have resulted in increased regulation, healthcare expenses, and taxes.



Support appropriate liability reform measures that limit frivolous litigation and reduce the costs of healthcare and health insurance.



Study the effects of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and their efforts to provide improved quality of care while reducing the costs of healthcare.



Support the positive effects of workplace wellness and to giving tax-favored status to programs aimed at keeping employees healthy.



Encourage federal advocacy efforts to reform the existing Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) in order to minimize the financial impact on the business community.



Support repeal of the 40% excise (“Cadillac”) tax. Scheduled for implementation in 2020, this tax on high-value plans will force employers to restructure their benefits and will result in higher premiums, reduced coverage, and less flexibility.



Opposes health insurance coverage mandates that place an undue burden on businesses and individuals.



HEALTHCARE & AFFORDABLE INSURANCE

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IMMIGRATION

The Chamber supports comprehensive federal immigration reform that is responsible, stimulates the economy, and creates jobs. Reform would not only improve enforcement to protect the border, but also facilitate the flow of trade and travel.

Federal policy to properly seal our porous borders, respond to the labor needs of the economy in an expeditious manner, and resolve the issues of illegal immigrants already living in the U.S. We support comprehensive immigration policy reform that:

- First and foremost, strengthens border security. From guarding the physical border to better tracking of expired visas, we must stem the tide of illegal immigration.
- Offers a secure, reliable system for employers to verify the legal work eligibility of employees. Employers need a federally based, user-friendly, low-cost, non-discriminatory method to ensure they are complying in good faith with the law.
- Establishes a market-based immigration process to support a wide range of workforce needs and to respond quickly to the employment demands of US businesses. Legal international workers play an integral part in the US economy.
- Develops criteria and establishes a guest worker/visa program for illegal immigrants already in the US with no other criminal or arrest record in both the US and their countries of origin, which is based on strictly enforced criteria, including payment of penalties. Productive, integrated members of our society should be given an opportunity to continue to add to our economy.
- Reimburses states for the costs of incarcerating, educating and providing health care for individuals in the country illegally. The Federal Government should take responsibility for the breakdowns in federal immigration policy. Support the strengthening of border security, including improvements to the physical border as well as improved tracking systems for visas.

DEFENSE & CYBER SECURITY

The Chamber supports the Defense and Aerospace industry as an economic engine for Arizona. The Chamber advocates for legislation that provides information and security designed to shield businesses from cyber threats while protecting their rights to privacy.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support the Defense and Aerospace industry as an economic engine for Arizona. A fiscally responsible defense budget must protect national security while eliminating automatic sequestration budget reductions which has a devastating impact on Arizona's defense industry.	✓	✓	✓
Support legislation that provides information and security designed to shield businesses from cyber-threats while protecting their rights to privacy. Cyber security information-sharing legislation must include robust safeguards for businesses that voluntarily exchange threat data with their peers and government partners.	✓	✓	✓
Encourage policymakers to adopt positive incentives, such as full liability protections, as part of cyber legislation to enable companies to take decisive actions during national incidents.	✓	✓	✓
Increase awareness and education of U.S. businesses through a public-private partnership with federal, state, and local entities to promote cyber security as part of businesses overall risk management process.	✓	✓	✓
Engage U.S. defense and intelligence communities on the private sector's role in the nation's evolving cyber defense strategy, including topics such as active defense and deterrence.	✓	✓	✓
Support a fiscally responsible defense budget that protects national security.			✓



TAX & FISCAL POLICY

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Encourage tax incentives for businesses where appropriate to continue to develop a competitive business climate.



Support the City of Chandler's measures to minimize the impacts of transitioning the administration of Transaction Privilege (Sales) Tax to the State by supporting the city's ability to continue to capture accurate business data.



Support raising the business personal property tax exemption threshold as an economic stimulus mechanism for small businesses.



Support research and development tax credits to encourage industry innovation and ensure a globally competitive position.



Continued efforts to address business concerns regarding the TPT process.



A state transaction privilege tax on internet sales.



Tax supported funds not being used for their intended purpose be abolished.



The finalization of the federal tax code by November 30 of that tax year.



Expediting consideration of the annual conformity legislation to allow businesses to prepare tax returns knowing Arizona has conformed to federal law.



Responsible well-balanced tax reform which promotes the long-term fiscal strength of the state and places Arizona in a competitive position. Any legislative amendments or referendums regarding taxation should promote a strong, viable business climate in Arizona.

The Chamber encourages maintaining or enhancing current business tax credits and exemptions, while opposing new taxes on business services that may adversely affect economic and business growth. Arizona must compete nationally and globally to attract and retain strong, healthy businesses. Support responsible stewardship of tax dollars to ensure they are used only for their intended purpose.

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Reducing business property taxes in order to remain globally competitive.



Creating financing mechanisms to improve Arizona's competitive position for business attraction, retention and expansion.



Oppose passage of measures that limit flexibility in funding decisions that adversely impact the business community.



Oppose business tax increases including the elimination of current business tax credits or business tax exemptions.



Oppose changes in the formula that would reduce the percentage of state shared revenues payable to cities and towns or repayment requirements back to the State.



Support renewal of Arizona's research and development tax credit program to encourage industry innovation and ensure a globally competitive position.



Support policy that creates value for stranded tax credits earned by companies investing in Arizona.



Encourage the creation of special economic development zones to incentivize or encourage the attraction of new and existing businesses to the area.



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TORT REFORM

The Chamber supports reforming the tort and legal system so that it's not as costly to businesses and reduces the amount of frivolous lawsuits.

Support legal reforms that allow for appropriate compensation for substantiated damages and reduce frivolous litigation and costs to Arizona businesses.

Support discouraging frivolous disability lawsuits, allowing for a cure period and encouraging compliance with Arizona disabilities statutes.

Support significant tort reform measures including limits on damages to reduce the costs of health care and health insurance. Health care related tort reform will encourage attraction and retention of a qualified health care workforce.



WORKFORCE/EMPLOYER/ EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The Chamber supports the development of a labor environment that is both globally competitive and meets the unique needs of Arizona employers.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support responsible legislative and administrative reforms that ensure the effectiveness of the Arizona unemployment insurance program to reduce business costs.		✓	✓
Oppose changes to worker’s compensation benefits that increase costs to employers.	✓	✓	✓
The Chamber supports discouraging frivolous disability lawsuits, allowing for a cure period and encouraging compliance with Arizona disability statutes.	✓	✓	✓
Support medical care and administrative programs that decrease worker’s compensation costs.	✓	✓	✓
Support guaranteeing the right to vote by secret ballot in labor union organizing decisions.	✓	✓	✓
Support maintaining Arizona’s status as a “right-to-work” and “employment-at-will” state.	✓	✓	
Support an anti-discrimination statute that respects the human and religious rights of individuals and business owners alike while maintaining the inclusionary image of Arizona.	✓	✓	✓
Support to preserve a business owners’ ability to manage its workplace and workforce without expanded federal intrusion, specifically the new rules from DOL, EEOC, and NLRB put into place without congressional review.			✓
Oppose policies such as the Overtime Rule from the DOL that seek to impose wage decisions on businesses without congressional approval.			✓
Oppose excessive and unnecessary government intrusion on the workforce, including changes in qualifications for exempt employees, creation of a joint employer for purposes of collective bargaining, and easing the way for “Ambush Elections.”	✓	✓	✓

WORKFORCE/EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

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TRANSPORTATION



Support an update of the transportation master plan that would recommend standards of accountability for all modes of transportation in the City. With Chandler-area, a viable high capacity transit system becomes more critical.



Support multi-modal transportation collaboration between Chandler and its surrounding communities.



Support limitations on residential encroachment of Chandler Municipal Airport and Stellar Airpark to ensure their long-term economic viability.



Support efforts for increased funding to develop and improve infrastructure at Chandler Municipal Airport. The Chamber recognizes that the airport is an economic catalyst and therefore we oppose efforts to reduce funding that would negatively impact operations.



Support action that maintains and enhances walkability and the cyclist friendly nature of both downtown and Chandler as a whole.



Encourage the City of Chandler to examine innovative ways to integrate automotive mobility.



Support existing transportation requirements when developing mixed use business and industrial areas.



Support use of innovative transportation solutions such as public-private partnerships that improve movement of people and goods and fosters job creation and economic development.



Support connecting employees and goods to job centers through a multimodal transportation system with international, statewide and multiregional transportation options.



Support continued construction of the regional freeway system with priority given to Williams Gateway (SR24.)

TRANSPORTATION

The Chamber encourages the City of Chandler to collaboratively develop multi-modal transportation projects that increase economic growth, reduce traffic, and enhance quality of life while connecting metropolitan and rural areas for business, tourism, and leisure travel.

	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL
Support the planning and development of the proposed I-11, proposed Southeast Valley I-10 north/south reliever and other international trade routes through Arizona.		✓	✓
Support policies that ensure state and local agencies develop and enforce regulations in a fair, expeditious and consistent manner, including oversight of right-of-ways.	✓	✓	✓
Support more state and federal transportation dollars appropriated to the Phoenix- Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan statistical area and northeast Pinal County based on revenue generated, vehicle miles traveled, and population.	✓	✓	✓
Support the regional airport system as an economic catalyst.	✓	✓	✓
Support long-term transportation bill funding would be placed in a restricted account to allow for proper planning of much-needed infrastructure. Arizona should receive its equitable share of federal transportation dollars to include much needed funding for ports of entry and the I-11.			✓
Oppose any shifting or repealing of funds currently designated for the development and maintenance of the East Valley regional transportation system. Transportation project construction should be based on programmed projects, congestion relief, and air quality compliance.		✓	✓
Support increased appropriations of state and federal transportation dollars based on growth and development needs to fund mandates from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST).			✓
Oppose any sweep of the Highway User Revenue Fund.		✓	
Oppose efforts to reduce airport funding that will negatively impact operations or expansion.	✓	✓	✓

TRANSPORTATION

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN CHANDLER WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

As of January 2017

CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

www.chandler.k12.az.us

Superintendent: Dr. Camille Casteel

Board:

Annette Auxier

expires: December 2018

Bob Rice

expires: December 2018

Barb Mozden

expires: December 2020

Karen McGee

expires: December 2020

David Evans

expires: December 2020

KYRENE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

www.kyrene.org

Superintendent: Dr. Jan Vesely

Board:

Bernadette Coggins

expires: December 2018

John King

expires: December 2020

Michelle Faye

expires: December 2020

Kristin Middleton

expires: December 2018

Michael Myrick

expires: December 2020

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

www.tempeunion.org

Superintendent: Dr. Kenneth Baca

Board:

Sandy Lowe

expires: December 2020

DeeAnne McClenaban

expires: December 2018

Michelle Helm

expires: December 2020

Berdetta Hodge

expires: December 2020

Brandon Schmoll

expires: December 2020

MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

www.greatschools.org

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Cowan

Board:

Steven Peterson

expires: December 2020

Jenny Richardson

expires: December 2018

Elaine Miner

expires: December 2020

Ben Smith

expires: December 2018

Kiana Sears

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