



## OUR BUSINESS VALUES: LOCAL & STATE OFFICES

Business is not just critical to our economy and workforce, it is also a catalyst for culture and a more equitable community. The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber Political Action Committee (Metro-PAC) endorses candidates that understand and value the important role of our business community and actively seek to engage and partner with them during their terms.

In alignment with the Metro Chamber's 4-Point Business Promise, the Metro-PAC has identified the following business values and policies as priorities when engaging candidates and elected officials:

Support of a **Strong Business** community which operates in a regulatory environment that provides opportunities to compete and be successful, by:

- Taking actionable steps towards creating and maintaining inclusive economic prosperity;
- Ensuring that taxes and fees on business are not the first, or only solution, for our government revenues;
- Advocating for the safekeeping and valuing of taxpayer dollars, including the fiscal responsibility of funds for both short-term and long-term priorities, and ensuring our public employee pension and benefit obligations are economically sustainable;
- Seeking to actively remove the barriers of cumbersome regulations on business, streamline government processes to provide more predictability for business, and removing institutional barriers in government processes that hinder equitable access for our small business to opportunities, growth and resiliency.

Support of a **Ready Workforce** that has the training and skills required for the future of work in order to close the wealth gaps in our community, by:

- Collaborating with business owners and employers who are key to our workforce as job creators and who want to train and retain quality personnel;
- Opposing the requirement of prevailing wage and Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on privately or publicly funded development projects;
- Prioritizing investment for innovation, technology and training for our workforce so we can be the global leaders in life science, agriculture/food and future mobility.

Support a **Vibrant Community** that is essential to creating healthy and successful businesses, by:

- Prioritizing and taking action to address the urgent need for housing through efficient permitting and entitlement processes – including the predictability in fees and timelines for developers – in order to meet the growing demands of our region and workforce;
- Enacting programs that create and maintain transitional housing and wrap-around programs for our homeless community, including the collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions to collectively address this regional health issue;
- Alleviating the concerns of businesses and neighborhoods by creating safe and clean communities;
- Opposing onerous rent control measures, and similar restrictions on rent, that could cripple the housing market and our ability to build.

Support a **Connected Region** that connects people, commerce and communities, by:

- Investment in economic development that increases regional mobility and prioritizes rural, suburban and urban housing projects that revitalize underutilized sites, in order to reduce the environmental and structural impacts on our transportation networks and create economic opportunities for commercial corridors;
- Identifying and implementing local-based solutions that can support a regional strategy for broadband to increase access to healthcare, education, commerce and communications in our homes, businesses and classrooms;
- Collaborating for regional investment strategies that will help secure state and federal funds to improve the connectivity between our communities.