

2025 Local Government Priorities Agenda

As your voice in local government, the Austin Chamber is committed to advancing policies that make Central Texas the best place to live and do business.

Our 2025 priorities reflect what matters most to you—lower costs, smarter growth, better infrastructure, and a stronger workforce.



FISCAL POLICY

- Advocate for **property tax relief** to ease burdens on businesses.
- Monitor and influence **tax rate changes** that impact you.
- Ensure new tax revenues—like the childcare tax—are implemented effectively to support working families and employers.



AFFORDABILITY

- Push for **zoning and permitting reforms** to accelerate affordable housing.
- Champion housing options that support your employees' ability to live and work locally.
- Collaborate on **homelessness solutions** that connect people to housing, jobs, and services.



MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION

- Back major investments in **roads, transit, and airport expansion** to ease commutes and support growth.
- Support **Project Connect** and I-35 improvements to boost regional connectivity.
- Encourage **transit-oriented development** to reduce congestion near job centers.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support tools and incentives that help **local businesses grow** and attract new investment.
- Expand **internships, apprenticeships, and workforce training** in high-demand industries.
- Cut red tape by advocating for **streamlined permitting** and faster approvals.



ENERGY

- Push for **affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy** to keep utility costs low.
- Support diversified energy sources—including clean energy—and grid improvements.



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Promote investment in **water, broadband, and convention center expansion** to support economic activity and future growth.
- Advocate for **digital upgrades** that modernize city services for businesses.



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support efforts to **recruit and retain police officers** and implement a strong new police contract.
- Promote balanced **criminal justice reform** and better coordination between law enforcement and mental health professionals.



HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH

- Improve access and funding for **trauma, maternal, and rural healthcare**.
- Support programs that build the **healthcare workforce** and protect frontline workers.
- Back **mental health diversion programs** and workplace wellness initiatives that keep your teams healthy and productive.