

How we “Represented Business Interests To Government” in 2010

EDMOND AREA LEGISLATORS OKLAHOMA

The 2010 year started off with Gary Ridley, Secretary of Transportation (right) speaking at the February 2010 luncheon.



A Congressional Candidates Forum took place on July 8, 2010 for Governor Mary Fallin's seat. The event featured candidates who talked about what they had planned to do if elected. The candidates who attended were: Kevin Calvey, Billy Coyle, Clark Duffe, Rick Flanigan, Tom Guild, Shane Jett, Harry Johnson, James Lankford, Johnny Roy, Mike Thompson and Dave White (below). After the Candidates Forum, James Lankford won.



The end of the 2010 legislative session was brought to a close with a Membership Luncheon on May 7, 2010. The event featured legislators who gave updates on governmental issues addressed in the Chamber's Legislative Agenda. The legislators who attended were: Representative Marian Cooksey, Senator Clark Jolley, Senator Todd Lamb, Representative Randy McDaniel, Representative Ken Miller, Representative Lewis Moore and Representative Jason Murphy (right).



Lt Governor - Elect Todd Lamb brought the year to a close at the Membership Luncheon held on December 14, 2010 at Oak Tree Country Club. (left)

Lamb spoke on Economic Development and Small business in the Edmond Community.

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The Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Legislative Agenda highlights issues of particular importance to the future of Edmond, with the opportunity to attract and expand quality businesses to make a more diversified and prosperous economy in Oklahoma.

Mission

The Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce is a voice for business. We enhance economic opportunity and quality of life in Edmond.

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The 2011 Legislative Agenda of the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce

EDMOND PRIORITIES

- **Medical Examiners Office** - Support legislation for the funding of a new building and equipment for the State Medical Examiner's Office.

- **Transportation** - Seek assistance from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in addressing critical infrastructure needs for the City of Edmond.

- **Workers Compensation** – Reforms passed in 2005 are not being fully implemented and Oklahoma courts have overturned some key reform decisions. Support further judicial reforms of Workers Compensation.

ECONOMIC GROWTH - Oklahoma must foster opportunities for attracting, retaining and expanding business.

- Support continued funding for a closing fund (Opportunity Fund) which would allow influential added incentives for companies which provide significant new employment in targeted industry sectors.

- Support performance based incentives including the Oklahoma large and small Quality Jobs Program.

- Strengthen access to Career Tech programs and services for employers and students.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM – Efficiency in state government is a key to maximizing resources.

- Oppose unfunded/underfunded/unfairly funded legislative mandates as it affects education, business and municipal operating budgets.

- Support efforts of Oklahoma cities and the Oklahoma Municipal League to repeal binding arbitration for police and fire unions in contract disputes.

TRANSPORTATION - A quality transportation infrastructure is critical to sustained economic growth.

- Maintain commitment the transportation and bond program passed in 2008.

EDUCATION – The University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond Public Schools and Francis Tuttle Technology Center are vital to the continued strength of the Edmond area economy.

- Encourage the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to equitably fund UCO and other universities according to the budget need formula.

- Support “Enrollment based Funding” for public and higher education.

- Ensure equitable distribution of monies required to fulfill legislated mandates.

- Continue commitment to fully fund the Teachers Retirement System and increased health care costs.

- Support legislation to strengthen health insurance options for public education employees, with a focus upon obtaining affordable premiums and competitive coverage packages for individuals and families.

- Oppose any legislation intended to allow college students to carry concealed weapons on campus.

- Support the funding of the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant program for Oklahoma college students.

THANK YOU

The Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the significant progress during the 2010 Legislative Session. Thank you, Oklahoma legislators, for this contribution to our community.

We encourage continued groundbreaking reform during the 2011 Session. It is our hope that we will see further funding for improvement of our transportation infrastructure, support the relocation of the medical examiners office and reform for workers' compensation.

We want Edmond, and Oklahoma, to be competitive in the regional, national and global marketplace.