

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

Support innovative workforce and economic development policy to keep Edmond and Oklahoma competitive.

### TRANSPORTATION

Continue to support expedited funding in the Eight-Year plan for transition of access roads on Interstate 35 to a one-way frontage road to ease congestion and improve safety.

### FEDERAL ISSUES

Support legislation to access federal funds to expand broadband infrastructure to enhance access to highspeed internet. Oppose efforts to regulate broadband internet as a public utility.

### EDUCATION

Advance and support strategies for additional funding for the hiring and retention of qualified teachers for PK-16 and for the development, training and mentoring of non-traditional teachers and staff. Hold schools harmless and return Edmond Public Schools, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, and the University of Central Oklahoma's per pupil funding to FY 08 levels to provide dollars necessary to support current operational needs.

## THANK YOU

The Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the significant progress during the 2020 Legislative Session. **Thank you, Oklahoma legislators, for this contribution to our community.**

We encourage continued groundbreaking reform during the 2021 Session.

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

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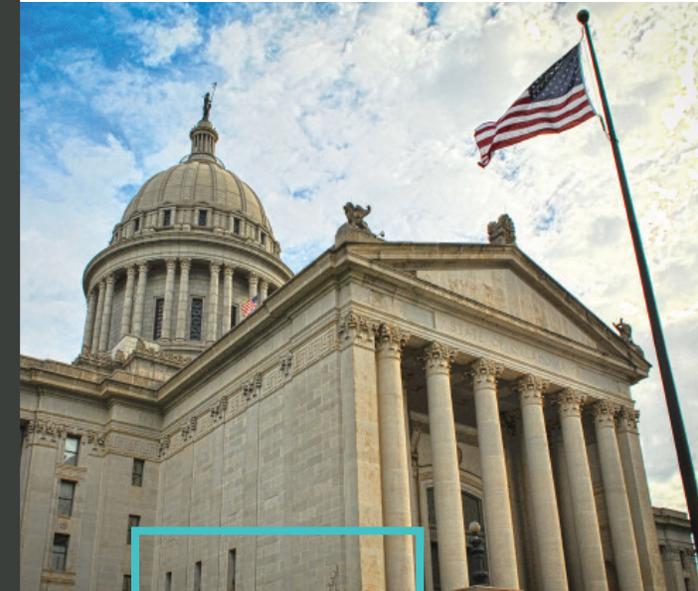
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## 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PARTNERS:



## 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.*

**Priority Item:** Advance and support strategies for additional funding for the hiring and retention of qualified teachers for PK-16 and for the development, training and mentoring of non-traditional teachers and staff. Hold schools harmless and return Edmond Public Schools, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, and the University of Central Oklahoma's per pupil funding to FY 08 levels to provide dollars necessary to support current operational needs.

- Support educational preparation and training pipeline initiatives, including Career Pathways, education industry partnerships, work-based learning, registered internships, and the development of STEM Communities, to encourage Oklahomans to pursue jobs in the top 100 critical occupations such as engineering, computer software/IT fields and key medical and nursing areas.
- Support legislation that reduces employer risk when participating in work-based learning.
- Support a student's ability to enroll in concurrent college and Career Tech programs and provide funding for enrollment for juniors and seniors, thus increasing the number of college graduates and industry-certified credentials in Oklahoma.
- Oppose any legislation to allow the carrying of weapons on college or Career Tech campuses or businesses.
- Support funding and access to higher education and Career Tech programs through Oklahoma's Promise (formerly known as the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program or OLAP).
- Support the continuation and adequate funding of the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant for Oklahoma residents.
- Strengthen activities to consolidate the number of public-school districts administration within the state and distribute any savings to increasing per pupil funding.

## ECONOMIC GROWTH

*Edmond and Oklahoma must foster opportunities for attracting, retaining and expanding business.*

**Priority Item:** Support innovative workforce and economic development policy to keep Edmond and Oklahoma competitive.

- Support legislation to amend the Open Meetings Act to allow for increased use of virtual meetings.
- Support legislation to provide temporary 'safe harbor' protections to give employers liability coverage if they are following public health guidelines. Timely, temporary, and targeted liability protections are needed so people can get back to work, back to school and on with their lives.
- Support performance-based incentives including those that show positive returns such as the Oklahoma large and small Quality Jobs Program. Support, enhance, defend, and fully fund the 5-year Manufacturers Exemption, Aerospace Engineer, Cyber Security and Software Tax Credits.
- Support legislation to protect and enhance tourism as an economic driver. Support reforms to the Quality Events Incentive Act that make it easier to leverage the program to bring new tourism dollars to the state.
- Oppose legislation which encroaches on city autonomy.



## TRANSPORTATION

*A quality transportation infrastructure is critical to sustained economic growth.*

**Priority Item:** Continue to support expedited funding in the Eight-Year plan for transition of access roads on Interstate 35 to a one-way frontage road to ease congestion and improve safety.

- Preserve Oklahoma's state highway funding and protect the Eight-Year Construction work plan as a primary input into the safety and well-being of our citizens and the growth and sustainability of Oklahoma's economy. This includes ensuring that all money generated for roads must be used for road construction and improvement and that no funds are diverted to other uses.
- Support all modes of transportation including commercial transit and passenger rail service to meet the needs of the traveling public and the demands of our growing economy.

## FEDERAL ISSUES

*Issues on the Federal level have a direct impact on the Edmond business community.*

**Priority Item:** Support legislation to access federal funds to expand broadband infrastructure to enhance access to highspeed internet. Oppose efforts to regulate broadband internet as a public utility.

- Support efforts to equitably distribute CARES Act funds and subsequent relief packages, including funding to public schools on a per pupil basis and not on a Title I basis.
- Support efforts to maintain quality healthcare at a reasonable cost by giving more local control. Also, support effective incentives and initiatives designed to enhance medical research, improve service delivery-including telehealth, and increase access to mental and physical healthcare.
- Support legislation for safe banking to allow legal marijuana businesses access to full banking services.
- Support continual efforts to develop Edmond's Opportunity Zone. This allows investors to defer and/or reduce their federal capital gains liability which will improve return on investment and direct capital to areas that need improvement.