PLANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

90TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION



During the 90th Session of the Texas Legislature, the Plano Chamber of Commerce will advocate for continued economic prosperity for our community, strong public schools and higher education options, strengthening our workforce, investing in infrastructure and ensuring our residents continue to have access to affordable and high-quality health care.

01 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attract Investment and Expand Economic Opportunity
Support economic development tools, including Chapters 380/381, Project Financing Zones and the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF), that attract new employers, help existing businesses expand, and generate measurable job creation and investment. Encourage timely, predictable funding decisions and clear accountability for community benefits.

Strengthen Texas' Business Climate
Advance consistent regulations and a competitive tax structure that reduce unnecessary business tax and regulatory burdens and give employers confidence to invest and grow. Support inclusive non-discrimination policies and workforce initiatives that help businesses attract talent, address shortages, and meet employer needs.

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02 EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

Modernize School Funding and Invest in Student Success
Increase investment in public education andupdate school finance formulas to reflect inflation, enrollment demands, and the resources needed to deliver high-quality instruction. Provide sustainable funding that helps schools respond to changing student needs and prepare graduates for further education and employment.

Improve School Accountability and Public Transparency
Refine the state's A–F accountability system to incorporate multiple measures of school quality, recognize student growth and achievement, and provide meaningful information to families and communities. Strengthen financial and academic transparency for all entities receiving public education funds to ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Strengthen the Teaching Workforce
Support policies that improve teacher recruitment and retention and expand access to professional development. Help schools attract qualified educators and equip teachers to meet evolving classroom needs.

Encourage Responsible Educational Innovation
Support research and innovation that improve teaching and learning and strengthen Texas' long-term competitiveness. Promote responsible use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, to support educators, enhance student learning, and prepare students for an increasingly technology-driven workforce.

Support Higher Ed Institutions and Continued Investments in Community Colleges
Support measures that encourage enrollment growth, research funding and infrastructure investment in higher education institutions while increasing access and affordability for students; continue historic investments in community colleges to strengthen workforce pipeline.

03 INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve Transportation and Regional Mobility
Prioritize strategic transportation investments that reduce congestion, expand mobility options, and strengthen connections across North Texas. Support coordinated regional planning that improves access to employment centers and markets and anticipates future population and employment growth. Support efforts by DART member cities to advance governance modernization

Secure Long-Term Water Resources and Reduce Flood Risk
Advance water supply planning and infrastructure investments aligned with the Texas State Water Plan and Texas State Flood Plan. Support effective implementation of Proposition 4 and responsible administration of the Texas Water Fund to expand water supplies, modernize aging infrastructure, and strengthen communities' resilience to drought and flooding.

Strengthen Electric Grid Capacity and Reliability
Support funding and investments that strengthen grid reliability, improve resilience to disruptions, and expand capacity to meet growing residential and business demand. Encourage long-term planning that provides dependable electricity service and supports continued economic development.

Expand Broadband and Invest in Future Infrastructure
Advance statewide broadband deployment, including wireless and fiber-optic networks, to close gaps in access to reliable, high-speed internet. Support coordinated planning, sustainable funding, and public-private partnerships that address future infrastructure needs, deliver projects efficiently, and maintain fiscal accountability as communities grow.

04 HEALTHCARE

Expand Access to Affordable, High-Quality Care
Support policies that expand affordable health coverage for working Texans and improve access to care for uninsured and underinsured populations. Encourage approaches that maximize available state and federal resources, address healthcare costs for employers and families, and help Texans obtain timely, high-quality services.

Build a Healthcare Workforce to Meet Growing Demand
Strengthen investments in the recruitment, training, and retention of physicians, nurses, and behavioral health professionals. Support graduate medical education and other workforce pathways that help communities address provider shortages.

Improve Behavioral Health and Care Coordination
Expand access to behavioral health services and encourage coordinated approaches that support prevention, early intervention, and management of ongoing health conditions. Promote healthcare innovation that improves delivery, reduces unnecessary complexity, and makes care more effective.

Support Healthcare Innovation and Sustainable Delivery
Encourage new technologies and care delivery approaches that improve quality, simplify access, and increase efficiency. Support fair reimbursement policies that help providers maintain services while promoting responsible use of resources and affordability for employers and families.

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The **Plano Chamber of Commerce** remains committed to advocating for legislative policies that support economic growth, educational advancement, workforce development, infrastructure innovation, and healthcare access. We urge state legislators to prioritize these critical issues to ensure Texas' continued prosperity and to build a more equitable and resilient future for all Texans.

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