

The image is a full-page background photograph of the Fort Worth skyline at dusk. The Texas State Capitol building is centrally located, with its dome and classical architecture illuminated by warm, golden light. Behind it, several modern skyscrapers with glass facades reflect the sky. In the foreground, a dense forest of trees with autumn-colored foliage (yellows, oranges, and greens) covers a hillside. A concrete bridge with multiple arches spans a river in the lower-left corner. The overall atmosphere is serene and urban.

**FORT WORTH
CHAMBER★**

LOCAL POLICY PRIORITIES



The FWC's Local Policy Agenda advocates for policies that promote and improve the overall vitality and prosperity of the Fort Worth area regional economy. The policy priorities are deliberately broad to allow conversation on a variety of potential solutions, and promote the voice, vision, and interests of our diverse membership.

The FWC will engage our local elected officials and policymakers in favor of policies aligning with these priorities and resisting proposals we believe damage Fort Worth's reputation as a pro-business community. At all times, we will seek to impact the policy discussion in a respectful, open, and ethical manner.

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Support a local regulatory environment and local tax framework that is conducive to continued business growth, and that positions Fort Worth as an attractive place to do business. Ensure the Fort Worth business community is given proper consideration and input in local policy conversations that impact commercial operations. Work with the City of Fort Worth to optimize permitting processes to streamline development.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MOBILITY

Balance infrastructure needs to account for the rapid growth of Fort Worth and the surrounding area as well as maintenance and revitalization of existing infrastructure. This includes streets, public transit, and other transportation infrastructure as well as utilities such as water, electricity, and broadband.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

Partner with local education providers such as early childhood, K-12, and higher education institutions alongside area businesses to promote policies and initiatives that enhance the Fort Worth area workforce pipeline.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Work to ensure Fort Worth is a safe place to live and operate a business through initiatives that build trust between various communities and those serving in public safety roles, including a focus on law enforcement, homelessness, and behavioral health.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Recognize quality of life as an important element of the local business climate, and support efforts to position Fort Worth as an attractive place to live and work such as the Panther Island project and the Good Natured program.