

## **2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

A thriving community is a community with business-friendly public policies, along with open and frequent communication between business leaders and local, state, and federal policy makers. YOUR Union County Chamber has adopted a legislative agenda to help strengthen our advocacy efforts to ensure everyone who does business or lives in Union County enjoys a thriving local economy and excellent quality of life.



The Chamber supports policies, programs, and initiatives that provide adequate, cost-effective public and private infrastructure essential for business development, growth, and prosperity throughout Union County.

The Chamber supports investment in high-speed internet across Union County and supports policies that facilitate high speed installation.

The Chamber recognizes the need for a well maintained, interconnected road network. In light of declining revenue from the gas tax and uneven allocation of funds, the Chamber supports efforts to reform the funding model for road maintenance and construction

The Chamber supports the completion of the Yadkin Water project.

The Chamber supports efforts at the State, County, and municipal levels to improve the planning and funding mechanisms for increasing wastewater treatment capacity

The Chamber supports policies, programs, and initiatives that provide an adequately trained, available workforce for all business and industries including future expansion in Union County.

The Chamber supports policies that target the skills gap in manufacturing jobs and the trades.

The Chamber supports the initiatives advocated by MyFutureNC.

The Chamber supports polices that remove barriers to work.





The Chamber opposes taxes and regulations by any jurisdiction that hinder or interfere with business growth, development, and prosperity in Union County or that place Union County businesses at a disadvantage when competing with businesses outside Union County.

The Chamber supports efforts by the North Carolina General Assembly to eliminate corporate and business income taxes.

The Chamber supports efforts by local governments to encourage business start-up and development, such as streamlining regulations, licensing, and permitting processes in a business-friendly and cost-effective manner.

The Chamber supports local government policies and initiatives that promote commercial/industrial development to achieve a more balanced property tax base ratio.