

87th Legislative Session Legislative Agenda

Strategic Legislative Principles:

- Government should first do no harm to the Rowlett area economy.
- Government should focus on priorities that will foster a favorable business climate and grow Rowlett economic development.
- When government agencies regulate or take action, they should be particularly sensitive to issues of competitiveness, taxes, fees, and unfunded mandates.
- When government agencies contract out work, they should hire locally when possible and practical.
- Government should get out of the way by streamlining processes, cutting red tape, and reduce undue burden whenever and wherever possible.

We Support:

- 2021 State Priorities for the 87th Legislative Session as presented by the Texas Association of Business in order to continue the level of success and growth that Texas has enjoyed in recent years.
- Reform public school financing and increase overall funding. We support the recommendations
 of the Texas Commission on Public School Finance Working Groups. In addition, we
 continue to support legislation funding creation of high quality, full day pre-K initiatives that put
 children on a pathway toward academic achievement.
- Legislation funding workforce development programs that foster career exploration and technical programs which build next generation workforce and leaders. Increase funding for the Skills Development Fund grants to improve workforce training.
- A well maintained, planned and operated transportation network that is adequately funded for future growth and capacity. Support innovative financing tools that would leverage state funds to expedite delivery of needed infrastructure projects and maintenance.
- All economic development tools available, reauthorizing Texas tax code Chapters 312 to enable
 Texas the ability to compete for major capital-intensive projects, and fund the Texas
 Enterprise Fund at or above \$200 million for the biennium.
- Fund all mandates placed upon government entities in Texas. Period.

We Oppose:

 Any unnecessary regulations, legal requirements, or <u>unfunded mandates</u> that increase cost, reduce customer choice, hamper innovation or limit technology advancement and availability.