

# 2026

## LEE'S SUMMIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Support initiatives that will enhance quality business development both locally and regionally by attracting new and retaining existing employers.**
- Improve access to capital for businesses through resources like Missouri Technology Corporation, Missouri Partnership and Skilled Workforce Missouri.
- Adequately fund our existing workforce development programs, like Fast Track, MoExcels and Missouri One Start job training, and advocate for new policies that are flexible to the needs of businesses to recruit and retain skilled workers today while anticipating employment needs of the future.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Support legislation that would allocate direct funding for roads, bridges and highways within the Lee's Summit region and encourage the City of Lee's Summit, elected officials and the Missouri Department of Transportation to find mutually beneficial funding sources for major projects like the intersection of 3rd St. and 50 Hwy, the widening of I-470 Highway to I-70 and the Colbern Road Interchange.**
- Support additional funding for comprehensive and sustainable transportation infrastructure needs regionally, including funding for major interstate reconstruction and projects that have been identified that improve safety and decrease congestion.
- **Encourage capital expenditures for infrastructure and expansion of the Kansas City - Lee's Summit Regional Airport, to include a terminal, major arterials and projects that promote economic and community development.**
- Promote and secure funding for environmentally affordable and sustainable stormwater management practices in the Lee's Summit community.

### EDUCATION

- Increase funding for technical training programs and enhance workforce readiness by providing internships and apprenticeship opportunities with education partners.
- **Support adequate funding at all levels of education, from elementary to higher education. This includes fully funding the Foundation Formula. Additionally, we should continue the funding and accessibility of student scholarship programs (A+ program).**
- Maintain school districts with local control/authority to decide district matters (such as employee compensation, class sizes, professional development, school calendars, etc.)

### HEALTHCARE

- **Adequately fund community wellness and public safety that includes funding for the expansion of mental health and substance use treatment and prevention programs, expanding public safety staffing, and innovative tools to reduce crime.**
- Improve access to quality care, including policies to build and sustain a healthcare workforce that can meet current and future demands.





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