



GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023 POLICY PRIORITY AGENDA

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, supports inclusive growth, pro-business legislation, public policy and regulatory actions to grow the economy and unlock southwestern Pennsylvania's potential by improving competitiveness, removing policy barriers and securing transformative public sector investment.

We work at all levels of government – local, state and federal – to guide policy and advocacy efforts to orient strategically toward increasing economic competitiveness and accelerating growth opportunities regionwide.

2023 Local Policy Agenda

Local government should be efficient and responsive to encourage business investment, talent attraction and retention and inclusive economic growth. The Chamber is committed to working with partners across the region, identifying best practices, operational efficiencies and collaborative efforts to develop policies and provide necessary services that keep our region competitive and attractive to investment.

Policy Priorities:



Permitting: We support policies and processes that improve local governmental permitting and the overall development environment by effective, efficient and responsible processes, building capacity, reducing permitting timelines and enabling the efficient deployment of business investment.



Zoning: We support smart growth and innovative zoning and planning tools within local governments to steward the advancement of high-growth sectors throughout the 10-county region.



Inclusive Growth: We support policies and incentive programs that leverage existing social and built infrastructure and encourage inclusive growth and catalytic investments in real estate and people throughout the 10-county region's communities. This includes legislation and strategic investments to address blight, support housing development and community revitalization and development.



Downtown Pittsburgh: We have been and will continue to collaborate actively with stakeholders to enhance and support policies and programs to maximize the economic prosperity of our region's urban core, Downtown Pittsburgh. The Chamber supports innovative land-use regulations, planning tools, financial incentives and tax-abatement programs to facilitate the reuse and residential conversion of existing commercial buildings.



Regionalism: We support policies at all levels of government that encourage regionalism and ensure local government efficiency, collaboration and solvency.

