



COLUMBIA
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

2023 LOCAL AGENDA

The mission of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce is to lead our community, drive commerce in our region and advance community and regional collaborations, thereby enhancing the quality of where we live, learn, work and play.

The Chamber achieves that mission by the implementation of our Strategic Plan. One of those pillars is to be the Champion of Business by promoting and protecting the interests of the business community.

Each year the Chamber revises and refines a local agenda to educate and engage the community and influence local policy in a positive manner.

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2023 LOCAL PRIORITIES



Champion workforce development, housing affordability and transportation policies that make living and working in Columbia feasible and affordable for people at all income levels.



Advocate for a transparent and equitable process and distribution of available funds from federal programs, including but not limited to the ARPA program, and encourage allocation of funds to support business development, infrastructure and workforce development.



Encourage transparency, communication and engagement between local elected officials and the business community regarding policies that affect the local economy.



Collaborate and invest in sustainable aesthetic improvements to Interstate 70, with attention to the I-70/63 Corridor, in a coordinated effort to create an attractive and welcoming entrance for residents and visitors to Columbia.



Align the City's budget, policies, council-led initiatives and use of resources with citizen-endorsed priorities, including long-term reliable and affordable public utilities.



Advocate to meet the safety needs of businesses, workforce and consumers while working on sustainable solutions for the unsheltered.

The Chamber will work with factual information through documentation, reporting and subject matter experts.

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