

2018 LOCAL PRIORITIES

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber aims to support the creation, retention and attraction of private sector jobs that benefit the Pierce County economy and local businesses.

The Chamber will advocate for legislation that benefits Pierce County's economy, promotes job growth and enhances the business climate so that all Pierce County businesses can be successful. The Chamber endorses globally competitive policies that attract private investment, build infrastructure, and decrease the regulatory burden on businesses.

Business Development and Retention

- Support efforts to recruit, retain, and grow businesses
- Support business incubator programs that grow our businesses
- Re-imagine economic development departments to spearhead business development and growth
- Increase the number of infrastructure projects and improvements supporting business development

Tax & Regulatory Environment

- Enact tax policies that encourage investment throughout Pierce County
- Support predictable, reasonable & flexible labor law policies and reforms
- Identify opportunities to support innovation with streamlined regulations and permitting
- Identify and recruit experienced business candidates to elected and appointed positions
- Support land use policies that protect industrial uses

Workforce Training & Education

- Invest in workforce training efforts that address talent shortages and skill gaps
- Increase the number of diverse livable wage jobs to retain a talented and educated workforce
- Demonstrate community support for a strong education system
- Recognize opportunities to improve partnerships with veterans and the military

Livability and Equity

- Increase positive perception of safety and quality of life throughout Pierce County
- Ensure that elected officials, boards, commissions and volunteers reflect Pierce County's diversity
- Create a desirable community through the support of artistic and cultural institutions, public recreation spaces, and growth of the creative economy