



2023 Legislative Agenda

Economy & Business Climate:

- We support tax policies and other economic development tools, such as grants and capital assistance, that encourage investment in our community businesses, enhancing our global competitiveness and creating more jobs for our region.
- We oppose legislative measures that would negatively impact our business climate, are discriminatory in nature or would harm our ability to create, attract, retain, and expand jobs in our community.
- We oppose any legislative measures that limit the current structure and functions of Community Improvement Districts and Development Authorities.
- We support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace and company leadership.
- We support efforts to foster innovation and drive entrepreneurship by expanding venture capital funding, access to funding and entrepreneurial assistance resources.

Transportation & Infrastructure:

- We support legislation that incentivizes 21st century infrastructure and promotes investment in Georgia.
- We support the funding for construction of Express Lanes and Bus Rapid Transit on both Georgia 400 and the top end of I-285 to improve the safety, speed, and traffic flow, which affects every one of our municipalities and the region at large. We view these projects as an economic catalyst for positive growth in the county and region.
- We support the immediate need for planning and funding mechanisms providing critical transportation infrastructure and connecting our North Fulton Communities to neighboring communities, through federal, state, or local sources that drive economic development.
- We support the upgrade of existing freight networks, increased freight capacity and safety on our existing interstates and rail networks and support maximizing operational and regulatory efficiencies for movement of freight.
- We support investments that embrace new technologies such as autonomous vehicles and connected intersections that establishes Georgia as a leader in innovation, research and applied technology in transportation.
- We support the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District efforts to ensure our region has adequate sources of clean water to meet the needs of our growing population and business sectors.

Education & Workforce:

- We support adequate funding to provide an education of excellence to every K-12 and higher education student in Georgia. Given the undisputable positive impact of public education on the long-term economic prosperity and well-being of our community, we ask that public education operating budgets be fully funded under current state funding laws and stay fully funded should the funding formula be changed.
- We support and urge the General Assembly to align legislative initiatives with state constitutional provisions regarding the control, management, safety, and funding of our public schools.
- We support and encourage the General Assembly to remain steadfast in funding a robust Georgia Teacher Retirement System (TRS) which honors commitments of previous generations of educators and is welcoming to the 21st Century educators needed to develop leaders of the future.
- We support incentives to train and educate needed workforce in the growing fields of STEAM and health and technology career pathways to fill numerous available jobs.
- We support the efforts to cultivate relationships with post-secondary educational institutions to provide opportunities for North Fulton residents and the workforce to gain a quality and sustainable education in our region with the intention to retain them in the local workforce. The physical presence of technical colleges and universities are essential to these efforts. We want all post-secondary institutions to grow and thrive in North Fulton.
- We support funding for the acquisition and construction of additional facilities for the North Fulton campus of Gwinnett Technical College (GTC), which currently serves more the 600,000 residents with a world-class, globally competitive technical education supporting business and industry needs. Additional facilities will allow GTC to enhance current programs and offer new programs vital to the future workforce of North Fulton in healthcare, autonomous and electric vehicle programs, culinary arts, cybersecurity, and FinTech.
- We support local hospitals and emergency medical providers by requesting improved reimbursement levels for Medicaid providers (who provide essential, but unprofitable services such as emergency care), an increase in dedicated trauma funding and continuing to strengthen and expand that state's trauma system, support for initiatives that enhance the delivery of treatment services and resources available to address behavioral and substance abuse disorders, as well as continuing to look for ways to help avoid costs associated with unfunded mandates and defensive medicine. We continue to support maintaining the state's current Certificate of Need CON process.