## ALLEN FAIRVIEW CHAMBER 2025 LOCAL POLICY PRIORITIES



## **Purpose**

The Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce advocates for a strong, vibrant economy by serving as the voice of business in local policy discussions. This document outlines the Chamber's positions on key issues that impact the long-term economic health, quality of life, and competitiveness of our community. It is the product of direct feedback from our members and local elected officials and reflects commitment to the Chamber's pro-growth values.

The Chamber believes the business community must be an active participant in the policymaking process. Local decisions around infrastructure, workforce, taxation, education, and land use have a direct impact on employers of all sizes and industries. By engaging constructively with city, county, and school district leaders, the Chamber ensures that the needs and perspectives of the business community are represented, helping to shape policies that foster prosperity.

## **Local Policy Priorities**

Support efforts to promote development and activation of Downtown Allen, including progress toward the Downtown Allen Revitalization Plan through community events, business development, and balancing innovation with maintaining Allen's historic charm.

Support the City of Allen's efforts to maintain property taxes and utility fees that are among the lowest in the North Texas Municipal Water District area.

Support revitalization of both commercial and residential areas in East Allen while balancing affordability for property owners and tenants in areas where reinvestment and capital improvements occur.

Support a balanced approach between continued commercial growth paired with redevelopment and reinvestment in aging areas of the community.

Support continued excellence in public safety and quality of life initiatives, as each has a positive effect on the economic desirability and overall prosperity of businesses in Allen.

Support continued partnerships and shared services agreements between Allen and surrounding communities such as Fairview, Lucas, and Parker when feasible and advantageous for all parties.

Support county-wide efforts to accommodate the growth and accompanying challenges associated with infrastructure, facilities, and public safety.

Support the creation of an Emergency Services District for unincorporated areas of Collin County.

Support efforts to create a new ZIP code for Fairview/Lucas to ensure sales tax dollars stay local.

Support consideration for local businesses first in vendor contracting.

Support implementation efforts of recently passed bond initiatives in both Allen ISD and Lovejoy ISD.

