

Allen Chamber

2027 LOCAL POLICY PRIORITIES



Purpose

The Allen Chamber of Commerce advocates for a strong, vibrant economy by serving as the voice of business in local policy discussions that affect our business community. 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.

Target Audience

- Members of the Allen Chamber of Commerce
- Members of the Allen City Council, Collin County Commissioners Court, and trustees for Allen ISD, Lovejoy ISD, and Collin College
- City, County, ISD, and Collin College staff members

Economic Development & Redevelopment

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

Support the City of Allen's efforts to maintain low property taxes and utility fees.

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.

Quality of Life & Community Development

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 modernized ordinances regarding murals to allow for the accessibility of public art across Allen where appropriate.

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Regional Priorities

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

Local Business Climate

Support consideration of local economic impact in public contracting, including reasonable preference for qualified local businesses, to help keep public spending within Allen's local economy.

Support City codes and permitting processes that foster business attraction, retention, and growth, while maintaining standards for quality and safety.

Education & Workforce

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

Support workforce talent development through partnerships between local institutions of education and area businesses.