

# **SAHCC 2022 Local Policy Agenda**

The 2022 Local Policy Agenda was developed by the Local Policy Steering Committee and approved by the Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors on January 25, 2022, to help shape the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber's advocacy efforts at the local level. This document reflects the Hispanic Chamber's five guiding principles when considering taking a position on policy issues that directly and indirectly impact our more than 900 members, mostly small, locally owned businesses.

#### 1. Small Business

- · Supports using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for direct economic relief to small businesses.
- Supports increasing awareness and expanding local contracting opportunities for small, minority, women, and veteran owned enterprises (SWMBE).

## 2. Private Employer Rights

 Opposes attempts by the city and county to regulate private business's daily operations and or employment practices.

### 3. Public Utilities

 Supports appropriately financed, well-run public utilities that are open, transparent and provide reliable service.

# 4. Business Friendly Environment

- Supports a business-friendly environment that encourages, capital investment, economic development, job creation, innovation, entrepreneurship
- Supports investments in citywide and regional projects that enhance our quality of life and make San Antonio a desirable destination for residents, employers, entrepreneurs, and future workforce.

## 5. Workforce Development

• Support a coordinated, public-private sector approach to Ready to Work SA and other programs/initiatives that look to train the future workforce.

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