

### 2025 Legislative Priorities

Prince George's Chamber of Commerce (PGCOC) advocates for policies that enhance the business environment and economic development in Prince George's County, MD. Our Legislative Action Committee has identified key priorities to focus on in the upcoming legislative sessions. The 2025 priorities will address the needs of our members and promote sustainable growth and development.

#### 1. Economic Development – Quality of Life for Business and Economic Development

- **Strategic Partnerships:** To drive economic growth, forge strategic partnerships with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), business associations, and other relevant entities.
- **Economic Development Benefits:** Advocate for benefits that attract and retain businesses, fostering a vibrant economic environment.

#### 2. Partnership with County Leadership

- **Acknowledging Transition:** Collaborate with county leadership to ensure seamless transitions and continued support for business-friendly policies.

#### 3. Advocating for Green Initiatives and Development

- **Partnerships:** Explore partnerships with key stakeholders to promote green initiatives.
- **Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS):** Advocate for sustainable development practices and the adoption of BEPS.

#### 4. Increasing Equitable Access to Opportunity

- **Access to Capital:** Promote initiatives that enhance access to capital for businesses, particularly small and minority-owned enterprises.
- **Digital Equity:** Support efforts to bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable access to digital resources.
- **Transportation Infrastructure:** Advocate for the development and expansion of the BlueLine and PurpleLine transit projects.
- **Federal Opportunities:** Leverage opportunities such as the relocation of the FBI headquarters and the establishment of data centers to boost local economic growth.
- **Workforce Development:** Focus on workforce development programs targeting veterans, returning citizens, community college students, and broader educational initiatives.

#### **5. Diversifying Our Business Community and Advancing Industries**

- **Innovation and Technology:** Promote innovation and technology sectors, focusing on cybersecurity, to diversify the business community and align with county strategic priorities.

#### **6. Improving Processes Between Agency Partners**

- **Agency Collaboration:** Strengthening Partnerships and Streamlining Processes for Greater Impact.

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is committed to advocating for policies that support our business community and drive economic growth. By focusing on these legislative priorities, we aim to create a more prosperous and sustainable future for Prince George's County. We look forward to working with local, state, and federal lawmakers to achieve these goals and to continue serving as a strong voice for our members.