

2020

THE BALDWIN COUNTY CHAMBER COALITION

Business Legislative Agenda

One Voice for Business in Baldwin County

The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition is comprised of all 5 Baldwin County Chambers of Commerce, who represent and serve their memberships with a collective voice through collaboration. The Coalition aims to support business by educating employers and their employees regarding important legislative issues, connecting directly with our local elected officials about issues that matter to our business members in Baldwin County, and effectively ***representing 3,500 members and 74,000 employees*** in combined membership.



Infrastructure



As members for the Alliance for Alabama's Infrastructure, the Baldwin County Chamber Coalition:

- *Supports continued advocacy and accountability for improvements, development, and adequate funding of Baldwin County's Roads and Bridges*
- *Supports efforts to ensure reliable broadband connectivity across Baldwin County for business, industry and residents*



Workforce + Education



The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation that will:

- *Support Governor Kay Ivey's Success Plus Plan in an effort to increase skilled workers in the state; namely supporting legislation that will fund and increase incentives for workforce development programs across all industry clusters (e.g., Registered Apprenticeships, AIDT and Community College technical training programs)*
- *Support the development and availability of housing that will sustain all workforce needs in Baldwin County*
- *Support increased funding for Workforce and Organizational Development programs, such as South Alabama Workforce Development Council (SAWDC) and Alabama Technology Network (ATN).*
- *Encourage local administrators and officials to seek guidance from Chambers of Commerce Workforce officials and business leaders on decisions affecting employee skills training*
- *Increase the capacity of childcare available for working parents / guardians and support the efforts to provide tax incentives for those that offer services*

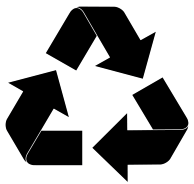
Economic Development



The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation that will:

- *Ensure a healthy and thriving economy. We support and encourage efforts to recruit large-scale, advanced manufacturing companies to the South Alabama MegaSite*
- *Support the reauthorization, improvement, and extension of proven economic development incentives and tax credits set to expire in 2020*
- *Support legislation to ensure that the state portion of GOMESA funding is dedicated to Coastal Alabama*

Health Care, Environment



+ Quality of Life



The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation that will:

- *Establish and promote responsible and sustainable interactions with and the enjoyment of natural resources, including but not limited to the Causeway Master Plan, Baldwin County Beaches, the Mobile Bay and the Tensaw River Delta*
- *Encourage environmentally-friendly business practices for growing, sustaining and developing business and industry in Baldwin County*
- *Support programs that will allow increased access to and quality of health care and mental wellness for employees and service providers, through legislation and allocation of funding at the state and federal levels*
- *The Coalition will monitor and engage in legislative discussions regarding the legalization of medical marijuana to ensure the business community is protected*



The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports raising awareness and encouraging participation in the 2020 U.S. Census to ensure Alabama's population is appropriately reflected in the results, as it will determine Alabama's congressional representation and federal funding for critical programs that affect education, health care, infrastructure, and more.



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