Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
2026 Policy Priorities

To ensure Montgomery County remains a competitive place to live and do business, policymakers must adopt forward-looking strategies that strengthen the local economy. Investing in infrastructure, workforce development, education, and housing will help attract and retain talent, support employers, and enhance regional connectivity. At the same time, fostering innovation, streamlining regulations, and promoting affordable energy and tax competitiveness will empower businesses to grow and thrive. These priorities are essential to building a resilient, inclusive economy that benefits all residents and positions Montgomery County for long-term success.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED WORKERS

Support Workforce Retention and Upskilling
- Advance policies that fund apprenticeships, certifications, and career transitions to keep workers competitive.

Promote Workforce Housing Development
- Encourage zoning reforms and incentives to increase affordable housing options for middle-income workers, and eliminate barriers such as rent control.

Expand Access to Early Childhood Education and Childcare
- Support policies and investments that increase the availability, affordability, and quality of early childhood education and childcare.

Enhance K-12 and Higher Education Outcomes
- Collaborate with schools, colleges, and employers to align education and training with evolving workforce needs.

BUSINESS ATTRACTION AND RETENTION

Champion Competitive Tax Policy
- Promote tax structures that attract investment, support businesses of all sizes, and encourage entrepreneurship.

Streamline Business Regulations
- Reduce red tape and modernize permitting processes to foster a more agile and responsive business environment.

Foster Collaboration for Economic Development
- Engage with chambers of commerce, government agencies, economic development organizations, and nonprofits to address shared economic challenges and leverage regional strengths to drive growth.

Drive Inclusive Economic Development
- Invest in small, medium, and large business growth, minority-owned enterprises, and revitalization of underserved communities.

INFRASTRCUTURE AND ENERGY

Expand Transportation and Infrastructure Investment
- Advocate for sustainable funding to modernize transit, roads, bridges, broadband, and utilities essential to business growth.

Support Reliable Energy Solutions
- Support energy policies that promote grid reliability, affordability, and a transition to clean energy sources.