

## Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce 2024 Legislative Agenda

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The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce works with government, business, and community partners promoting & developing a welcoming business environment and a thriving, diverse economy throughout our beautiful Mesilla Valley. Our goal is to make our region a great place to grow & sustain a business and a place to work and raise a family with a dynamic quality of life. Prior to each legislative session, the Chamber's Board of Directors approves a legislative agenda that is consistent with our organization's mission. The following is, but not limited to, the 2024 Legislative Session.

### ***During the 2024 New Mexico State Legislative Session, we support:***

1. Continued funding, expansion & access of Broadband throughout our State. (SB43; SB45)
2. Increase funding to Small Business Development Centers throughout the State.
3. Expand job training & economic development programs through increasing resources to Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) & the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) & creation of the Catastrophic Business Loan Fund.
4. Continuation of the Rural Air Service Enhancement Fund for further expansion of local airports.
5. Continuation of funding for Dona Ana County high-school summer internship program.
6. Support of the LCPS request for a Family Services Center & a CTE Center.
7. Support of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine request for funding of scholarships.

### ***During the 2024 NM State Legislative Session, we oppose:***

1. Any & all attempts to impose new regulatory mandates and raise operational costs on businesses in NM, along with adding any new tax increases, increase of minimum wage (including indexing) and, Paid Family Medical Leave. (SB3; HB6;)
2. Creation of a public bank.
3. Further increases and/or changes in New Mexico's minimum wage or attempts to index wage rate to rise each year.