



## **2018 LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

1. Business and Environmental Stewardship - The peaceful coexistence of a vibrant business sector and our communities' environments
  - a. The purpose of the Chamber is to foster a vibrant, prosperous Marysville-Tulalip community by facilitating the development and growth of a strong local business community.
  - b. This strong business community must be achieved with as little negative impact on the environment as is reasonably and economically possible.
  - c. In the process of creating and fostering this strong business community, the GMTCC advocates transitioning from fossil-fuel energy sources to more renewable energy sources. This advocacy includes supporting legislation to this effect, such as ESSB 6248.
  - d. GMTCC recognizes that the environmental review and land use processes for construction projects and for land use development programs is becoming more complex and broadly applied, creating extraordinary expenses and delays for critical and desired projects and programs.
  - e. GMTCC supports regulatory reforms to add greater certainty, predictability, and efficiency to environmental reviews.
  - f. GMTCC supports voluntary energy efficiency programs and incentives, but opposes mandated requirements that cannot demonstrate economic justification or that result in diminishing health and safety standards.
2. Competitiveness - Maintaining and establishing new business incentives and support of rural innovation and economic programs
  - a. The GMTCC recognizes that local firms need supportive policies and programs to compete and succeed at the state, national, and global level through maintaining aerospace, manufacturing, and other high-tech business incentives, including reinstatement of the research and development (R&D) tax incentive programs.
  - b. GMTCC supports rural innovation through programs, policies, and capital funding that spur and sustain economic development that better integrates underserved rural communities and corridors.
  - c. Supports designation and development of the Marysville and Arlington Manufacturing Industrial Center.
3. Education & Workforce
  - a. See Resolutions 2018-1 and 2018-2
4. Health & Human Services - Homelessness, Mental Health and Substance abuse
  - a. See Resolution 2018-3

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5. Transportation & Infrastructure - Accessibility for business goods and customers
  - a. Specifically, GMTCC supports Transportation reforms that reduce project costs and delays, improve accountability, transparency, and efficiency on projects, budgeting, and the administration of programs and services.
  - b. Protect commitments from the 2015 Connecting Washington revenue package; keep projects funded and on schedule; fully implement the reforms; keep maintenance and preservation dollars for its primary purpose and oppose diversion of funds to non-transportation purposes.
  - c. GMTCC supports the City of Marysville in its proposal to construct an overcrossing on Grove Street that would span the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway track. This project would alleviate congestion and increase overall east/west connectivity along key corridors in downtown Marysville and increase unfettered access to and from I-5.
  
6. Workers Compensation Reform – L&I administrative complexity and costs
  - a. GMTCC recognizes that the Washington State L&I compulsory workers' compensation system is excessively expensive and unduly complex.
  - b. GMTCC supports legislative actions aimed at streamlining and reducing costs associated with the L&I claims process while continuing to protect workers' rights and health.

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