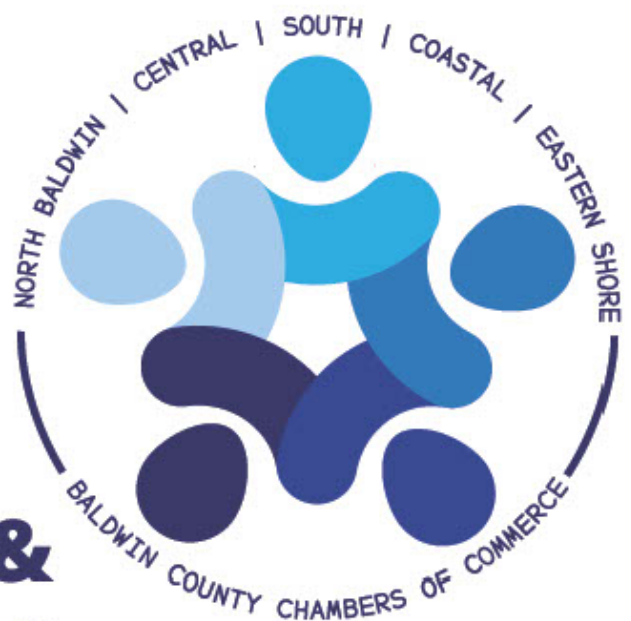


BALDWIN COUNTY CHAMBER COALITION 2022

*Business Legislative Agenda*

One Voice for Business in Baldwin County

*Representing*  
**3,500 Businesses &  
74,000 Employees**



# Baldwin County Chamber Coalition



We are the collaborative voice of the five Baldwin County Chambers of Commerce aiming to promote and protect the collective interests of **3,500 businesses and 74,000 employees** in Coastal Alabama.

The Coalition advocates for local issues that matter most for the economic prosperity and quality of life for our local businesses and residents. This business legislative agenda represents the common interests of our businesses regarding important legislative issues that matter most to them!

## INFRASTRUCTURE

**The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation and policies that will:**

- Expand and improve reliable broadband connectivity across Baldwin County necessary for increased economic development and improved quality of life for residents.
- Ensure adequate and responsible investments in local developments and infrastructure improvements that will improve Baldwin County's roads and bridges without adversely impacting quality of life.

## WORKFORCE + EDUCATION

**The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation and policies that will:**

- Increase funding and incentives for workforce development programs aimed at educating and improving the highly-skilled workforce needed across all industry clusters, namely programs born from or inspired by Governor Kay Ivey's Success Plus program, and including other professional development and technical training programs (e.g., ATAC, SAWDC, ATN, AIDT).
- Encourage local administrators and officials to seek guidance from business leaders and Chambers of Commerce workforce experts on decisions affecting career skills training programs.
- Incentivize and promote businesses to use the ACCS industry cluster training for immediate hiring and training.
- Incentivize and promote improved housing availability and costs needed to match workforce needs in Baldwin County, more specifically a workforce campus in south Baldwin County.
- Incentivize and increase the availability of childcare options for working parents / guardians, including efforts to provide tax incentives for those that offer such services outside of conventional daycare hours.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## **The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition supports legislation and policies that will:**

- Ensure the reauthorization, improvement, and extension of proven economic development incentives and tax credits, including the promotion of Opportunity zone investment opportunities.
- Ensure a healthy and thriving economy through efforts to recruit large-scale advanced manufacturing companies to the South Alabama MegaSite.
- Ensure all GOMESA funding is dedicated to Coastal Alabama.
- Place emphasis on workforce development efforts to increase the number of trained and credentialed job candidates to support new and existing businesses in Baldwin County.

# HEALTHCARE, ENVIRONMENT + QUALITY OF LIFE

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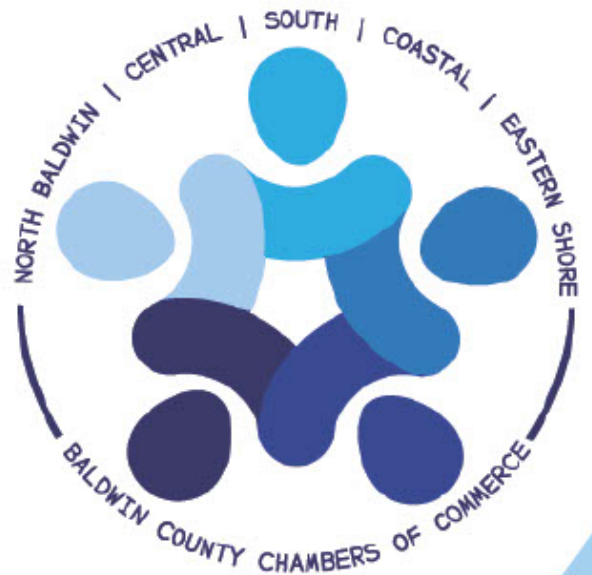
- Improve funding for and access to quality healthcare, training, programming and providers across Baldwin County.
- Continue to advocate for the need for mental wellness facilities in Baldwin County.
- Continue to provide for the creation or restoration of responsible and sustainable interactions with and the enjoyment of our natural resources, including but not limited to the Causeway Master Plan, Baldwin County Beaches, the Mobile Bay and the Tensaw River Delta.
- Incentivize and promote eco-friendly business practices that contribute to creating new and sustaining existing businesses and industry in Baldwin County.
- Incentivize and promote responsible and sustainable residential development that considers the safety, enjoyment and affordability of housing for all citizens of Baldwin County.
- Enhance public transportation to provide lifeline services to transport disadvantaged individuals connecting them with healthcare, educational institutions, employment and other important activities.
- Advocate for and adopt voluntary codes, policies, and guidelines that promote physical and mental health for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes.

## COVID-19 STATEMENT:

The Baldwin County Chamber Coalition will support legislation and policies that will protect our member businesses during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and recovery. The Coalition will continue to utilize as many resources as possible to help our member businesses keep continue to keep their doors open. Our main goal is to protect each of you in as many ways as possible: for your health and safety, legally, financially, and for the greater good of our local economies.



SOUTH BALDWIN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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