



2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce represents a broad and inclusive set of leadership voices from business, education, healthcare, military and local governments. We endorse these priorities as critical needs of the Weber County area.

Funding Priorities

Capital

- ★ Weber State University Noorda Engineering Building: \$40M
- United Way Community Center Building purchase: \$300,000

Transportation

- ★ 12th Street capacity improvements (west of 4600 West): \$10M

Education and Workforce

- WSU initiatives to accommodate student growth (\$1.6M), foster student completion (\$1.5M) and expand workforce preparation in two critical areas: nursing and health professions (\$500,000) and engineering and computer science (\$800,000)
- Utah System of Technical Colleges (USTC) “Employer-Driven Program Expansion” initiative for Ogden-Weber Tech College to expand, deliver and provide access to high-demand programs: \$390,000
- Transportation funding increase to school districts: \$5M over 5 years
- ★ Fully-funded student enrollment growth: \$40M
- ★ 5% increase in WPU value to meet local school district needs: \$150M

Economic Development and Tourism

- Tourism Marketing Performance Fund: \$3M additional

Hill Air Force Base

- ★ Air Show ongoing funding: \$200,000
- ★ Hill Aerospace Museum Foundation ongoing funding: \$150,000

Civic and Social

- Statewide Domestic Violence Shelters funding to support increases in the number of lethality assessments: \$1.48M ongoing
- ★ Strategic placement of smaller halfway houses throughout the state in support of Justice Reinvestment Initiative: \$10M over 3 years

Platform Priorities

Transportation

- Ogden-Weber Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project
- ★ I-15 additional lane construction
- ★ I-15 and 5600 South I-15 interchange and widening at Roy (phase 1)
- ★ Ogden Airport development of regional jet and standard twin jet service
- 24th Street Viaduct improvement
- Ogden Canyon Transportation Use Study
- ★ Continue allocation of auto-related sales taxes to transportation infrastructure

Education and Workforce

- Equalization of property tax
- Utah State Education Board evaluation on the effectiveness of competency-based education
- ★ Collaborative K-20 initiatives that increase the number of trained graduates and include the use of stackable credentials
- ★ Performance funding for higher education and technical colleges

Economic Development and Tourism

- Maintain current legislative statute for Transient Room Tax (TRT) and Restaurant/Car Rental Tax (TRCC)
- ★ Tax reform policies that impose taxes on final consumer goods rather than on business inputs. Tax exemptions on business inputs eliminate hidden consumer taxes, avoid higher prices on final products and lead to more efficient use of capital resources
- ★ Free Trade Zone extension to northern Utah counties
- ★ Workforce support through the Utah Talent-Ready initiative
- ★ Market fairness by requiring retailers to collect sales tax in states where they do not have a physical presence
- ★ Support efforts to develop and attract Unmanned Aerial Systems/Vehicles (UAS/UAV) sites to Northern Utah
- Hill Aerospace Museum expansion project / Falcon Hill North

Civic and Social

- Local control of land usage including housing density regulation
- Initiatives that support county-led intergenerational poverty programs

Healthcare

- Regulation of e-cigarette distribution and marketing
- ★ Private sector model to provide health insurance for uninsured poverty-level Utahns
- ★ Preventative care funding for vulnerable populations
- ★ Research and projects that reduce opioid-related dependency and deaths in Utah
- ★ Priorities that reduce obesity, high blood pressure, suicide and mental health issues
- ★ Healthcare system incentives to encourage cost containment and efficiencies
- ★ Healthcare policies that encourage increased quality and access while minimizing costs

Water, Air and Energy

- ★ Protection of existing funding mechanisms that support local public water agencies
- ★ Statewide water financing program support for new and aging infrastructure
- ★ Water development and planning to responsibly meet Wasatch Front population growth
- ★ Implementation of wise watering practices and conservation measures
- ★ Practical policies that improve air quality and promote business development

Service Areas

The Ogden-Weber Chamber proudly represents organizations in the following cities and unincorporated areas of Weber County:

Eden	Marriott-	Pleasant View	Warren
Farr West	Slaterville	Reese	Washington
Harrisville	Nordic Valley	Riverdale	Terrace
Huntsville	North Ogden	Roy	West Haven
Hooper	Ogden	South Ogden	West Weber
Liberty	Plain City	Uintah	