



Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana STATE CHAMBER of the YEAR!

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2013

Transportation / Roads

The Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of our delegation to secure funding for roads throughout the parish. This support also extends to the collective efforts of surrounding parishes to widen Interstate 12 to six lanes from Baton Rouge, throughout Livingston Parish and finally to the Mississippi State Line. With the exception of an area of Highway 190 and Highway 16, there are no four lane highways throughout the parish to alleviate the pressure when an issue occurs on Interstate 12. Highway 447 congestion is a continuing issue as well. Overall, traffic remains an issue in Livingston Parish and for those in surrounding parishes commuting through Livingston Parish. Additional funding for roads and highways will allow a planned opportunity for economic growth and continued attraction to Livingston Parish.

Healthcare

The Chamber endorses the efforts of community based health care, increased efforts for quality care within the parish and efforts to attract quality providers, physicians and facilities. The growth of the parish demonstrates the continued need for citizen safety, health and accessible healthcare.

Higher Education

The Chamber recognizes the economic impact of Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University. The Literacy & Technology Center in Livingston Parish hosts a number of community and business education programs including courses in higher education. In addition, the Chamber supports the efforts to bring a two-year community college to Livingston Parish.

Business Issues

The Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce supports the Louisiana Association of Business & Industry's efforts to oppose legislation that places additional taxes and regulations on Louisiana businesses, as such legislation hinders economic growth and development.

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Past efforts of the chamber include:

1. Grass roots effort to bring Bass Pro Shops to Livingston Parish resulting in the project being brought to the parish and today's commerce of the area. A recent announcement of an area of expansion in the vicinity of Bass Pro shows the continued success of the project.
2. Chamber legislative outreach to widen Interstate 12 to Juban Road. The project was completed in 2012. New expansion of Interstate 12 from the Juban Exit to Walker will result in even further mobility in and around Livingston Parish.
3. Political Forums and Meet & Greets were held by the Chamber on a regular basis to inform the business community of the candidates and their position on issues.
4. The Chamber has been a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. Through these memberships, the Chamber stays informed of other business issues affecting the growth and attraction of business to the parish, supporting their positions when appropriate for Livingston Parish.
5. North Shore Focus: The Chamber has worked with seven other chambers of commerce in the region to collectively advocate for issues concerning all.

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**Legislative / Governmental Affairs
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