

# ADVOCATING FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Chamber's Advocacy is a strong network that connects our members to key decision-makers.



## MEMBER ADVOCACY

- + Advocates for individual members and connects them with the appropriate people when necessary.
- + Assists members through a strong working relationship with the Arlington County Business Ombudsperson, helping to navigate issues with Arlington County regulations and processes.
- + Offers access and collaboration with industry professionals, policy makers and elected officials through the Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee.
- + Acts as a resource, providing information about timely policy developments.



## LOCAL ADVOCACY

- + Advocates for business-friendly policies and for Chamber members at County Board meetings, Planning Commission meetings, and other relevant meetings.
- + Acts as industry voice for hospitality and tourism sector through the Hotel General Managers Committee.
- + Delivers updates on County financial and development progress at annual State of the County.
- + Spotlights candidate views on business and emphasizes the significance of the business community through the County Board Candidate Forum.
- + Connects attendees with regional elected officials and business figures, at events such as the Northern Virginia Regional Elected Leaders Summit.



## STATE ADVOCACY

- + Monitors developments in the General Assembly and Governor's Office to ensure that business interests are always represented.
- + Delivers access and communication for members with General Assembly members through Chamber Day at the Capital and other additional meetings with Arlington's delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.
- + Cultivates robust relationships that span the legislative and executive domains at the Commonwealth level.
- + Strengthens networking and legislative advocacy efforts through collaborative regional events with other local Chambers.

