



Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Joins Save Nashville Now Coalition Working to Defeat Dangerous Referendum

NASHVILLE, TN, June 14, 2021 — The [Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce](#) has joined a coalition of businesses, labor unions, faith groups and community organizations focused on defeating the July 27 “4 Good Government” referendum. The [Save Nashville Now](#) coalition is working to build awareness among Nashvillians that, should this referendum pass, it would result in drastic cuts to city services.

“The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce stands in support of Save Nashville Now. Despite the pandemic, tornado, floods and bombing, Nashville has achieved stable financial footing. Businesses are ready to re-open, re-hire and help revive the city we love,” said Claire Tucker, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce board member and chair of the Chamber’s Finance and Audit Committee. “The dangerous 4 Good Government referendum threatens the city’s recovery. The referendum threatens investment in police, firefighters and teachers – investments that the Chamber knows are critical to the success of Nashville businesses.”

The referendum includes six provisions that would severely harm Nashville-Davidson County by cutting significant services, making it more difficult to govern and reversing progress that has been made in areas such as education, public safety, affordable housing and health care. Specifically, the referendum reduces Metro’s property tax rate, creating a \$40 million deficit in Metro’s budget, lowers the bar for recalling elected officials, abolishes lifetime or other benefits for elected officials, changes how amendments to Metro’s Charter can be made, makes it difficult for Metro to sell or lease land for community development, and targets professional sports teams, putting their facilities at risk.

“Our members have told the Chamber that a stable government is important for their businesses to succeed. The Chamber is a proud partner of Save Nashville Now because we see how the 4 Good Government referendum would limit Nashville’s ability to invest in police, firefighters and

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teachers – three cornerstones of our city,” said Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Ralph Schulz. “The 4 Good Government referendum would also send us down a path of constant recalls and referendums that are costly, create instability, and would discourage civically minded citizens from running for office.”

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About Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is Middle Tennessee’s largest business federation, representing more than 2,000 member companies. Belong, engage, lead, prosper embodies the Chamber's focus on creating economic prosperity by facilitating community leadership.

Established in 1990 as an economic development and community enhancement initiative of the Chamber, Partnership 2030 is a regional cooperative dedicated to making Middle Tennessee among the nation’s best places to live, work and do business. Partnership 2030 is supported by a diverse group of public and private companies as well as governmental agencies from the organization’s 10-county service area. The work of the Chamber is supported by its members, Partnership 2030 investors and sponsors; the Chamber’s Pivotal Partners (a partnership at the highest level for all Chamber programs and events) are Bass, Berry & Sims, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Community Health Systems, Gresham Smith and Regions. For more information, visit www.nashvillechamber.com.

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