

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Update

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has taken the following positions on issues appearing on the November, 2024 ballot:

**34 Proposed Tax Levy (Dayton Metro Libraries): Support**

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports the workforce development initiatives of the Dayton Metro Library that support our business community. Specifically, programs supporting career connections for middle school and high school students, job placement and readiness for job seekers and access to resources for employers and employees. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce endorses the Dayton Metro Library 2024 1 mill levy campaign that will ensure that the Dayton Metro Library will not need to cut 20% of its budget, impacting programs and initiatives that our region's workforce depends upon.

**35 Proposed Tax Levy (Five Rivers MetroParks): Support**

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the critical role that Five Rivers MetroParks plays in our regional quality of life and talent retention and attraction efforts. With a robust park and recreation system, Five Rivers MetroParks allows our region's current and future workforce to enjoy the amenities that keep them connected to the community. This 10 year, 1 mil levy will provide critical funding to maintain the assets that Five Rivers MetroParks manages, and ensures their accessibility, safety and quality for future generations. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce endorses this ballot issue.

**State Issue 1: Oppose**

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce believes that the current redistricting process is not working and needs to be reformed. However, State Issue 1 has the potential to divide our community with unaligned districts, create an inexperienced redistricting board, undo past voter-approved redistricting changes and negatively impact an economic driver in our community, Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce opposes State Issue 1.T

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has a precedent of advocating to keep the Dayton region aligned together in the redistricting process, and protecting WPAFB. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the Ohio General Assembly take up redistricting reform immediately in a bi-partisan general assembly initiated process; and ensure that maintaining community alignment, regional unification and economic growth is prioritized.