

2020 Advocacy Agenda

Innovation



- Partner with local agencies and businesses to create business accelerators and incubators that will grow our entrepreneurial ecosystem and attract investment.

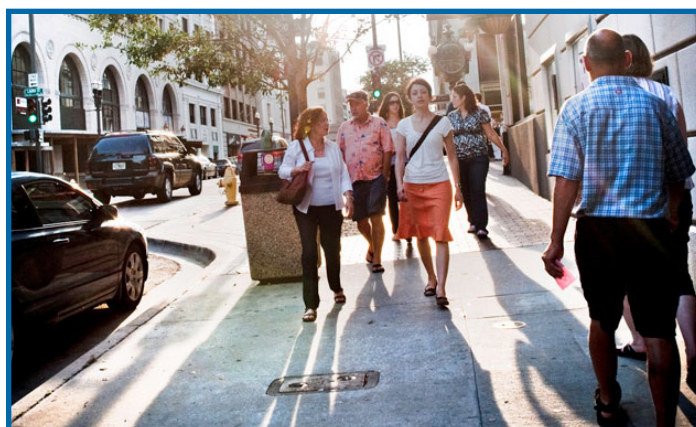
- Advocate for the official creation of the Bay Street Innovation Corridor in Downtown Jacksonville

where innovators can test new products.

- Work with local, state and federal regulators to lead on standards and legislation to accommodate autonomous vehicles.

- Work with industry leaders and government officials to advocate for the creation of a regulatory sandbox to attract investment and innovation in financial technology while protecting consumers.

- Work to create an environment that removes barriers and fosters data center expansion, investment and development in Jacksonville.



Talent Development and Attraction



- Work with the state, local colleges and the FinTech industry to develop academies to train future employees.

- Partner with businesses and educational institutions to market

the region as a destination for top talent.

- Strengthen partnerships between business and educational institutions to encourage training programs and internships to develop the next generation of talent.

Downtown Development



- Advocate for policies that will encourage downtown development and aggressively market in the push for 10,000 residents living in downtown by 2021.

Business Recovery Efforts



- Support legal protections to protect businesses from potentially frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19 unless the business or its employees, owners, directors or agents are guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- Seek to implement policies or programs that connect entrepreneurs and small businesses with access to capital and credit, including supporting cultural organizations and minority owned businesses.

- Advocate for increased operational support to help the business community navigate pandemic related issues in the workplace.

- Assist through programs or policies connecting displaced workers with emerging opportunities.