2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Build a stable, competitive environment where construction businesses can grow, innovate, and thrive.

AGC SUPPORTS

Sensible Transportation Investments: AGC will work to ensure that previously enacted transportation investments are fully realized — including commitments from the general fund. We will advocate for investments that meet long-term transportation needs amid declining gas-tax revenues and pursue additional short- and long-term funding for maintenance and preservation.

Prevailing Wage Reform: AGC will support changes to the prevailing wage statute so that, in counties where two collective bargaining agreements exist, the CBA representing the greatest number of workers or total hours — not merely the one with the highest wage — prevails.

Capital Construction Investment: AGC will champion proposals that expand investment in capital construction through the State Capital Budget, Public Works Trust Fund, and Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). We will also advocate for increased school-construction funding, including reducing the 60% threshold required to approve local school bond measures.

Workforce Development and Training: AGC will promote education programs that strengthen the construction-industry workforce, including Core Plus Construction, CTE, and STEM. We will advocate for state and federal apprenticeship programs.

Fair and Balanced Construction Contracts: AGC will advocate for proposals that fairly allocate risk in construction contracts and promote open, competitive access to public works opportunities.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Construction: AGC will support realistic and measurable initiatives to improve diversity and inclusion across the construction industry, ensuring accountability and achievable outcomes.

Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance Reform: AGC will pursue rational, data-driven improvements to the workers' comp program and approaches to maintain the solvency of the unemployment insurance trust fund.

Regulatory and Permit Reform: AGC will advocate for reasonable reforms to the state's business regulations, permitting systems, and Growth Management Act to enable needed residential and commercial development while maintaining sound planning principles.

Prevailing Wage and Apprenticeship Reforms: AGC will support practical updates to prevailing wage policies and policies that make the 15% apprenticeship utilization requirement more attainable. We will work to make the approval process for new programs more transparent and equitable.

Timely Payment from Public Owners: AGC will champion legislation to improve the timeliness and reliability of payments to all contractors and subcontractors from public owners — ensuring a fair and healthy construction economy.

AGC OPPOSES

Unreasonable Tax and Cost Increases: AGC will oppose proposals that unnecessarily increase taxes, business costs, or regulatory burdens. This includes efforts to impose new or expanded taxes such as income tax, payroll taxes, capital gains tax, wealth tax, property taxes, and REET.

Diversion of Dedicated Funds: AGC will oppose any proposal that redirects funds from dedicated construction or other programs to unrelated purposes, undermining the original intent of those programs.

Unrealistic Energy Restrictions: AGC will oppose unreasonable restrictions or outright bans on natural gas use — whether imposed through legislation or building codes.

Diversion of Transportation Revenues: AGC will defend 18th Amendment-protected transportation revenues and oppose any attempt to divert these dedicated funds to non-transportation purposes.

Impractical Electrification Mandates: AGC will resist mandates requiring electric trucks or heavy equipment that are overly burdensome, cost-prohibitive, or technologically unfeasible for the industry.

Risky or Unsupported Procurement Methods: AGC will oppose procurement methods that impose excessive risk, lack proper vetting, or do not have the consensus support of the affected AGC contractor membership.

Government-Mandated Labor Agreements: AGC will oppose government-mandated or government-negotiated Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), Community Workforce Agreements (CWAs), and Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) that restrict fair competition and limit participation.

Unworkable Environmental Mandates: AGC will challenge environmental proposals that impose unnecessary burdens, excessive costs, or unrealistic technical requirements on contractors — advocating instead for balanced, practical, and achievable environmental policy.

Overly Restrictive Land-Use Policies: AGC will oppose land-use laws or regulations that make responsible development overly difficult or costly, hindering the ability to meet housing and infrastructure needs.