Members of the Business Advisory Council (BAC) are appointed by the Mayor and serve in an advisory and partnership capacity to promote regular and open communication between city government and businesses to:

- Give advice and feedback to the Office of Business Support
- Bring issues and concerns related to doing business in Knoxville to the attention of the city administration
- Propose responses and solution to address these concerns
- Serve as a sounding board for city initiatives and proposals affecting businesses

The BAC is composed of a diverse group of business owners, who meet every other month. Members serve two-year terms to insure that, over time, a large number of representatives from the Knoxville business community have a voice and to encourage new perspectives.

If you are interested in being considered for the Business Advisory Council, please send an email to probledo@knoxvilletn.gov

Please make sure to include the following information:

Your name
Business name
Address
Phone number

Do you live within city limits?
Is your business located within city limits?
If your business is not located within city limits, please share how your business impacts the city of Knoxville.

Let us know if there is a possibility that you may run for public office during the next 12 months.

Let us know if there is a possibility that in the next 12 months you may be applying for City of Knoxville tax incentive or loan programs, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Payment –In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILOT), Façade Improvement Program, Empowerment Zone Programs, etc.
Please share some of the issues or concerns related to doing business in Knoxville that you would like to bring to the attention of the city administration. In short, your reasons for wanting to serve and the perspective and experience you would bring to the group.

The dates for 2019-2021 BAC are as follows:

2019
August 15 (Joint Sessions of the Outgoing/Incoming BACs)
October 17
December 19

2020
February 20
April 16
June 18
August 20
October 15
December 17

2021
February 18
April 15
June 17
August 19 (Joint Sessions of the Outgoing/Incoming BACs)

The meetings take place from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Most of the meetings take place at the City County Building, but in the past some of the sessions have taken place at Parks & Rec at Lakeshore Park, Public Works Complex, Knoxville Chamber, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Knoxville Entrepreneur Center, Visit Knoxville Visitors Center and other places.

Thank you for your interest in the Business Advisory Council. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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