# QUAD CITIES CHAMBER

# **2023 FORWARD STRATEGIC VISION**





## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

SUPPORT THE ATTRACTION AND GROWTH OF BUSINESSES IN THE REGION AND PROMOTE AN INCLUSIVE LOCAL ECONOMY

- Market regional assets to attract new businesses in our targeted industries
- Encourage investment and infrastructure for shovel-ready sites
- Support the growth and expansion of existing businesses
- Deliver programming and resources to meet the demands of high-growth industries and occupations
- Provide networking, business development and training opportunities for businesses
- Create an inclusive economy to ensure equitable access and economic prosperity in the region

#### WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS OF REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

- Provide solutions to help primary industries immediately fill workforce gaps
- Leverage the regional educational assets to address talent pipeline challenges
- Retain and cultivate existing talent within the region
- Attract talent to the region to ensure new and existing businesses have the workforce needed to grow their companies

### **QUALITY OF PLACE**

BOLSTER LIVABILITY IN THE REGION THROUGH PLACE MANAGEMENT AND PLACEMAKING

- Provide place management services to Business Improvement Districts
- Cultivate a vibrant regional culture through placemaking projects and programming to engage residents and visitors
- Promote and support community initiatives that bolster regional vibrancy
- Position the region to be an attractive location for businesses and talent

#### STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE CHAMBER

ADVOCATE FOR BUSINESSES IN THE REGION AND EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE REGIONAL SUCCESSES

- Leverage the influence of the Chamber to advocate for pro-business legislation
- Communicate across a dynamic set of stakeholders the value of the Chamber
- Secure sustainable funding and effectively deploy stakeholders' investments
- Align with regional partners to elevate the QC brand outside of the market
- Enhance volunteerism to engage a wide community audience
- Integrate diversity, equity and inclusion as integral values across the organization and region