



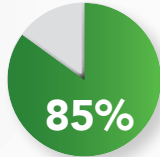
# 2025 END OF YEAR REPORT



## Membership

176

# of New Members  
as of 12/10/25



Member Renewal Rate

23

# of Circle Partnerships in 2025



Small Members: 72%



Mid-sized Members: 18%



Large Members: 10%

## Events

Total Number of Events: 50  
Total Number of Attendees: 3,796

### Event Highlights

- Small Business Summit & Expo
- Golf Tournament: Doing Business on the Green
- State of the District & Region Conference
- Chamber's Choice Awards & Gala
- Business After Business Series
- Dealmaker's Den: DC Angel Investing Showcase
- DC Chamber Advocacy Day
- DC Revenue Bond Program Seminar
- Women in Business Luncheon
- Access Granted: Navigating Capital for Small Business Success
- Annual Meeting & Chairman's Inaugural Breakfast
- Healthcare Policy Forum





## Marketing & Communications

New followers: **2,551 (total 19,244)**

Impressions: **478,389**

Average Engagement Rate: **11.11%**

Total Posts: **531**

Media Impressions: **2,597,998,423 (2.6 billion)**

Media Articles: **105 unique articles**



### Honorees for Events:

#### Small Business Summit Honorees

- **Small Businessperson of the Year Award:**  
*Monica Ray, Sycamore & Oak/Soul of DC*
- **Small Business of the Year Award:**  
*Dash Kiridena, Codice*
- **Non-Profit Business of the Year:**  
*Ron Moten, Go Go Museum - Don't Mute DC*
- **Small Business Champion of the Year Award:**  
*Patrice Cleary, Joia Burger & Purple Patch*
- **Women in Business Champion Award:**  
*Kathy Luu, Spa Logic*
- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year:**  
*Kelesy Nicole Nelson, KryptiaNN*
- **Made in DC Maker of the Year:**  
*Calvin Hines Jr., EIGHTFOLD Farms DC LLC*
- **CBE of the Year:**  
*Miles Sedgwick, Rana Labs, LLC*
- **Retailer of the Year:**  
*Fia Thomas, Fia's Fabulous Finds*

#### 2025 Chamber's Choice Awards Honorees

- **Business of the Year:**  
*Corenic Construction*
- **Business Leader of the Year:**  
*Brian Kenner, Global Head Community Engagement, Amazon*
- **Economic Impact Award:**  
*JPMorganChase*
- **Community Impact Award:**  
*Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center GW Health*
- **Game Changer Award:**  
*Mayor Muriel Bowser, DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, and Josh Harris, Managing Partner, Washington Commanders*
- **Chairman's Award:**  
*Brett Schulman, CAVA*
- **DC Chamber Award:**  
*The CALPRO Group*





## Government Affairs

### Testimony

The DC Chamber provided oral or written testimony on the following proposed policy and legislation:

- **Committee on Business and Economic Development:** Public Roundtable On Building A Resilient Economy: Strategies For The District's Future Growth, Investment, And Stability
- **Committee on Executive Administration and Labor:** Public Roundtable On Job Training And Workforce Development
- **Committee of the Whole - FY 2026 Budget Oversight Hearing on:**
  - Bill 26-260, Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025
  - Bill 26-261, Fiscal Year 2026 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2025
  - Bill 26-262, Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025
  - Bill 26-263, Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025
  - Bill 26-264, Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Temporary Act of 2025
  - Bill 26-265, Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Support Act of 2025

### Advocacy Efforts

#### 2025 Council Scorecard

- The annual scorecard made a tremendous impact on the advocacy landscape this year as it highlighted key votes that impact the city's economic climate and assigned each member a performance designation of green, yellow, or red based upon the impact of their voting record on the economic vitality of the District of Columbia.

#### Commanders Rally at the John A. Wilson Building

- In advance of the Council vote on the RFK site development deal, The DC Chamber proudly rallied alongside Mayor Bowser, community leaders, and Commanders fans on the steps of the Wilson Building to show our united support for the deal and the impact it will have on the District's economic development. Participation in the rally represented another phase of the Chamber's continuous advocacy in support of the RFK stadium site deal, which is bringing the Commanders back home to the District.



- **Committee on Health:** Budget Oversight Hearing On Deputy Mayor For Health And Human Services; Department Of Health Care Finance; And Health Benefit Exchange Authority
- **Committee on Public Works and Operations:** Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection Oversight Hearing
- **Committee of the Whole:** B26-0288 - Robert F. Kennedy Campus Redevelopment Act of 2025
- **Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB):** Public Hearing on 2026 Proposed Health Insurance Rates
- **Committee on Business and Economic Development:** B26-0058 - Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025
- **Committee on Executive Administration and Labor:** B26-436 - Fair Initiatives Lend Transparency to Every Resident Amendment Act of 2025.

#### Budget Seminar with DC Council Budget Director

- DC Chamber members participated in an exclusive virtual briefing with Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director for the DC Council, moderated by Government Affairs Committee Chair Brett Greene. The session offered an in-depth look at the District's budget process and the fiscal decisions shaping DC's future. Events like this are how the Chamber equips members with the information, access, and advocacy they need to lead with confidence.

#### Advocacy Day at the John A. Wilson Building

- Grassroots engagement with Councilmembers is one of the best ways to move a policy agenda. This year the DC Chamber hosted two amazing opportunities to bring the Chamber's message directly to elected officials.

## Advocacy Day Information

- June 5 – Meetings with DC Councilmember Offices
  - At-Large: CM Anita Bonds
  - At-Large: CM Kenyan McDuffie
  - At-Large: CM Robert White
  - At-Large: CM Christina Henderson
  - Ward 1: CM Brianne Nadeau
  - Ward 2: CM Brooke Pinto
  - Ward 3: CM Matthew Frumin
  - Ward 4: CM Janeese Lewis George
  - Ward 6: CM Charles Allen
  - Ward 7: CM Wendell Felder
- July 17 – Meetings with DC Councilmember Offices
  - Chairman Phil Mendelson
  - At-Large: CM Kenyan McDuffie
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  - Ward 5: CM Zachary Parker
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## State of the District & Region Conference

- Engaging panel discussions and presentations from our region's subject matter experts, with multiple Council members in attendance, topped off by a keynote address from Mayor Bowser gave Chamber members the opportunity to have exclusive access to our city's political leadership.

## Business and Entrepreneurship Support to Thrive (BEST) Act

- The DC Chamber engaged in a dynamic and highly effective advocacy campaign in support of the legislation which is heralded as a transformative step toward the simplification and modernization of how businesses are licensed in the District of Columbia. The Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP) began implementing the legislation in September 2025 and the Chamber continues to monitor the progress of this long awaited public policy achievement.

## B26-58 – “Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025.”

- As introduced, this bill establishes a beverage container deposit program in the District whereby consumers would pay a ten-cent deposit on applicable beverages. The program would be managed by a nonprofit beverage distributor and overseen by the DOEE. The bill was sequentially referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development through 7/14/2025, and then to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. No hearing has been scheduled. The Chamber is forming a Working Group of member organizations and advocates to coordinate advocacy and policy priorities in opposition to this measure. The Chamber has recruited, organized, and convened an expert Bottle Bill Working Group to gather political intelligence, share policy insights and coordinate advocacy strategies to defeat this measure. The Working Group meets biweekly. Our advocacy has helped to convince Council Chairman Phil Mendelson to extend the period for a favorable Committee on Business and Economic Development bill review to November 15, 2025.

## B26-119 -- “Official Sports Capital of the United States Designation Act of 2025.”

- As introduced, the bill would designate the District of Columbia as the “Official Sports Capital of the United States” and it would require the Washington Convention and Sports Authority (Events DC) to develop a plan to promote, support, and enhance the District’s status as the nation’s premier destination for sports events, teams, and activities.



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