

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COUNCIL 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES



## CHILD CARE

Access to and availability of affordable, quality child care is an issue for our area's workforce, and the ability of the workforce to secure child care directly affects our employers. Forward Janesville will explore the child care situation in Rock County and collaborate with partners to move the needle on this critical issue.

## CITY PLANNING & ZONING

The City of Janesville updated its *Comprehensive Plan* in 2023. Next, it will focus on updating the zoning code to support Janesville's growth. When it comes to development, zoning is where the rubber meets the road. Forward Janesville supports the City's focus on updating the zoning code and looks forward to working with the City to ensure changes are timely and effective.



## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local businesses are impacted the most by local conditions. Elections for the Janesville City Council, the Janesville School Board, and the County Board of Supervisors are important for our community vitality. Forward Janesville will play an educational role on the candidates running for office and the key issues in these elections.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUMS

School districts throughout Wisconsin face funding challenges and are asking voters to increase their commitment to school funding via referendums. Strong local schools develop the future workforce, retain and recruit residents, and are the expressions of the community. Forward Janesville will unpack the local referendums on the horizon to help our community understand what is at stake.



## CENTENNIAL PARK

Centennial Park is the site of the former General Motors (GM) plant and the Janesville Auto Transport Company (JATCO). At 250 acres, this is a major economic development site. Forward Janesville is one of many partners around the table working on this project and will lean in where necessary.