

*Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
Governmental Affairs Committee  
2015-2016 Application Form*

Each January your Chamber offers members the opportunity to apply for the Governmental Affairs Committee. All members interested in serving on the committee need to apply annually and agree to the following provisions.

1. All committee **members agree to attend a minimum of 75%** of all regular committee meetings. (held as needed on Thursdays @ 7:00 a.m., Chamber office)
2. Committee members who meet the attendance requirement will retain voting privileges.
3. While multiple representatives are encouraged and invited to attend, **only one vote per member business will be allowed.**

*The Governmental Affairs Committee is guided by the following objectives:*

1. Preserving the competitive enterprise system of business by creating a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of the business community and a concern for its problems; creating a more intelligent business and public opinion regarding city, county, state, and national legislative and political affairs; preventing controversies which are detrimental to business and the community; and creating a greater appreciation of the value of competitive business.
2. Promoting business and community growth and development by: promoting economic programs designed to strengthen and expand the income potential of all classifications of business within the trade area; and discovering and correcting abuse which prevents the promotion of business expansion and community growth.

*Other guidelines include:*

1. The use of taxes should be fair and equitable in providing services and programs that benefit the economic growth and the health and welfare of citizens.
2. Reasonable regulations are necessary to a growing economy.
3. Governmental policy needs to promote economic opportunity.
4. Government expenditures should not grow at rates greater than populations and inflation.
5. Government must look for more efficient ways to provide services to maintain quality government within cost restraints.

I agree to the above guidelines and attendance requirement for the 2014 Governmental Affairs Committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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