



## OWATONNA

**Public Policy committee to attend 90% of all City Council meetings.**

### TOP ISSUES:

**City:** Advocate responsible process improvements, positively influencing cost-drivers ultimately reducing expenses and fully utilizing taxpayer dollars.

- **Budget:** Directly align costs with programming.
- **Tax relief:** reduce dependence on local government aid. Be watchful of public sector's proposals, purposes and gains for business and the impact on property taxes.
- **Elections:** Provide educational venue for potential candidates and candidate forums to educate voters.
- **Regulations:** Advocate for appropriate levels of and enforcement of regulations. (Permitting & Employer Mandates)
- **Connections:** Convene business and community leaders around issues and topics impacting business. (A.M. Advocacy, Candidate Forums)
- **Economic Development:** Partner to ensure pro-active and responsive interaction with existing and potential businesses.

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## STEELE COUNTY

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### TOP ISSUES:

**County:** Advocate responsible process improvements, positively influencing cost-drivers ultimately reducing expenses and fully utilizing taxpayer dollars for services.

- **Budget:** Monitor use of wheelage tax and half-cent sales tax, and advocate on behalf of business interests.
- **Property taxes:** Be watchful of public sector's proposals, purposes and gains for business.
- **Elections:** Provide educational venue for potential candidates and candidate forums to educate voters.
- **Connections:** Convene business and community leaders around issues and topics impacting business. (A.M. Advocacy, Candidate forums)
- **Economic Development:** Partner to ensure pro-active and responsive interaction with existing and potential businesses. (Support Citizens Task force findings for new public works facility)

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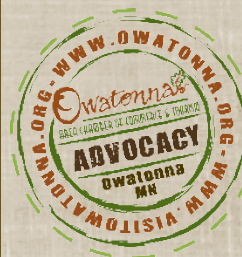
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# 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## BECOME ENGAGED

- Talk to your legislators -invite them to your facility
- Respond to calls to action/action alerts
- Tell your story--you do not need to be a lobbyist
- Consider running for public office
- Serve on Public Policy committee



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## MN Chamber of Commerce Federation Partner

### TOP ISSUES

#### Tax Relief

- Reduce the commercial statewide levy and eliminate the automatic inflator.
- Enhance research and development tax credits.
- Conform Minnesota's estate tax to federal threshold.
- Lower income tax rates on owners who file business through individual taxes.

#### Transportation

- Pass sustained, increased investment in roads, bridges and transit.
- Use transportation-related revenues from general fund, bonding and efficiencies.
- Additional funding to Corridors of Commerce. (Highway 14)

#### Labor/Management

- Oppose one-size-fits-all workplace mandates.
- Prohibit local governments from enacting their own patchwork of employer mandates.

#### Health Care

- Oppose new mandates that increase employer/employee costs.
- Increase coverage options, like self-insuring, for employers.
- Use the state's flexibility under the Affordable Care Act to lessen the burden on employers of providing health insurance coverage.

#### Lawsuit Reform (ADA modification)

- Strengthen the Americans with Disability lawsuit reform bill to require mandatory notice and reasonable time for a business to fix an access violation.

### TOP ISSUES:

#### Workforce

- Continue to support employment and training systems driven by the needs of employers based on accurate and timely local labor market data and advocate for demand-driven workforce development and training programs.

#### Transportation/Infrastructure

- Support maintenance of our tremendous asset of transportation infrastructure. Transportation priorities include adequate funding, strong federal role in transportation, permit streamlining and public-private partnerships.

#### Health Care

- Advance proposals and recommendations from the U.S. Chamber's Health Care Solutions Council report to ease implementation, reduce unnecessary costs, advance quality, and improve health.

#### Tax Reform

- Committed to comprehensive reforms to the American tax system that will attract investment, encourage innovation, foster economic growth and job creation and increase American global competitiveness. Work toward a pro-growth tax agenda to lower tax rates for businesses and individuals, establish a more economically rational tax base and simplify compliance and administration.

#### Immigration Reform

- Work to modernize our immigration system deterring illegal immigration while protecting and complementing our U.S. workforce.

#### Regulatory Reform

- Build support for commonsense regulatory reform based on four bipartisan principles: accountability, transparency, participation and safe but swift permitting.



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