



### ▶ OWATONNA Top Issues

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

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

- **Budget:** Keep spending increases below the current projected rate of growth and preferably closer to the rate of new growth.
- **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)

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### **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
- Attend Candidate Forums
- Consider running for public office
- Serve on Public Policy committee

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### ▶ STEELE COUNTY Top Issues

**Public Policy committee to attend 90% of all County Commissioner meetings.**

#### **TOP ISSUES:**

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

- **Budget:** Keep spending increases below the current projected rate of growth and preferably closer to the rate of new growth.
- **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.

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## Support employers and employees throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

- Tax reforms and small business grants to provide hard-hit industries with immediate cash flow.
- Enacting COVID-19 lawsuit liability protections for businesses.
- Maintaining and enhancing connectivity, i.e. broadband.
- Reorienting workforce development programs based on immediate needs in a post-COVID-19 economy.
- Maximizing the ability of schools to bring students safely back to campus for in-person, full-time instruction.
- Providing one-time targeted child care funding to meet the needs of low-income and essential workers and providers.

## Maintaining benefit flexibility

- Committed to providing the best workplaces for employees. As demonstrated throughout the pandemic, Minnesota employers adhere to strict safety protocols, labor laws and workplace standards to maintain healthy, respectful and inclusive workplace.
- Support employer flexibility in determining workplace wage, benefit, scheduling and staffing decisions.
- Employers design benefit packages to meet their employees' needs.
- Employer protections must be recognized, addressed and implemented if Minnesota legalizes use of recreational marijuana.

## Ensuring high-quality, affordable health care

- Oppose additional mandates and taxes that drive up costs.
- Urge the legislature to improve coverage options including continued stability in the individual market through reinsurance.
- Oppose a government-sponsored public option which would lead to significant financial impacts on providers and hospitals especially in rural areas and underserved communities and increase costs for those with private coverage - whether fully-insured or self-funded.

## Transportation investment

- Maintain, and if possible increase general fund revenues dedicated to transportation.
- Other funding options include increased fees for electric vehicles, increased tab fees (through a depreciation schedule adjustment) and achieving more investment through greater efficiencies.

## Energy and the environment

- Environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness,
- Support achieving Minnesota businesses' sustainability goals while keeping Minnesota energy rates competitive.
- Continue needed progress on permitting efficiencies and streamlining.

## Workforce

- Promote access to affordable, high-quality education, career paths that lead to jobs, and workforce initiatives that create a more equitable talent marketplace and strengthen the American economy.
- Expansion of skilling and reskilling opportunities to help those who are out of work acquire the new jobs that are being created now and in the future.

## Transportation/Infrastructure

- Ensure the nation's long-term economic growth and competitiveness by enacting an infrastructure modernization plan.

## Health Care

- Expand access to and improve the affordability of high-quality health care services for all Americans.

## Tax Reform

- Promote pro-growth tax policies that preserve America's global competitiveness and increase businesses' ability to grow, invest, and create jobs.

## Immigration Reform

- Implement commonsense immigration reforms to enhance America's global competitiveness and encourage economic growth and job creation in the U.S.



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