

Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Legislative Agenda and Guiding Themes

This Agenda was developed by the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce. Government Relations Committee and approved by the Chamber Board of Directors. The Chamber is dedicated to improving the quality of the business environment across Northeast Michigan and achieves their goals through advocacy and a partnership with the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance.

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1. Support legislation that creates a more competitive business environment for all business sectors.

ACTIONS:

- Continue an active role in the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance.
- Thoroughly understand all legislation with the potential to impact business in the Alpena area; choose to support it, oppose it, or educate on it.

2. Support development of a more efficient local, state, and federal governments.

ACTIONS:

- Support and advocate for exploration and implementation of consolidation and shared services.
- Suggest areas for more efficiency.

3. Thoroughly explore all requests brought to the attention of the committee prior to making a determination on action or position.

- Conduct research, including reaching out to outside resources to fully understand issues presented to the committee.
- Survey members as appropriate to gauge their desire on issues.

4. Make educating members on issues important to their ability to conduct business a priority.

ACTIONS:

- Maintain the Government page on alpenachamber.com.
- Regularly update members on the activities of the Government Relations Committee.
- Use and share the resources of the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance.