



LIVINGSTON PARISH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**LIVINGSTON
PARISH BUSINESS
Public Policy &
Flood Recovery**

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Legislative Affairs Division Guiding Principles

- Government should seek input from the business community in regards to regulations which burden business before approving.
- Government should first “do no harm” to the Livingston Parish area’s economy.
- City and Parish government should focus on priorities that will foster a favorable business climate and grow Livingston Parish commerce, industry and jobs.
- Government should streamline government processes whenever and wherever possible.
- When Parish and Municipal government agencies contract out work, they should use local businesses and vendors when possible and practical.
- Competitiveness with local, state, regional and global areas should be a consideration when considering regulations or actions.
- Businesses should be good corporate citizens.
- Consideration of creating a problem when solving a problem should be a factor in decision making.

“The mission of the Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce is to support and facilitate economic impact by providing an environment that encourages business and community working together within our region.”

Chamber’s FOCUS and VALUES:

- ◆ Member Representation & Advocacy
- ◆ Partnerships & Collaborations
- ◆ Cooperative Objectives
- ◆ Strategic Plans & Results
- ◆ Desirable Community & Quality of Life
- ◆ Attentiveness from lawmakers and policymakers

VISION Statement

To be recognized as the leading advocate for business offering resources and opportunities that an effective chamber can provide, to develop leaders and promote the community with a positive spirit.

IMAGE

A results-oriented, area-wide, membership organization which is acknowledged as the leader in the business community, providing value to its members. In addition, the Chamber will be viewed as an organization of unquestioned integrity, as a good corporate citizen, and as an advocate for the free

Chamber Business Agenda

Flood Recovery

The Chamber traveled to Washington DC to provide statements on behalf of business and area recovery. Solutions to processes that block recovery were offered. The Chamber has been, and continues to be, a valuable information source on recovery and provides input on business recovery.

Business & Education Partnership — Job & Career Development

The Chamber applauds our parish's education system on flood recovery. The Chamber supports the ten year millage on the fall ballot. Business & Education Partnerships through the Chamber include opportunities to connect with and mentor students, programming to assist students in understanding the employer's perspective, soft skills and career paths. Employable, career ready students and community college efforts are also Chamber initiatives.

Minimum Wage

Business owners advise that minimum wage should continue to be determined by market forces. Businesses currently pay more than minimum wage for qualified, skilled workers. Wages should be tied to experience, skill and market variables.

NFIP Premiums

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reauthorization expires on September 30, 2017.

While the financial stability of the program must be addressed and growth in the private flood insurance market encouraged, the program must be reauthorized to allow homeowners and businesses to purchase flood insurance at reasonable rates.

Transportation | Infrastructure | Roads

The Chamber aligns with local elected officials and priorities include Hwy 447, Hwy 190, continued efforts to widen I-12 to the state line. The Chamber also encourages and supports the opportunity to provide roads and connect all communities to shopping and other opportunities in Livingston Parish.

Internet Sales Tax

The Chamber supports collection enforcement of internet sales tax to ensure local businesses are not at a competitive disadvantage.

Insurance Premiums to Business & Access to Affordable Healthcare

High premiums and deductible continue to spiral crippling small business on medical insurance, general liability, workers compensation, and flood insurance. The burdens and costs to small business are astounding, and the Chamber strongly advocates for solutions, including underlying issues, to this immense problem. The Chamber recognizes the need for quality and accessible affordable healthcare for Livingston Parish.

Taxes & Regulatory Issues

The burden of taxes and regulatory compliance on business are impeding growth and diverting resources. Business resources in this regard have been stretched to the point of breaking. The business community seeks a diplomatic approach and solution to this problem.

A Message From Leadership

A strong working relationship between government entities and the business community in Livingston Parish is essential to the growth and economic prosperity of the parish. The Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee works diligently with local, state, and federal elected officials to ensure that the concerns of the business community in Livingston Parish are carefully considered when weighing legislation and decisions that could impact business growth, job creation, taxes, commerce, and regulatory statutes.

The Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee is comprised of local business owners and executives who strive to be both a liaison and a resource center for the Chamber Members and the government officials who represent us. As business leaders, the committee members offer firsthand knowledge and insight into the daily needs and demands of business owners and work toward the common goal of a stronger, more prosperous business community.

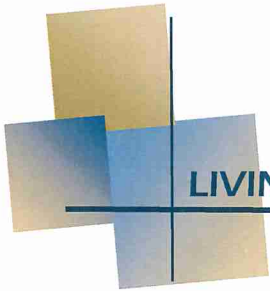
Flood recovery efforts should include the business community with an emphasis on the independent business owner. The Chamber should be viewed as a valuable resource and hold a seat at the table when considering recovery effort strategies. The capabilities and resources of the Chamber are diverse and many of the considerations of a recovery are of value to the business community.

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Council Member, District 5

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Coroner

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Council Member, District 6

Municipalities

Mayor Gerard Landry
City of Denham Springs

Mayor Thomas "Tommy" Abels
Town of Springfield

Mayor James "Jimmy" Watson
City of Walker

Mayor David Carter
Village of Port Vincent

Mayor Gene Glascock
Town of Albany

Mayor Toni Guitrau
Village of French Settlement

Mayor David McCreary
Town of Livingston

Mayor Craig McGehee
Town of Killian

Election Dates

October 14, 2017 Primary

Ballot Items

Treasurer (1 to be elected)

City Marshal City Court, City of Denham Springs (1 to be elected)

Member of School Board District 7 (1 to be elected)

Constable Justice of the Peace Ward 10 (1 to be elected)

Council Member City of Denham Springs (1 to be elected)

PW School Board - 7.18 Mills Renewal - SB - 10 Yrs.

November 18, 2017 General

November 3—11—Early Voting

November 18, 2017 — Election Day

Additional Election Information 2018 & Beyond

Expires **December 31, 2018**: School Board Terms

Expires **December 31, 2020**: Justice of the Peace Terms

Expires **January 2020**—State Representative & Senators, Sheriff, Councilmen, Parish President, Assessor, Clerk of Court