

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To develop an awareness and understanding of emerging local, state and federal issues that could cause a change in the business/quality of life climate; develop a position to inform members and the community; and, when advisable, develop a strategy to resolve the issue.

Chairperson: Brian Young, Spectrum

Committee meets the Third **Thursday** of each month at 3:00 PM

### **2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Continued to be a pro-business advocate for our members.
- Monitored local, state, and national issues affecting the community and provided feedback to state and national organizations. Took positions of support on Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and the Entertainment district and Legislation supporting COVID 19 Act funding for small businesses and 501(c)6 organizations.
- Held five interactive local and regional legislative receptions, debates, or forums to facilitate communication between businesses and elected officials. Which included meetings with U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan, U.S. Senator Brown's State Representative, Ohio Lt. Governor John Husted, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, and others
- Planned meetings with local and state legislative representatives at the Ohio Capital.
- Planned opportunities for dissemination of legislative information to our members in a timely manner and encouraged involvement in legislative concerns through newsletter and online medias.
- Provided legislative updates for Chamber events, news conferences and at the Real American Sunrise event.
- Expanded the readership and content of the Legislative Advocacy Report.
- Participated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Chamber's Action Alliance, Manufacturing Association, NFIB and others.
- Developed a 2020 Legislative Public Policy.

### **2021 GOALS:**

- Continue to be a pro-business advocate for our members.
- Monitor local, state, and national issues affecting the community and provide feedback to state and national organizations.
- Hold at least four interactive legislative receptions, debates, roundtables or forums to facilitate communication between businesses and elected officials.
- **Plan legislative meetings with local and state legislative representatives.**
- **Participant and/or attend the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting.**
- Seek opportunities for dissemination of legislative information to our members in a timely manner and encourage involvement in legislative concerns.
- Provide legislative updates for Chamber events, news conferences and at the Real American Sunrise event.
- **Expand the readership and content of the Legislative Advocacy Alerts and promote legislative efforts that would encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion.**
- Participate with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Chamber's Action Alliance, Manufacturing Association, NFIB and the Great Lakes Initiatives.
- Develop a 2021 Legislative Public Policy.
- **Promote legislation that would support the City of Lima downtown development including:**
  - **Move forward with the City of Lima Entertainment District and the DORA (Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area).**
  - **Encourage enhanced lighting and safety in Downtown Lima.**