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#### Job Description: President/CEO Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce

**Position Overview:** The President/CEO of the Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic and visionary leader responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, growth, and overall operations of the chamber. This role requires a deep commitment to fostering economic development, promoting local businesses, and enhancing the quality of life within the community. The President/CEO will collaborate with diverse stakeholders, advocate for the interests of chamber members, and drive initiatives that drive economic prosperity and community engagement.

# **Key Responsibilities:**

### • Strategic Leadership:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan to advance the chamber's mission and objectives.
- o Identify opportunities for growth, innovation, and continuous improvement.
- Provide leadership to the chamber staff, promoting a positive and collaborative work environment.
- Identify opportunities for utilizing social media platforms to promote chamber initiatives and engage with members and the community.

## • Member Engagement and Relations:

- Build and maintain strong relationships with chamber members, understanding their needs and advocating for their interests.
- o Implement strategies to enhance membership value and engagement.
- Develop and manage programs that promote networking, professional development, and collaboration among members.
- Monitor and respond to member inquiries and feedback on social media channels, ensuring a positive online community.

# • Community and Government Relations:

- Serve as the primary spokesperson and advocate for the chamber in interactions with government officials, community leaders, and other stakeholders.
- Collaborate with local, regional, and state government entities to address policy issues that impact the business community.
- Leverage social media to communicate the chamber's advocacy efforts and initiatives to a broader audience, including government officials and community leaders.
- Engage with community members on social media to gauge sentiment and gather input on local business matters.

#### • Economic Development and Business Support:

- Work closely with local businesses to understand their challenges and provide resources that foster growth and sustainability.
- Develop and execute initiatives that attract new businesses, promote entrepreneurship, and create job opportunities.
- Use social media campaigns to highlight success stories, business spotlights, and resources available to entrepreneurs and local businesses.

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## • Events and Programs:

- Plan, coordinate, and execute a variety of events, workshops, and seminars that contribute to the professional development and success of chamber members.
- Lead efforts to organize community-building activities that highlight local businesses and attract visitors to the area.
- Create social media content to promote chamber events, workshops, and seminars, increasing attendance and member participation.
- Live-tweet or share updates during events to enhance online engagement and provide real-time insights.

## • Financial Oversight:

- Develop and manage the chamber's budget, ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency.
- o Identify and secure funding sources, including grants, sponsorships, and membership dues.

#### • Advocacy and Public Policy:

- Monitor and analyze legislation and regulations that impact the business community.
- Develop and implement advocacy strategies to promote pro-business policies and address challenges.

#### • Media and Public Relations:

- Cultivate positive relationships with local media outlets to effectively communicate the chamber's initiatives and accomplishments.
- Serve as a credible and influential voice on business-related matters.
- Manage the chamber's social media accounts, ensuring consistent branding and messaging across platforms.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in business, economics, public administration, or related field preferred, but not required.
- Proven leadership experience in a similar role, preferably within a non-profit, business association, or economic development organization.
- Strong understanding of local economic and business dynamics.
- Excellent communication, public speaking, and interpersonal skills.
- Strategic thinker with the ability to execute plans and initiatives.
- Demonstrated experience in fundraising, financial management, and budget oversight.
- Proficiency in collaborating with diverse stakeholders, including businesses, government entities, and community organizations.
- Creative thinker with the ability to translate business objectives into compelling social media campaigns.

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**Application Process:**To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter, and references to info@lynnwoodchamber.org. Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2023. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.