

April 28, 2021

Dear Muskegon County Commissioner,

Harmonious local governments have a positive impact on efforts to attract jobs and investment to the community. Discord, micromanagement and edgy political debates discourage businesses from expanding, relocating or creating jobs along the Muskegon Lakeshore.

Recently there have been a number of situations where local elected officials have acted out in conflict with fellow elected officials, professional staff, neighboring communities or even constituents. This is having a negative impact on the image of our community.

The Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber asks elected officials to recognize that businesses locate and expand in peaceful communities where they are welcomed and appreciated.

The Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber would like to recognize all of the local officials who work in concert even when they disagree on individual issues or politics. True community leaders offer solutions with respect and professionalism.

We are asking all elected officials and local residents to consider the impacts of their words and actions. We must support a unified vision of a diverse, prosperous, and safe community that benefits all. We salute those local governments that are working harmoniously together for the common success of your communities.

Please join the Greater Muskegon Economic Development team and keynote speaker, Nancy Ohle, for a free Elected Officials Training Conference Webinar on May 14th at 7:30am – 9:30am.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CMz99TstQZGP0jYuqi2x5w

Sincerely,

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