**Public Policy Criteria**

The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce (ACCC) focuses on developing and enhancing the economic vitality and supporting the business community of Alamosa County and the Greater San Luis Valley. In the simplest of terms, this means serving as the voice of business, via our role as advocates and a trusted source and information repository for the business community. We operate independently from City, County, and State Government, and serve as a collective voice for the needs and concerns of our local businesses.

The legislative strategy of the ACCC is to support policy proposals that directly fit our mission in supporting our local business community, and oppose measures that detract from our goals. The ACCC and Board of Directors uses these broad criteria when determining positions on policy issues:

* 1. • Does the proposal enhance the broad competitive business environment?

i. Does the proposal help maintain or enhance an environment conducive to business and a level playing field for businesses in Alamosa County now and into the future?

ii. Does the proposal provide the opportunity for competitive business practices regardless of the size or age of a business?

iii. Does the proposal directly support the business climate and/or make it easier to new and existing businesses to conduct businesses in Alamosa County?

• Does the proposal directly support infrastructure and/or resources that are either necessary or helpful for businesses to operate in Alamosa County?

1. Workforce Development
2. Housing related to the needs and goals of Alamosa County

iii. Transportation and Transit

1. Technology and Utilities (Rural Broadband)
2. Water Protection
3. Child Care Resources

Other topics and additional related areas will be presented to the Board of Directors at discretion of staff to avoid presenting unrelated items to the board.

Positions are taken by a majority vote. As is the case with any piece of legislation, the ACCC can choose to ***support***, ***oppose*** or remain ***neutral***. It may also choose to not engage in the debate at all.