

FAACES



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What Is Lobbying?

Is it legal?

Lobbying is Legal

Lobbying is legal and is performed by either individuals or organizations to move government into specific public policy actions.

Lobbying is legally protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 and is derived from the phrase “to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”.

In Puerto Rico, we have also, through resolutions and Executive Orders, the Lobbyist Registry in both the House of Representatives and the Senate; and in the Executive Branch, a lobbyist registry is under the Department of Justice.

Citizen Participation

What Every Business Owner Needs to Know?

Citizen Participation

You have rights. Citizens must participate; lobbying is a way for the citizens to do that. **Government actions do not pertain to specific individuals; all laws are applicable to all citizens.**

Understand the arena. Be up to date. Challenges come from the Executive and Legislative branches. **New legislation and government actions occur every single day.** You'll have legislative proposals, resolutions to investigate (ex.: bond emissions) or do studies (ex.: climate change); or proposals at the executive branch for new rules (ex.: permits) or codes (ex.: Internal Revenue Code).

Establish a plan beforehand.

Lobbying should be a part of your operations plan. Get professional assistance. There are some instances where groups or associations can help by grouping together various individuals or entities on a common issue (ex.: tax on inventory). On the other hand, there are issues that are exclusively of one's attention (ex.: a permit request or a legislative investigation into a new development).

Follow Up.

Things will not happen if there are no strategic actions. **Over 4,000 bills and resolutions are introduced every 4 years.** You must know what is out there and will need to act (in favor or against it). Do you have the time? Probably not, but that`s not an excuse. Again, be prepared and follow up.

What is FACES?

The Chamber of Commerce making
your part.

The Agenda

- Educational Effort.
- Business Mission.
- Collaboration agreements with counterpart entities.

Legislation and Lobbying Session

Every business owner needs to know this.



«In the CCPR we work to make the voice of the private sector and the importance of economic freedom felt in the federal capital for our people to create new businesses and opportunities.»

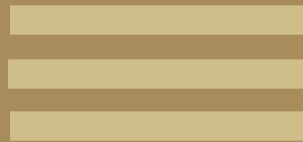


— Luis Pizarro, President



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