

First Impression

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Civic-Mindedness in Municipal Leadership...

Oh, how we miss it! Replaced by agenda driven activists, ours has been overtaken by those who do not serve the businesses and families they represent, but rather, the special interest groups that influence their thinking.

The result: Bloated municipal budgets that burden families and local business. Recent city leadership has exemplified this, and has gone largely unchecked or questioned.

What can be done?



New Chamber Keeps

Sitka at its Heart

By supporting local legislation that benefits Sitka Businesses and Families, the **Sitka First Business Alliance** offers hope and optimism.

Advocating for community action that can lessen the financial burden on Sitka families and business, the Sitka First Business Alliance envisions a robust and year-round economy for Sitka. Learn more about our efforts to re-direct the focus of our city officials and positively impact our businesses and our families' future. Online at SitkaFBA.com

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Municipal Priorities??

Our Children or Our Garbage

Did you see the City's **2022 Annual Report**? One Statistic that stands out to the SFBA is the fact that the City of Sitka spends 5 million dollars, annually, to barge trash out of Sitka and only 7 million on our kids education.

Just Us, or does that seem...Ridiculous!!

Although it's a little dated now, this statistic was one of the inspirations for your New Chamber of Commerce.

Legislation

Operation What?

If you've been paying attention, our assembly, with the help of its commissions, is well underway with operation **Tourism Smother**.

- Increased Fees
- Industry MOU's???
- Land Use Plans
- "Quiet Days"

Seemingly, pulling out all the stops, the Sitka Assembly has over time created an environment of catering to special interests and environmental activism.

Creating commissions, dissolving perceived obstacles, and now skirting Anti-Trust laws, where does it end?

The Alliance

Business

Making Sitka Stronger Together.

The Sitka First Business Alliance is here to help you and your business grow and prosper.

As the business community is often attacked, in a small town like ours, these attacks hurt our neighbors and their families.

You now have an agency on your side.

The Alliance is focused on local legislative issues that can negatively impact our businesses and families.

If your business or family is facing financial difficulty due to local legislative actions, let us know.

Community

Don't Sign!!!

Nothing could conflict with the heading of this column more than the petition to limit cruise ship visitation.

Community: people coming together, sharing, accepting, caring and tolerant of others.

I don't know. Maybe that's just how I would define the word or even the idea of Community.

Choosing hate, selfishness and intolerance seems to encapsulate the recent efforts of a group of local anti-tourism activists.

Please, don't join them.

Join Us!!

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