

WHAT IS A PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) raises money and makes contributions to campaigns to support the election of candidates for political office.

The Business and Industry in Greenville Political Action Committee (**BIGPAC**) is organized as a state-level PAC, so it may only contribute to state and local races.

WHAT IS BIGPAC?

Originally organized in 2007, **BIGPAC** is a voluntary, non-partisan political committee created to support the Greenville Chamber's mission to "lead, convene, and mobilize the business community to drive regional economic growth."

BIGPAC's bylaws state that it must: "... protect, preserve, and further the democratic process and the private enterprise system, and in particular, the protection and advancement of business and industry in Upstate South Carolina; financially support or oppose selected ballot measures; financially support the nomination or

election of selected persons who are candidates for nomination to elective office who are believed to be in general agreement" with the Greenville Chamber's legislative agenda.

Money raised by the PAC will be used to promote business issues in advocacy and help elect pro-job, pro-business elected officials for state and local offices who are committed to protecting private enterprise. Since 2016, our endorsed candidates have won 92 percent of their races.

WHO RUNS BIGPAC?

BIGPAC is run by a 12-member board of Greenville business leaders. The PAC elects its own Chairman and Treasurer and meets when appropriate.

*Greenville Chamber staff handles administrative duties for **BIGPAC**.*

In adherence with South Carolina state law, the Chamber's registered lobbyists neither solicit donations nor influence the distribution of **BIGPAC** funds.

*Anybody interested in serving with the **BIGPAC** Board of Directors may email us at: advocacy@greenvillechamber.org.*

HOW MUCH I MAY CONTRIBUTE?

Due to recent legal decisions, there are no limits on what individuals and corporations may contribute to a PAC in a calendar year in South Carolina. You may contribute to the PAC with personal or business funds (this is different from federal PACs).

Contributors at certain contribution levels may receive benefits from the PAC and the Greenville Chamber.

HOW CAN I JOIN BIGPAC?

BIGPAC accepts voluntary contributions from individuals and businesses from across our state who are committed to good government and creating economic growth.

BIGPAC can accept contributions via check or credit card.

For a list of contribution levels and benefits, and for links to join, contact us today.

BIGPAC MEMBERSHIPS

ADVOCACY CHAMPION

\$5000

- Complimentary Table for 12 Registration
- Signature Events Complimentary Registration
- **BIGPAC** Lapel Pin
- Opportunity to Attend BIGPAC Check Distribution Events
- Invitation to Fundraising Events
- Access to **BIGPAC** Email Communications
- Access to the Upstate Chamber's Journal Weekly Newsletter
- Access to the **BIGPAC** Annual Report

LEADERSHIP PARTNER

\$2500

- Signature Events Complimentary Registration
- **BIGPAC** Lapel Pin
- Opportunity to Attend BIGPAC Check Distribution Events
- Invitation to Fundraising Events
- Access to **BIGPAC** Email Communications
- Access to the Upstate Chamber's Journal Weekly Newsletter
- Access to the **BIGPAC** Annual Report

GREENE CHAMPION

\$1000

- **BIGPAC** Contributor Discount to Signature Advocacy Events
- **BIGPAC** Lapel Pin
- Opportunity to Attend BIGPAC Check Distribution Events
- Invitation to Fundraising Events
- Access to **BIGPAC** Email Communications
- Access to the Upstate Chamber's Journal Weekly Newsletter
- Complimentary Access to Legislative Breakfast
- Access to the **BIGPAC** Annual Report

RIVERPLACE PARTNER

\$365

- **BIGPAC** Lapel Pin
- Opportunity to Attend BIGPAC Check Distribution Events
- Invitation to Fundraising Events
- Access to **BIGPAC** Email Communications
- Access to the Upstate Chamber's Journal Weekly Newsletter
- Access to the **BIGPAC** Annual Report

Contributions or gifts to BIGPAC are not tax deductible. All contributions to BIGPAC are voluntary, for political purposes, and you may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contribution guidelines are merely suggestions; you may contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest, and you will not be favored or disadvantaged based on the amount of your contribution or your decision not to contribute.

Those who contribute less than \$365 a year will be considered "Friends of the PAC," and will receive lapel pin, along with access to the Upstate Chamber's weekly email The Journal, the PAC's annual report, and email communications.

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