

**Town of Carrboro
2017**

Proposed State and Federal Legislative Priorities

STATE ADVOCACY GOALS

Municipal Authority

- Oppose legislation that further erodes municipal authority.
- Amend the Law Enforcement Recordings/No Public Records law (SL 2016-88; House Bill 972) to provide local governments and law enforcement agencies with greater flexibility in the disclosure and release of dashboard and body-worn camera recordings.
- Oppose any further weakening of gun control laws, especially with regard to municipal and governmental properties, including parks and greenways, school properties, and college and university campuses.
- Oppose legislation that removes authority of municipalities to determine election schedules.

Affordable Housing/Tax Credits

- Support for Restoration of State Housing Tax Credits and Opportunity Tax Credits (or similar) as may be proposed during the session.
- Support for other affordable housing finance strategies.

Infrastructure/Utilities/Transportation

- Support removal the 10% cap on total state funding for a commuter rail or light rail project (N.C.G.S. 136-189.10(3)g)
- Support legislative efforts to expand of municipal broadband.
- Support legislation to protect Jordan Lake as a drinking water supply.
- Support for state or federal money that could help with extreme flooding that Carrboro has been experiencing in recent years.

Juvenile Jurisdiction

- Support of raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction to 18 to non-violent crimes

LGBTQ

- Oppose any religious freedom bill that allows discrimination against the LGBT community.
- Seek repeal of the Magistrates Recusal for Civil Ceremonies law (SL 2015-75; Senate Bill 2).
- Seek repeal of the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (SL 2016-3; House Bill 2).
- Support legislation that establishes statewide protections for LGBTQ citizens related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodation.

FEDERAL ADVOCACY GOALS

Environment

- Oppose legislation that would eliminate the EPA, as well as including efforts to limit greenhouse-gas emissions, limit the Clean Power Plan, or reduce rules imposed on oil, gas, and coal sectors.

Finance

- Support the passage of the federal e-fairness legislation.
- Support for state or federal money that could help with extreme flooding that Carrboro has been experiencing in recent years.

Healthcare

- Oppose healthcare reform efforts that would fully repeal the Affordable Care Act or discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions or drop coverage of children under the age of 26.

Trade/Human Rights

- Oppose any trade agreements (including the Trans Pacific Partnership) that include investor-state dispute arbitration and which undermine the ability of governments to enact laws to protect human rights, labor and environmental standards. (2014 Resolution Against Trade Agreements that Undermine the Ability of Governments to Enact and Enforce Laws to Protect Human Rights, Labor and the Environment provided as an agenda item attachment)