

TOWN OF CARRBORO LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2021 LONG SESSION

January 26, 2021: Motion was made by Council Member Seils, seconded by Council Member Slade to adopt the legislative priorities below:

- Funding assistance to fill revenue losses associated with COVID-19 Pandemic
- Broadband flexibility for local governments in a manner that would allow leasing infrastructure to private service providers
- Flooding and stormwater assistance
- Statewide source of funds (or another source of funds for schools to address utilities/stormwater mitigation)
- Police video camera footage viewing and release for governing boards
- Begin policy making and enact a program to allocate funding for reparations to governments at the local level, healing some of the deepest wounds we face today and reaffirming our commitment to a more inclusive future
- Full restoration of the public transportation budget's State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP)
- Authority for OWASA to safely reuse certain potable waters

Ayes (7): Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

TOWN OF CARRBORO ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2024 SESSION

- State building code reform and state level zoning reform for missing middle housing
- Expanding access to gender-affirming health care and reducing barriers to gender-affirming documentation and administration
- Legislation to raise the minimum wage to a living wage and to authorize local governments to raise the minimum wage in their jurisdictions above the state floor
 - to provide paid leave, such as sick leave and parental leave
 - to repeal “right to work” laws and extend the right to collective bargaining to public sector employees
- Statewide plan to safeguard water systems from PFAS/PFOA “forever chemicals,” including stricter drinking water standards
 - monitoring of forever chemicals in reservoirs, emergency intakes, community sewer and septic systems, and soil
 - carbon/reverse osmosis filtration systems; and public education and outreach
- Expand Central Pines Regional Council model municipal solar power buyers’ group
 - Protect Solar net metering
 - NC solar industry businesses need protection from changes proposed by Duke Energy to residential net metering
 - Demand transparency on Dukes attempt to change the rules for businesses and nonprofits who install solar. These changes would reduce the value of solar systems for those customers. Duke Energy has buried the changes deep in its ongoing rate-increase cases at the commission
- Expand EV vehicle charging stations
 - Establish subsidy programs to achieve equitable access for EV vehicle purchase