



Town of Carrboro SHORT SESSION 2018

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.
- Actively support strengthening 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.
- Support greater municipal authority for the expenditure of Tourism Development Funds to meet local needs.
- Support local authority to ban the use of thin, single-use plastic bags by retailers and stores (or be able to levy a use tax on them)

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.



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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.

- **MEDICAID EXPANSION/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** Actively support increased funding of services and staffing for mental health needs.



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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.
- Specific to David Price, would like us to discuss ability to reprogram CDBG funds in our small business loan program for greater flexibility to meet economic development needs; would like assurances that Post Office will collaborate with local government to enable more ideal egress/ingress, traffic flow, etc. in light of potential development opportunities and conversations with DOT

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 agenda item attachment)
- Reform ICE procedures: No secret police force. Federal marshals are enough. Raise bar very, very high for detention/deportation—violent criminal fugitives, high-volume drug trafficking, human trafficking,



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etc. Require greater transparency, notice of action to local government, notification of families, quality due process, etc for any action related to arrest/detention action.

- Full protection/expansion of DACA. Better yet, full protection of Dreamers, period.

Gun Control

- **Actively support strengthening of gun laws.**