



## Town of Carrboro SHORT SESSION 2018

### Proposed State and Federal Legislative Priorities

#### STATE ADVOCACY GOALS

##### **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.

##### **Criminal Justice**

- Apply to join the Pretrial Justice Institute's 3DaysCount initiative. Goals of 3DaysCount is to help states reduce unnecessary arrests by expanding the use of citations or summons, replace money bail with non-financial restrictive conditions, restrict detention to the small number of people for whom no condition or combination of conditions can reasonably assure appearance in court and public safety, and reduce disparity within the pretrial justice system
- 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.

##### **Environment**

- Develop a building code that matches what climate change science is calling for to avert runaway climate change
- Support NC Clean Path Initiatives
- Expand Mass Transit;
- Divest From Fossil Fuels;
- Let Dangerous Nuclear Power Plants Close; and
- Ban fracking.
- Transition to 100% Renewable Energy



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- Transfer renewable technologies to historically low emission per capita countries.
- Reject All New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure;
- Hold Corporate Polluters Accountable and Make Them Pay;
- Oppose offshore drilling

#### Finance

- Support legislation to exempt menstrual products from sales tax.
- Support greater municipal authority for the expenditure of Tourism Development Funds to meet local needs.

#### 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.

#### LGBTQ

- Oppose any religious freedom bill that allows discrimination against the LGBTQ community.
- Seek repeal of the Magistrates Recusal for Civil Ceremonies law (SL 2015-75; Senate 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/Access to Healthcare

- Actively support increased funding of services and staffing for mental health needs.



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- Support Gov. Cooper's proposal to legislature requesting additional funding so public schools and colleges can make building safety improvements and hire school-based nurses, psychologists and police officers.

#### **Municipal Authority**

- Oppose legislation that further erodes municipal authority.
- Oppose legislation that removes authority of municipalities to determine election schedules.
- 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).
- Allow Home Rule in N.C.

#### **Social Justice**

- Support the removal of Silent Sam Statue on UNC's Campus.



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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.
- Support NC Clean Path Initiatives
- Take action to address NC's (U.S.) responsibility for the carbon that it has put into the atmosphere by bringing CO2 back to a safe level below 350 ppm in time for a 90% probability of success in averting runaway climate change. Do so in a manner that is equitable towards nations that have not built their economies by dumping carbon into our shared atmosphere. Some actions include:
  - Transition to 100% Renewable Energy
  - Transfer renewable technologies to historically low emission per capita countries.
  - Reject All New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure;
  - Hold Corporate Polluters Accountable and Make Them Pay;
  - Fight the Trump Plan to Open up the Atlantic Ocean for Oil and Gas Drilling (including support for H.R. 2242 Keep It in the Ground Act of 2017) ;
  - Expand Mass Transit;
  - Divest From Fossil Fuels;
  - Let Dangerous Nuclear Power Plants Close; and
  - Ban fracking.

##### Equality/Social Justice

- College for all Act (H.R. 1880);
- Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 15) (Thank you for co-sponsoring!);
- Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (H.R. 771) (Thank you for co-sponsoring!);
- Automatic Voter Registration Act (H.R. 2840);



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- Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017 (H.R. 3227);

#### 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
- Defund war;
- Repeal tax cuts for the rich and replace with a progressive tax system that significantly increases taxes on the obscene wealth concentration by the richest people and corporations;
- Tax and Dividend on fossil fuels;
- Financial Trading transaction tax (H.R. 1144 Inclusive Prosperity Act);
- No more fossil fuel subsidies;
- Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017 (H.R. 3227);

#### Gun Control

- Actively support strengthening of gun laws.

#### 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.
- Support single payer health care (Thank you for co-sponsoring H.R. 676 Medicare for all Act);
- Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (H.R. 771) (Thank you for co-sponsoring!);



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- Work with Bernie Sanders to introduce in the House a Federal Jobs Guarantee program.  
<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2018/04/23/embracing-sort-bold-thinking-we-need-sanders-introduce-plan-guarantee-every-american>

#### 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, 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.