



Legislation Text

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Consideration of Additional 2024 Legislative Priorities

PURPOSE: This agenda item is so the Town Council can discuss and consider legislative priorities for 2024.

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COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Race/Equity Climate Comprehensive Plan Other

The Town Council will consider all directions of race/equity, climate, and the comprehensive plan as part of considering legislative priorities.

INFORMATION: At the January 10, 2023 Town Council meeting, the Town Council considered an item entitled “Consideration of North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Municipal Advocacy Goals and Other Legislative Priorities” and discussed the 16 legislative goals recommended by the NCLM Board of Directors as part of NCLM’s legislative goals development process. The Council approved by unanimous vote to endorse the following 10 legislative priorities from the 16 legislative goals recommended by the NCLM Board of Directors and to designate the Town Clerk to be the voting delegate for the Town on the following goals:

1. Expand federal and state resources for affordable housing.
2. Create an adequate and permanent funding stream for local infrastructure.
3. Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
4. Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
5. Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
6. Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
7. Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
8. Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
9. Provide authority to municipal water systems to recoup costs of clean-up from polluters.
10. Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.

(Attachment A)

Agenda materials from the January 10, 2023 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5988204&GUID=A1A5B248-B29C-4C29-BF88-989C315FE23D&Options=ID|Text|Other|&Search=legislative+priorities>

Furthermore, a list of the Town Council-approved legislative priorities for the Town of Carrboro for adoption is found in Attachment B.

Typically, the legislative priorities for the Town are considered and adopted by the Town Council in January each year with a legislative breakfast or dinner to follow in late January to allow Council to discuss these priorities with the local General Assembly members. The legislative priorities are scheduled for late January and the legislative breakfast for 2024 will be early February to stay ahead of schedule of typical bill filing deadlines at the General Assembly.

A legislative breakfast is scheduled for Friday, February 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Town Council consider any additional legislative priorities to discuss with the local delegation at the upcoming legislative breakfast.