



Federal & State Legislative Agendas

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2024 Legislative Agendas

Annual legislative agendas communicate the Mayor and City Council's 2024 federal and state legislative goals

Goals are based upon City Council strategic priorities

- Achievable in the current economic and political climates
- Actionable through legislation, budgets, grant requests in 2024
- Do no harm

Be ready to work with majority party, Delegations, and others

- Mecklenburg County and Towns
- Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
- NC League of Municipalities, NC Metro Mayors, and other statewide groups
- US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, and other nationwide groups

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2024 Legislative Sessions

2024 is Presidential election year

- One-third of US Senate and entire US House of Representatives
- Governor, Council of State and NC General Assembly offices
- Mecklenburg County Commission

US Congress convenes on January 8 and 9

- Both houses in session week of March 11 – 13 when NLC meets in DC
- More frequent district and in-state work periods

General Assembly convenes Short Session on April 24

- Bill filing restrictions in place for the short session
- Two-month sprint to the finish around July 4

2024 US Congress Issues

New policy proposals unlikely to be considered during Presidential election years

House and Senate leadership have profound differences in funding for federal programs

House majority supports reductions for

- Capital Investment, RAISE, and rail infrastructure grants
- FAA funding for national airspace system technology
- Immigration services
- Community violence intervention and domestic violence grants
- Clean water and drinking water State Revolving Loan funds
- Funding for environmental justice, energy efficiency and clean technology
- Funding for HOME Investment Partnership, Choice Neighborhoods, and PRO Housing programs, and Housing Choice Vouchers

2024 NC General Assembly Issues

New policy proposals unlikely to be considered during short sessions

2023 carryover legislation eligible for 2024

- Landlord-Tenant and HOA Changes (HB 551 – Bradford)
- Land Use Clarification and Changes (SB 675 – Lee)
- Revised Pharmacy Benefits Manager Provisions (HB 246 – Sasser)
- Backflow Preventers / Local authority (SB 106 – Krawiec)
- Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units (HB 409 – Winslow)
- Private Commercial Building Inspections (HB 893 – Brody)

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2024 Legislative Issues

Infrastructure

- Mobility

Economic Development

- Aviation
- Upward Mobility
- Digital Inclusion
- Immigration (federal only)

Community

- Public Safety
- Environment
- Housing

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Mobility

Advance solutions to mobility needs, including the implementation of smart policies that advance next generation personal and commercial mobility systems, in conjunction with stakeholders, legislators, and state and federal agencies

Federal Focus

Support federal resources to build-out the Strategic Mobility Plan

Support federal resources to support freight and passenger rail initiatives

State Focus

State authority to enable build-out of the Strategic Mobility Plan

Aviation

Strengthen the foundation of Charlotte Douglas International Airport for future success

Federal Focus

Secure letter of intent for fourth parallel runway

Support federal resources for aviation

State Focus

Support the NC Airport Improvement Program

Upward Mobility

Support the economic development, workforce development, and other programs that grow the economy, attract talent, reduce unemployment and poverty rates, and enable people to generate long-term wealth

Federal Focus

Support federal resources for Corridors of Opportunity projects

Support federal resources in support of local and regional economic and workforce development initiatives

State Focus

Support state economic development programs

Access pass-through workforce development funding administered by the State

Digital Inclusion

Support policies and funding that advance digital inclusion so that all members of the community can access digital opportunities for commerce and education

Federal Focus

Support federal resources to appropriately fund the federal Affordable Connectivity Program

State Focus

Access pass-through federal digital inclusion funding administered by the State

Support extension of broadband to rural areas

Immigration

Support federal immigration policies that strengthen our economy and workforce, immigrant families and communities

Federal Focus

- Improving the H-1B Visa process
- Establishing pathways to citizenship
- Increasing resources for refugee resettlement

Public Safety

Support policies and funding that further initiatives to lower crime, increase community safety, and redeploy resources to areas of highest and best use, all of which serve to strengthen public confidence in the public safety and judicial systems

Federal Focus

Support federal resources for fire and police services

State Focus

Access pass-through public safety federal funding administered by the State
Carryover 2023 legislation

Environment

Support policies and funding for initiatives that advance clean water, drinking water, and sustainability and resilience

Federal Focus

Support federal resources for environmental programs

Support Low-Income Household Water Assistance program

Support funding for implementing the proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Regulation

Support environmental justice

State Focus

Access pass-through environmental funding administered by the State

Carryover 2023 legislation

Housing

Support policies and funding that enable families to live in safe, affordable housing, provide opportunities that align with creating thriving neighborhoods, and mitigate the impacts of displacement and gentrification

Federal Focus

Support federal resources for housing programs

Improve federal housing voucher programs to encourage greater private sector participation

State Focus

Access pass-through housing tax credits administered by the State

Carryover 2023 legislation

Legislative Calendar

Date	Event
January 8	Present staff-proposed 2024 state and federal legislative issues to Committee
January 8 and 9	2024 US Senate and US House sessions, respectively, convene
February 5	Committee recommends 2024 state and federal legislative priorities to City Council
February 5	Committee Chair reports out committee recommendations to Mayor and Council
February 12	Action Review presentation of Committee recommendations
February 26	Charlotte City Council adopts 2024 state and federal legislative priorities
March 11 – 13	Brief Congressional Delegation on 2024 federal legislative priorities while at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC
April 2 – 12	Brief State Delegation on 2024 state legislative priorities
April 24	2024 NC General Assembly short session convenes

Questions and Answers