

# Federal & State Legislative Agendas

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

## Overview

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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, and shorter sessions
  - 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

# 2024 Legislative Issues

- ▶ **Infrastructure**
  - Mobility
- ▶ **Economic Development**
  - Aviation
  - Upward Mobility
  - Digital Inclusion
  - Immigration (Federal only)
- ▶ **Community**
  - Public Safety
  - Environment
  - Housing

# 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 for build-out of the Strategic Mobility Plan
- ▶ Support federal resources for 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 (\$450 million request)
- ▶ 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, workforce readiness, 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

- ▶ Improve the H-1B Visa process
- ▶ Establish pathways to citizenship
- ▶ Increase 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 federal public safety funding administered by the State
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

# 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 additional funding for PFAS, Lead-Service Line Replacement, Low-Income Household Water Assistance programs
- ▶ Support environmental justice initiatives

## State Focus

- ▶ Access pass-through environmental funding administered by the State
- ▶ PFAS regulation consistency between federal and state governments
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

# 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
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

## Suggested Motion

**Move that the Committee recommend the 2024 federal and state legislative issues and focus areas presented by staff to the Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on February 5 be adopted as the committee-proposed 2024 federal and state legislative agendas**

## Next Steps

- ▶ **February 5: Council Committee Discussion**
- ▶ **February 12: Staff presents proposals at Action Review**
- ▶ **February 26: City Council consideration**

# Legislative Calendar

Date	Event
February 5	Committee Chair reports out committee recommendations to Mayor and Council
February 12	Action Review presentation of Committee recommendations
February 26	Council consideration of the 2024 state and federal legislative priorities
March 6	NCLM Regional Town & State Dinner (Concord, NC)
March 11 – 13	Brief Congressional Delegation on 2024 federal legislative priorities while at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC
April 2 – 3, 9 – 11 TBD	Brief State Delegation on 2024 state legislative priorities
April 24	2024 NC General Assembly short session convenes
May 7	Raleigh Reception sponsored by Charlotte Regional Business Alliance

## Questions and Answers