

Policy Referral

Legislation on Quality of Life / Public Safety Issues

BUDGET, GOVERNANCE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Policy Referral Summary

◀ Policy Question

What legislative support is needed to advance partnerships and initiatives designed to enhance Quality of Life and address safety issues for our communities?

◀ Committee Charge

- Review current programs and initiatives and partnerships that support **Quality of Life and/or address public safety needs**.
- Determine any additional **legislative support** needed to advance public safety and QoL for Charlotte.
- Determine any **recommendations** to include in Charlotte's 2026 State Legislative Agenda.

Current Legislative Agendas

◀ 2025 State Legislative Agenda

- **Public Safety:** Support initiatives to reduce community violence and improve disaster preparedness
 - Alternative special separation allowance to address LEO retention (SL 2025-8)
- **Court System:** Support Mecklenburg County state court agencies as they seek the allocation of additional state resources for their operations
 - Additional prosecutorial and legal assistant positions approved (SL 2025-93)

◀ 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda

- **Public Safety:** Support initiatives to reduce community violence, improve disaster preparedness, and administer justice fairly and quickly
 - Need for enhanced airport security and international arrival screening staffing levels were addressed with the Congressional Delegation

Determine Additional Legislative Support Needed to Advance Public Safety, QoL

◀ **October – December**

- Receive early feedback from Council Committee on important topics areas to inform process
- Legislative agenda development process in conducted with City departments for 2026

◀ **January**

- Staff presents department-proposed 2026 legislative agenda items for BGIR discussion (Jan. 5)

◀ **February**

- BGIR adopts State/Federal Legislative Agenda (Feb. 2)
- Council adopts State/Federal Legislative Agenda (Feb. 23)

◀ **March**

- Congressional delegation briefings (Mar 18)
- State delegation briefing (TBD late March to early April)

◀ **April**

- NCGA short session commences (April 21st)

Committee Discussion on Topics for Potential 2026 Legislative Agenda

Examples:

- ◀ Local law enforcement recruitment/retention
- ◀ Additional funding for state justice system
- ◀ Investment in mental health facilities and services

BGIR Committee Next Steps

- 1. Discuss and prioritize key focus areas today**
- 2. Agree on process/timeline to advance referral discussion with Committee and Council**