



# Federal & State Legislative Update

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## Overview

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## US Congress

### House and Senate will be returning after the midterm elections to finish up their business

- FY 2023 Appropriations
- National Defense Authorization Act
- Respect for Marriage Act (HR 8404)
- Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act (S 4573)

### November 8 General Election

- History and political outlook indicate probable Republican control of the House starting in 2023, while the Senate is a toss-up at this point

## 2023 US Congress

### 2023 session starts on January 3

#### Republican leadership in Congress would focus on:

- Greater oversight of the Administration
- Examine allegations of political, military, and business influence over the US by the People's Republic of China
- Codifying the expiring provisions of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017

#### If Republicans do secure leadership of one or both chambers of Congress, Administration will refocus its efforts on implementation of legislative accomplishments

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021
- Inflation Reduction Act of 2022
- CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

### FY 2024 Appropriations

## NC General Assembly

### General Assembly finished the bulk of its work in late June

- November 15 – 17
- December 13

### November 8 General Election

- Democrats focusing on sustaining Governor's veto power
- Republicans want supermajorities to overturn Governor's vetoes, which precludes need for them to work across the aisle on controversial and sensitive issues

### Current Composition

- House: 69 Republicans to 51 Democrats (3 seats shy of supermajority)
- Senate: 28 Republicans to 22 Democrats (2 seats shy of supermajority)

## 2023 NC General Assembly

### 2023 long session starts January 11

#### State Money Issues:

- State Budget: Biennial budget for State FY 2024 and FY 2025
- State of the Economy: Fears of recession
- K-12 Education: Judicial order to appropriate substantially more funding to satisfy the Leandro decision
- Transportation: Need for additional funding to meet Statewide operational and construction needs

## 2023 NC General Assembly

### Statewide Policy Issues:

- Administration Oversight: Relatively slow pace of recovery from impacts of Hurricanes Matthew (2016) and Florence (2018)
- Redistricting: Congressional and NC General Assembly districts
- Medicaid Expansion: Expanding Access to Healthcare (HB 149 – Lambeth)
- Gambling: Sports Wagering (SB 688 – Perry)
- Medical Cannabis: NC Compassionate Care Act (SB 711 – Rabon)

## Engagement Strategy with the General Assembly

**Referral Deliverable**: Sustainable strategy to guide Mayor and Council in developing stronger and deeper relationships with members of the General Assembly

### **Purposes**:

- Enhance and preserve legislative authorities
- Enable both local and state elected officials to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the challenges that the other faces in their policy-making roles

## Engagement Strategy with the General Assembly

**Staff was requested by Chairperson Ajmera to present a three-point framework of an Engagement Strategy that focuses on Mobility**

### **Point 1: Focus on mobility**

- Since mobility is a regional issue, need to think regionally
- Commitment from other counties, municipalities and other stakeholders
- Centralina Regional Council encompasses nine NC counties and 40 State legislators
- Charlotte Regional Business Alliance encompasses 12 NC counties and 46 State legislators

## Engagement Strategy with the General Assembly

### **Point 2: Develop communications strategy**

- Work with our regional and legislative partners on common set of talking points and background information

### **Point 3: Identify dates for visits to the General Assembly**

- Work with our regional and legislative partners on scheduling

#### **Tentative Dates that may work for City of Charlotte**

Wednesday, February 1	Wednesday, February 15
Wednesday, March 1	Wednesday, March 15
Wednesday, April 5	Wednesday, April 19

## Next Steps

Date	Event
December 5	Committee hears legislative requests Continue discussion on Engagement with General Assembly
January 3	Committee proposes legislative agendas at Committee meeting followed that evening by Council Committee Discussion Continue discussion on Engagement with General Assembly US Congress convenes
January 9	Staff presents proposed legislative agendas to City Council at Action Review
January 11	NC General Assembly Organizational Session (one-day)
January 23	City Council consideration of legislative agendas
January 25	NC General Assembly reconvenes long session
January 30 – February 10	State Delegation Briefing
March 26 – 29	Congressional Briefings

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## Questions and Answers

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