

2017 Wake County Legislative Goals

I. Guiding Principles

- 1. Support legislation that retains local revenues and local control.
- 2. Oppose legislation creating unfunded mandates to counties or shifts costs to counties.
- 3. Support legislation that grants greater flexibility to counties.

II. Local Legislative Goals

- 1. Prevent the relaxation of environmental protections for drinking water supplies
- 2. Increase access to healthcare for county residents through Medicaid expansion or similar alternatives
- 3. Improve economic development and social vitality through the repeal of HB2

III. Statewide Legislative Goals Submitted by Wake County (Included in Approved NCACC Goals)

- 4. GG-1: Support increased state funding for transportation construction and maintenance needs, and support legislation to ensure that the STI funding formula recognizes that one size does not fit all and that projects in both rural and urban areas are prioritized and funded.
- 5. GG-2: Seek legislation to authorize counties to require HOAs or developers to post maintenance bonds for publicly dedicated subdivision roads, require DOT to expedite acceptance of subdivision roads into the state road system, and implement a statewide approach to maintaining pre-subdivision ordinance roads.
- 6. GG-3: Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the un-served and under-served areas of the state.
- 7. HHS-1: Support increased state funding for behavioral health services and facilities at the state and local level, including dedicated resources for community paramedicine projects. Support Medicaid reimbursement to EMS for behavioral health transport to crisis centers and structure appropriate county participation in behavioral health program governance.
- 8. JPS-2: Support increased state funding for NC courts, including reinstating funding for drug treatment court.
- 9. PE-3: Support legislation to provide for an overall increase of funding based on average daily memberships outside of the current formula system.
- 10. TF-1: Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties, and oppose efforts to divert to the state fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties to the state. Oppose efforts to erode existing county revenue streams and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.

IV. NCACC Statewide Legislative Goals

11. Adopt 2017 NCACC Legislative Goals Package