

Item Title: Approve Wake County Board Goals, Objectives and Initiatives for 2017

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the Wake County Board Goals, Objectives and Initiatives for 2017.

Item Summary:

The Board of Commissioners and staff have worked to develop goals, objectives and initiatives for Wake County. The Board refined the goals and objectives at Work Sessions in April, August and October. The eight goal areas identified by the Board include objectives and initiatives that will guide the organization towards achievement of the Board's desired goals.

The Board Goals include:

- **Community Health** - Promote an effective behavioral and physical health system of care and practices that benefits all residents.
- **Economic Strength** - Create a business-friendly environment to attract, retain and grow business, diversify the economic base and create job opportunities for all citizens.
- **Education** - Through collaboration with education stakeholders, achieve a well-educated, skilled citizenry prepared for success in a global workforce.
- **Great Government** - Promote a vision of a county government that partners with all levels of government to empower, protect and serve its citizens through a culture of respect, collaboration and innovation.
- **Growth and Sustainability** - Establish a deliberate and realistic approach to address growth and mobility while preserving our environment and healthy communities.
- **People, Arts and Culture** - Apply an interdisciplinary approach to seek out and harness the strengths of our diverse community and develop policies that reflect positive values, enhance our cultural activities, support artistic expression and improve quality of life.
- **Public Safety** - Provide a safe and secure community through coordinated, efficient and effective public safety services.
- **Social and Economic Vitality** - Improve economic and social opportunities in vulnerable communities through strategic partnerships.

Attachments:

1. Wake County Board Goals, Objectives and Initiatives for 2017