



Guiding Legislative Principles

Support Greater Flexibility for Counties
Support Equity and Inclusion Efforts
Oppose Removal of Authority from Counties

Support Funding to Counties
Oppose Unfunded Mandates or Cost Shifts

Updated Recommendation 2024 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

Education

1. Support funding for education that is not based on the economic development tier system, does not supplant, or reduce existing funding measures and recognizes the needs of rural and urban counties.
2. Support Child Care Stabilization Grant funding for child care centers.

Health and Human Services

1. Support funding and policies that address housing security such as access to affordable housing, impact of investor-owned properties, and support for older adults aging in place.
2. Support immigration policies that address needs of immigrant families as well as strengthen our economy and workforce.
3. Support funding and policies addressing increased access to care including, primary and behavioral health, early childhood development, and federal qualified health centers.
4. Advocate for policies and additional resources that assist initiatives related to reducing community violence and increasing public safety.

Community

1. Support funding and policies addressing residential “orphan” roads in unincorporated areas.
2. Support policies and funding that advance digital inclusion and access to technology.

3. Support funding and policies that promote attracting and retaining a talented workforce and increase workforce development opportunities.
4. Support increase in funding to the Judicial Branch that will allow local jurisdictions to expand staffing capacity to align with caseload ratios as recommended by national court practice standards.

Environment

1. Support local control over stormwater mitigation and repeal of state laws restricting guidelines on redevelopment projects.
2. Support funding and policies tackling needs addressed in the Mecklenburg Environmental Leadership Action Plan such as,
 - regional resilience
 - resource conservation
 - solid waste management
 - equal protection and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.
3. Support a regulatory definition of transportation that includes an active multi-modal transportation network such as shared use paths, greenways, trails, protected bike and pedestrian lanes, sidewalks, and public transit.