

GUIDING LEGISLATIVE
PRINCIPLES

Support Funding to Counties
Support Greater Flexibility for Counties
Support Equity and Inclusion Efforts

Oppose Removal of Authority from Counties
Oppose Unfunded Mandates or Cost Shifts

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Educational
Attainment

Support funding and legislation for public education that does not supplant or reduce existing funding measures and recognizes the needs of rural and urban counties.

Support legislation promoting public school teacher and classified school personnel recruitment and retention, including state funding for increased salaries.



Housing
Insecurity

Advocate for legislation increasing income eligibility limits in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption.

Support efforts to improve housing affordability and protect homeownership for families by expanding existing tax credits and addressing concerns of large-investors and corporate-owned housing.



Early Childhood
Development

Advocate for recurring funding for early childhood education, childcare services, and pre-K programs.



Environmental
Stewardship

Support legislation authorizing local control over stormwater management and repeal of state laws restricting guidelines on redevelopment projects.

Support funding and legislation promoting regional resilience, disaster preparedness and mitigation, resource conservation, solid waste management, equal protection and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

Support funding to research and combat invasive species.



Health
Access

Advocate for legislation that promotes opioid and other substance use prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery initiatives.

Oppose the opt-in requirement for parental consent for preventive health screenings.

Support efforts to address food insecurity, eliminate food deserts, and establish farm cooperatives within communities of need.

Support funding and legislation addressing increased access to care including primary and behavioral health, and federal qualified health centers.



Workforce
Development

Oppose amendments that would weaken legislation designed to attract and retain a talented workforce and increase workforce development opportunities.

Support funding and legislation that advance digital inclusion, broadband and access to technology for all residents.





Justice and Public Safety

Advocate for substance abuse treatment, behavioral health, and other medical services for justice-involved individuals, including services for incarcerated individuals prior to their release as well as individuals detained pretrial.

Support state funding for the Judicial Branch that will allow local jurisdictions to expand staffing capacity to align with caseload ratios as recommended by national court practice standards.

Support funding and legislation directed at initiatives related to reducing community violence and increasing public safety.



Tax and Finance

Support legislation to replace the existing sales tax refund for local governments and nonprofit entities with a sales tax exemption.

Support legislation amending or repealing the Anti-Pension Spiking Contribution-Based Benefit Cap.



Transportation

Advocate for legislation enabling a countywide referendum on a one-percent local sales tax to fund mobility initiatives -- including the expansion of roads, bus, and light rail systems, and orphan road maintenance -- and the ability to establish a regional transit authority.

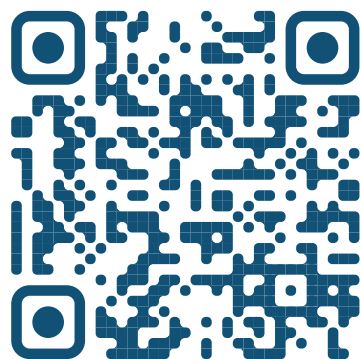


General Government

Advocate for legislation providing for 4-year terms for Mecklenburg County Commissioners.

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About Mecklenburg County

Mecklenburg County is home to approximately 1.2 million residents. It is comprised of the City of Charlotte and the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville. The Board of County Commissioners, County leadership and staff are committed to creating a community of pride and choice for people to live, learn, work, and recreate while helping residents to improve their lives and community. The County's Park and Recreation department includes over 230 parks with various amenities and 2 stadiums, approximately 75 miles of greenway trails, and 225 miles of park trails. In addition, the County has 7,704 acres of agricultural land and 165 farms. There is also a rich culture of arts and entertainment and a range of professional and minor league sports teams creating a vibrant atmosphere downtown. Mecklenburg County is a leader in business and has one of the fastest growing business economies in the nation. The robust community of colleges and universities provides an opportunity for graduates to thrive in the County's top industries include banking and finance, healthcare, energy, manufacturing, and technology.