



## Mecklenburg County 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda

### Health and Human Services

- Oppose new restrictions, or funding reductions for programs utilized to support self-sufficiency such as the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.
- Support funding for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- Support policies and funding that address opioid and mental health issues.
- Protect Federal-State-Local Partnership for Medicaid and support increasing flexibility to support local systems of care.
- Secure assistance to support integrated health and human services in Community Resource Centers.

### Education and Community Development

- Seek federal support for universal child care initiatives such as Pre-K programs and Head Start.
- Support federal programs that increase affordable housing opportunities.
- Support programs and funding related to HOME and Community Development Block Grants.

### Infrastructure and Finance

- Support policies that allocate more funding for regional transit infrastructure, increased local decision-making authority and prioritized federal investments that increase economic development, mobility and safety.
- Support expansion of EPA funding for air quality and environment support programs.
- Support stable tax policies that benefit counties, such as the continued treatment of municipal bonds as tax exempt.

### Public Safety and Criminal Justice

- Support federal funding and policies focused on illegal drug and alcohol abuse diversion.
- Support federal funding and policies that address juvenile crime prevention, domestic abuse prevention and mental health treatment.

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