



# **Proposed 2024 Legislative Agenda**

Presented to the Mecklenburg  
Board of County Commissioners  
February 6, 2024

# Presentation Overview

Federal Outlook

State Outlook

2024 Proposed Legislative Agenda

\*Recommended by Intergovernmental Relations Committee

\*Updated Recommendation



# Federal Outlook

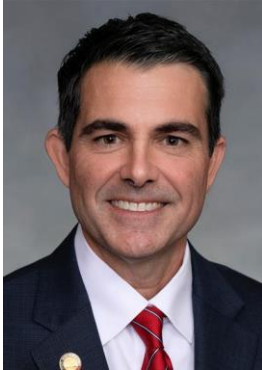
## Congressional Delegation



- Budget/Tax Deal (March Deadlines)
- Border/Immigration Regulations
- Foreign Affairs

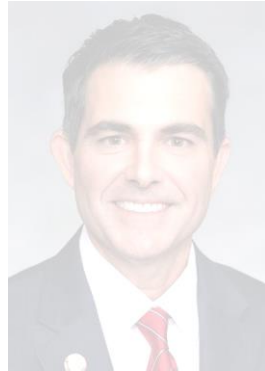


# State Outlook - Senate and House Delegation





# State Delegation Changes



# State Outlook – Short Session 2024

## Short Session 2024

- Budget Updates
- Technical Adjustments
- “Left-over” Bills
- Court Rulings
- Interim Committee Recommendations



# Proposed 2024 Legislative Agenda

- Continuation of 2023 Agenda
- Aligns with BOCC 2-year Priority Cycle
- Aligns with 2-Year State Legislative Cycle
- Broadens Collaborative Opportunities
- Continues Guiding Principles / Updated Priorities\*



# Legislative Priority Buckets

Education\*

Health and Human Services

Community

Environment\*





# Legislative Priority - Education



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~~Support fully funding the Leandro case court-ordered comprehensive remedial plan without supplanting or reducing existing funding measures.~~ **Support Child Care Stabilization Grant funding for child care centers.**



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# Legislative Priority – Health and Human Services

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



# Legislative Priority – Community



- Support funding and policies addressing “orphan” roads.
- Support digital inclusion and access to technology.
- Support attracting and retaining a talented workforce and workforce development opportunities.
- 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.





# Legislative Priority - Environment

- Support local control over stormwater mitigation and repeal of state laws restricting guidelines on redevelopment projects.
- Support funding and policies tackling needs addressed in the Mecklenburg Environmental Action Plan such as,
  - reginal resilience
  - pollution reduction
  - resource conservation
  - solid waste management
  - ~~climate preparedness~~
  - equal protection and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations ~~including using a racial equity lens when implementing actions and during environmental decision-making.~~
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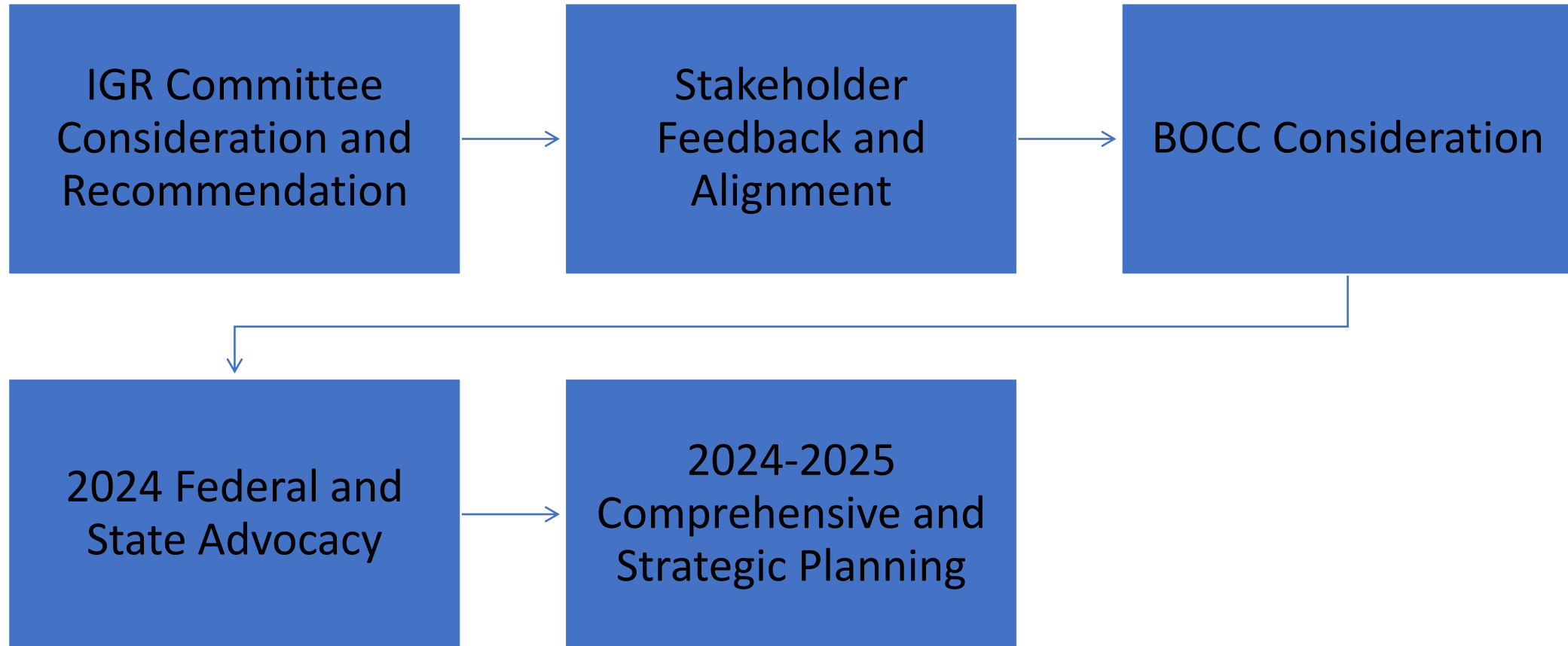
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## Process and Next Steps







Thank you