



**Council Member Foushee made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell that the following Carrboro Town Council 2023 Legislative Priorities be approved:**

## **CARRBORO TOWN COUNCIL 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

*Adopted March 21, 2023*

1. NC League of Municipalities priorities (endorsed on January 10, 2023)
  - a. Expand federal and state resources for affordable housing.
  - b. Create an adequate and permanent funding stream for local infrastructure.
  - c. Allow municipalities to use local resources and capabilities to expand broadband access in their communities through innovative partnerships.
  - d. Extend deadlines for completion of federal infrastructure projects.
  - e. Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance for municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
  - f. Support integrated and multi-modal transportation solutions.
  - g. Increase state funding for public transportation operations.
  - h. Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.
  - i. Provide authority to municipal water systems to recoup costs of clean-up from polluters.
  - j. Provide local revenue options beyond property tax.
2. Broadband flexibility for local governments in a manner that would allow leasing infrastructure to private service providers.
3. Flooding and stormwater assistance.
4. Statewide source of funds (or another source of funds) for schools to address utilities/stormwater mitigation.
5. Police video camera footage viewing and release for governing boards.
6. Begin policy making and enact a program to allocate funding for reparations to governments at the local level, healing some of the deepest wounds we face today and reaffirming our commitment to a more inclusive future.
7. Authority for OWASA to safely reuse certain potable waters.
8. Legislation to raise the minimum wage to a living wage and to authorize local governments to raise the minimum wage in their jurisdictions above the state floor; to provide paid leave, such as sick leave and parental leave; and to repeal “right to work” laws and extend the right to collective bargaining to public sector employees.
9. Statewide plan to safeguard water systems from PFAS/PFOA “forever chemicals,” including stricter drinking water standards; monitoring of forever chemicals in reservoirs, emergency intakes, community sewer and septic systems, and soil; carbon/reverse osmosis filtration systems; and public education and outreach.

10. Campaign finance reform legislation to counteract the effects of *Citizens United v FEC*.
11. Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO–Capital Area MPO Joint Transportation Policy Priorities for the Triangle Metro Region.
12. Climate action at the speed, scale, and breadth called for by science and climate justice principles.
13. Comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.

**Ayes: Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Sammy Slade.**

