



TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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SUBJECT: City of Greensboro 2016 Legislative Agenda Items

2016 Legislative Agenda

1. Body Worn Camera Legislation: Legislation has been introduced.
2. Resist Delay Obstruct: Revise the charge to reflect two separate offenses – one for Resisting Arrest, another for Delay-Obstruction. Representative Faircloth indicated he will recommend evaluation of this matter and possible introduction in the 2017 long session.
3. Sales Tax Redistribution: Greensboro supports maintaining an equitable level of sales taxes and opposes a redistribution plan that reduces urban tax receipts. (This item was adopted last year. The Metro Mayors Coalition has indicated that the State may revisit this topic.)
4. Minority/Women's Contracting: City Council requests a Local Act that gives Greensboro an enhanced ability to provide for MWBE contracting.
5. Tuition Equity: Support legislation that allows in-state resident status for students who are undocumented or are citizens who have attended school in North Carolina for at least three consecutive years prior to graduation and received a diploma, or have obtained a GED from North Carolina. This item was introduced as SB 463 in the 2015 session, but it did not make crossover.
6. Presumptive Disability for Fire fighters: This bill would seek recognition that a disability can arise from a series of harmful exposures, not just a single event or accident. Presumptive disability allows for a disability claim to be made because of the cumulative effects of exposure to toxins or pollutants. This was a state-wide bill introduced as HB 666 in the 2015 session and sponsored by Saine, Hardister, Boles, and Faircloth. This bill failed to make crossover.

Greensboro Partnership 2016 Legislative Agenda

1. Economic Development: the Greensboro and High Point business community respectfully ask for continuation of funding for economic development programs like



JDIG and OneNC at competitive levels to attract the jobs and investment needed to grow our economy. In addition, we support a crowd funding platform for the state that will allow entrepreneurs and small businesses to raise much needed capital to start or grow.

2. Aviation: the Piedmont Triad International Airport employs 5,000 people directly and 15,000 – 20,000 people indirectly, representing a substantial job creator and magnet for North Carolina’s growing aviation sector. We appreciate the General Assembly’s commitment to local and regional airports and seek continuation of planned funding.
3. Transportation: the Greensboro and High Point business community appreciates the General Assembly’s investment in transportation infrastructure to support job growth. We ask for continuation of planned funding for the Greensboro Urban Loop to ensure its completion as scheduled in 2020. We seek your support as we prepare for development and construction of Lexington Avenue Gateway between the Greensboro Urban Loop and High Point University to improve connectivity between High Point and the Triad area.
4. High Point Furniture Market: We thank you for funding High Point Market Authority at the budgeted amounts of \$1.2 million for transportation and \$1.2 million for marketing and respectfully ask for its continuation.