



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem Legislative Priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session
City Council Committee	General Government Committee
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Dr. Shaleen Miller
Department Head	Dr. Shaleen Miller
City Manager/ACM	Dr. Angel Wright-Lanier, ACM

Agenda Item Summary

Recommended Council Action	Resolution Approval
Suggested Motion Options	Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem Legislative Priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session
Strategic Focus Area	Community Advocacy and Engagement
Strategic Plan Objective	CAE3: Lobbying Local, State, and Federal Partners
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	No Estimate Available

Summary of Information

Resolution authorizing and adopting the City of Winston-Salem’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda.

Winston-Salem through its State Representation and in conjunction with our lobbyist, submitted bill requests per the 2025 Legislative agenda. In the 2025 “Long” session of the North Carolina General Assembly, the Legislature considered some of the bills; however, the City’s requested bill language did not receive final passage. As a result, certain local policy reforms remain unaddressed. The 2026 Legislative agenda includes several of these unaddressed priorities.

In addition, this year, the NC General Assembly introduced many bills that potentially affect the city. In order to respond more swiftly and timely, this agenda introduces a general list of priorities for the City to allow our advocacy partners to actively engage with state legislators as they monitor bill status.

This item approves the City of Winston-Salem Legislative Priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session, which are attached.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact

Specific fiscal impact is dependent on the priority and the bills considered. The goal is to make a positive fiscal impact for the city.

Attachments

- Resolutions
- Presentation
- Legislative Priorities Document

Committee Action	GG 12/8/2025
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For:	Against:
Remarks:	Approved