

## Information Item

**Date:** February 5, 2018  
**To:** The City Manager  
**From:** Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

**Subject:**  
Resolution Adopting the City of Winston-Salem's 2018 Legislative Priorities

**Strategic Focus Area:** Economic Vitality and Diversity

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



The attached Legislative Priorities Package for 2018, which is recommended for your approval, contains a master resolution with three draft bills and one resolution as described below:

1. An Act Allowing the City of Winston-Salem to sell real property for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable housing low and moderate income persons upon such terms and conditions it deems wise. This bill, if enacted, will afford the City Council greater flexibility in disposing of real property to increase the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income persons. The City of Charlotte has legislation of a similar nature.
2. An Act Amending G.S. 58-47-60 to exempt the City from the definition of Third Party Administrator. This bill, if enacted, will allow the City to administer workers' compensation claims for Transdev, the company managing the City's bus system, without being considered a Third Party Administrator and triggering the licensing requirements that such entails.
3. An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem to Authorize the City to establish a Small Business Enterprise Program to promote the development of small businesses within the Forsyth County area and enhance opportunities for such small business to participate in City contracts. The cities of Durham and Fayetteville obtained similar legislation in 2011 and 2017, respectively.

The other resolution included in the legislative package strongly encourages the Task Force on Sentencing Reforms for Opioid Drug Convictions and the North Carolina General Assembly to consider various avenues to assist those convicted solely of opioid offences including but limited to sentence reductions and early release programs and reintegration.