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Priorities for 2015-16



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**United States Congressional Delegation
Senator Thom Tillis**

PRIORITIES:

VA Reform

NC is home to more than 800,000 veterans. The current wait-times and barriers that our VA Medical Centers and clinics face are alarming and Senator Tillis is going to do everything in his power to ensure our veterans start receiving the high quality health care they need and deserve.

National Security

As our Nation faces extreme terror threats from across the globe, Thom understands the importance of retaining C-130Hs at Pope AFB for our national security. He has spearheaded an effort to ensure our men and women at Pope AFB are combat ready.



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PRIORITIES cont'd:

Agriculture Regulatory Reform

Thom remains committed to peeling back regulations that are negatively impacting our farmers and agriculture industry. Protecting our farmers and remove excessive regulatory burdens and roadblocks will remain a priority.

Government Spending

Thom believes that one of the greatest threats to the U.S. economy and national security is our national debt and that it's imperative we rein in federal spending and balance the budget in order to ensure a stable economy.



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United States Congressional Delegation Senator Thom Tillis

PRIORITIES cont'd:

Health Care Reform

Although the Supreme Court voted in favor of the president's health care law, it is beyond repair and Thom is working to finding and implementing a solution. ObamaCare is fundamentally flawed, causing premiums to skyrocket and forcing millions of hardworking Americans to lose the very same health insurance plans they were promised they could keep.



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United States Congressional Delegation Congressman David Price

PRIORITIES:

Infrastructure Investments

- Congressman Price is fighting for robust funding for federal programs such as TIGER grants and for a long-term transportation bill to create jobs and expand investments in highways and multi-modal transit.
- The business community has a key role to play in advocating for local transit options and for a long-term transportation bill that includes an adequate revenue source.



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United States Congressional Delegation Congressman David Price

PRIORITIES:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

- Comprehensive immigration reform must meet the needs of the U.S. economy, continue to secure our borders, and provide a pathway to legal status for law-abiding members of our communities.
- The Chamber's support for comprehensive immigration reform has been essential – but we must keep the pressure on House and Senate leaders to act.



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PRIORITIES:

Comprehensive Budget Agreement

- The strategy of "budgeting from crisis to crisis" has undermined economic growth, devastated investments in education, R&D, and other priorities.
- Congress must adopt a comprehensive budget agreement that achieves long-term balance, ends "sequestration" cuts, and allows for renewed investments in education and other drivers of economic growth.
- The business community should continue pressing House and Senate leaders to negotiate a comprehensive agreement that puts economics over ideology.



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WAKE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Representative Rosa Gill, Co-Chair
North Carolina General Assembly

PRIORITIES:

- Tax Reform – cuts to corporations and personal income taxes, and the expansion of sales taxes
- Re-distribution of sales taxes
- Medicaid reform and expansion
- Water quality and other environmental concerns
- Special downtown tax districts



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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRIORITIES:

- To continue to make the national “Best of” lists, we must pursue opportunities for partnerships in both the public and private sectors
- Joining forces enables us to better leverage our resources, and developing strong partnerships is the key to managing the growth we are seeing now and preparing for the growth we expect to see in the future
- By working together and using our strengths, Wake County will continue to be a center of economic development that attracts people with its great schools, diverse public service, and high quality of life



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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

- Population growth does not pay for itself. To provide the services needed for our growing community, Wake County’s budget is larger this year than ever before – FY16 Budget \$1.14 billion
- Transportation is a cornerstone of a thriving economy. Our Transit Plan is a prime example of partnerships. Eight organizations and municipalities are working together to plan for our future.



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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRIORITIES:

- Ensure all WCPSS students will be prepared to reach their full potential and lead productive lives in a complex and changing world (**WCPSS Vision**)
- Provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators, and critical thinkers (**WCPSS Mission**)



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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRIORITIES:

- By 2020, WCPSS will annually graduate at least 95% of its students ready for productive citizenship as well as higher education or a career (**WCPSS Goal**)
- The Wake County residents value a strong public school system and will partner to provide the support and resources to fully realize our shared vision, accomplish the mission, and sustain our core beliefs (**Core Beliefs #6**)



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WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

- Enrollment growth continues to affect resources and facilities
- Changes in state funding create uncertainties
- Legislative involvement alters local school board election boundaries, effective 2016



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WAKE COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

PRIORITIES:

- Contribute to a Wake County transit strategy that meets the needs of Wake County's municipalities and their citizens
- Maintain Wake County's status as an economic engine through robust economic development to ensure future growth



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WAKE COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

- Create dialogue and engage with the North Carolina General Assembly on legislation or legislative actions that may affect local matters



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RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

Arts & Cultural Resources

Embrace Raleigh's diverse offerings of arts and cultural resources as iconic celebrations of our community that provide entertainment, community and economic benefit.

Growth & Natural Resources

Encourage a diverse, vibrant built environment that preserves and protects the community's natural resources while encouraging sustainable growth that complements existing development.



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RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS cont'd:

Safe, Vibrant & Healthy Community

Promote a clean, engaged community environment where people feel safe and enjoy access to community amenities that support a high quality of life.

Economic Development & Innovation

Maintain and grow a diverse economy through partnerships and innovation to support large and small businesses and entrepreneurs, while providing employment opportunities for all citizens.



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RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS cont'd:

Organizational Excellence

Foster a transparent, nimble organization of employees challenged to provide high quality, responsive and innovative services efficiently and effectively.

Transportation & Transit

Develop an equitable, citywide transportation network for pedestrians, cyclists, automobiles and transit that is linked to regional municipalities, rail and air hubs.



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RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

- Initiate park planning process including extensive opportunities for public input for the Dorothea Dix Property.
- Cultivate economic development opportunities that foster growth and partnerships, supports entrepreneurship and innovation, and maintains a diverse business community.
- Continued investment and development of multi-modal transportation options throughout the city.



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