



Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce - 2017 Legislative Agenda

With over 700 members, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce is the voice for business advocacy. This voice reaches further than just town hall in Wake Forest; it reaches our county commissioners, our state officials in Raleigh, and our delegation in Washington, D.C. By working to implement a pertinent legislative agenda, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce is furthering its commitment to promote, stimulate, and improve the business community in Wake Forest.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development thrives when public-private partnerships are active, infrastructure is strong, and regulatory burdens are few. The Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports economic development efforts that improve the economy and quality of life in Wake Forest. This includes:

- Advocating funding and activation of an infrastructure development fund to help Wake Forest develop viable industrial sites, spurring new tax base growth, and job creation.
- Enhance the accessibility and affordability of fiber optic networks to serve the growth and development needs of the Wake Forest business community.
- Actively support the Town of Wake Forest, State of North Carolina, and our elected federal officials in showcasing Wake Forest as a destination for business innovation and success.

TRANSPORTATION

Efficient transportation that blends with the character of Wake Forest is important for economic growth and quality of life. The Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce supports funding to meet the growing transportation needs of Wake Forest. This includes:

- Supporting funding for more timely improvements to U.S. 1/Capital Boulevard.
- Pursuing funding and the activation of a commuter rail system connecting Wake Forest to Raleigh and other surrounding areas.
- Work with elected officials at all levels of government to support and further the Town of Wake Forest's updated Transportation Plan.

EDUCATION

Having educated, trained, and qualified local workers contributes in great measure to the economic strength of Wake Forest. The Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports innovative ways to further enhance education at all levels. This includes:

- Being the leader in beneficial collaboration between the business and education communities in the Wake Forest area.
- Supporting innovative ways to improve early childhood education.
- Working with local and state officials to recruit and retain high quality educators for Wake Forest.