1. Local Government Revenues and Tax Reform
   • Support the expanded use of the prepared food and beverage tax to include flexibility to use these funds to improve landscaping and build structured parking to enhance the visitor’s experience to Matthews.
   • Support efforts to allow municipalities to enact a quarter-cent local option sales tax.
   • Oppose efforts to changing sales tax formulas to redirect a portion of these revenues away from urban counties.
   • Oppose any legislation imposing unfunded mandates on municipalities.
   • Any continued tax reform efforts at the state level should be at least revenue neutral regarding its impact on Matthews.

2. Transportation
   • Support state funding for Matthews and CRTPO (Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization) transportation improvements schedule outlined in the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) and to add critical projects as proposed.
   • Support the maintenance of Powell Bill funding at current levels to ensure local governments can maintain their road networks.
   • Support increased funding to NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation). Matthews has been significantly impacted by NCDOT’s funding issues, with many local projects being delayed, canceled, or value-engineered, to the detriment of our community.
   • Support General Assembly authorization for a municipal referendum to increase sales tax or other revenue source to fund mass-transit and other local transportation needs.
   • Support legislation for additional litter pick-up on state-maintained roads.

3. Affordable Housing
   • Support adequate and reliable long-term funding for affordable housing

4. Protection of Local Control and Locally-Developed Infrastructure
   • Oppose laws that centralize authority in Raleigh and Washington D.C. to undermine the ability of local elected officials, those closest and most accessible to the people, to govern.
   • Oppose the forced taking of any local government infrastructure as it sets a dangerous precedent in the State of North Carolina, a precedent that will have a chilling effect on any local government investing in needed infrastructure in the future.
   • Oppose state-wide or local bills that will further undermine local authority, such as tools within zoning ordinances (billboard legislation) and legislation associated with aesthetics.

5. Planning and Services for Urban Growth.
   • Support legislation that allows for expanded tree buffers.
• Support the classification of broadband internet service as a public utility. If so classified, municipalities can require all fiber optic cable be in one conduit.

6. Public Safety and Criminal Justice
• Support amending House Bill 972 (2016), which restricts the publication of police video recordings. The law made the courts the decision makers of whether and when the public and others could see and hear police video and recordings. Videos and other recordings need to be made available to local governing bodies at the discretion of the police chief after consultation with the manager.

• Support increasing public safety grant funding and expansion of allowable uses.

7. Other
• Support special legislation allowing long-term leases for municipally-owned property. This would allow organizations like the Matthews Free Medical clinic to lease a Town-owned building for longer than 10 years.

• Support legislation authorizing the use of electronic media to meet public notice requirements.

• Support legislation authorizing the use of electronic meetings permanent and at the discretion of local governments.

• Support the Leandro Plan to provide education funding in North Carolina.

8. NCLM and Metro Mayors Legislative Agendas
• The Town of Matthews also supports those items listed on the agendas of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition not otherwise specified in the items above.