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Elections Put Republicans One Seat Short of Supermajority in NC General Assembly



North Carolina Republicans held their majorities in the General Assembly chambers this past Election Day, but were not able to gain the overall supermajority they were going for that would have diminished Gov. Roy Cooper's veto power. In the Senate, Republicans indeed won a 30-seat supermajority, meaning the chamber could override the governor's vetoes without help from Democrats. But they

came one seat short of securing a supermajority in the House, meaning no overall supermajority.

Twenty-five of the House's 120 members and nine of the Senate's 50 members are able to claim municipal experience in their deliberations. This means they've held positions in cities and towns around the state and are part of the General Assembly's informative Municipal Caucus, which considers issues that cities and towns face and how the legislature's lawmaking may impact them.

State lawmakers say they do not plan to hold any more voting sessions this year, meaning for all practical purposes the 2021-22 General Assembly has closed. The next iteration of the legislature will convene in January 2023 for the long session.

Bonds Pass Easily for Municipalities on Ballot

Election Day 2022 wasn't exclusively about county, state, federal and court seats; some municipalities had their own stakes with municipal elections and referenda. Communities including Archdale, Elkin, Locust and Raleigh had town board races to decide, and we congratulate the winners. Meanwhile, a number of cities and towns held referenda, from parks bonds to mixed beverage sales. Every municipal ballot question this time around passed by wide margins. The Town of Wake Forest's roadway and transportation bonds passed with more than 76 percent of the vote. An ABC Store election in the City of King saw 63 percent approval. A \$275 million parks bond for the City of Raleigh won 73 percent approval and was the largest in the city's history.

New Issue of Southern City Magazine



A look back to summer 2022 with this issue of Southern City Magazine, featuring a photo gallery of the [League's 4th Town & State Dinner!](#)

Also included: a profile of [Lumberton Council Member Owen Thomas](#), an in-depth look at the impact of [voluntary annexation on the urban footprint](#), words from Executive Director Rose Vaughn Williams on the importance of partnerships and from President Scott Neisler on [more legislative work to do](#), and much, much more.

Read the entire issue [here](#) at [SouthernCityMagazine.org](#).

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ICYMI - Podcast: Rise of Digital Service Teams

It's a [new episode](#) of NCLM's Municipal Equation podcast: As various public and private services adapt to evolved consumer expectations, local governments around the country are themselves adapting with in-house "digital service teams" to deliver in a modern, convenient way. In fact, these teams are becoming ubiquitous. But let's back up. What are digital service teams in the context of local government? What do they do? How are they assembled? And are they feasible for towns of all sizes? Joshua Pine of the National League of Cities joins us to discuss digital service teams, which some observers say aren't just a trend, but are here to stay.

Be sure to search & follow Municipal Equation on iTunes, Spotify, or your favorite podcast streaming service to always have the [latest episode](#).



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