

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING
THE REALITY CHECK GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR QUALITY GROWTH

ATTACHMENT A

Resolution No. 35/2009-10

WHEREAS, the Board of Delegates of the Triangle J Council of Governments represents the interests of seven counties and their municipalities in matters relating to growth, development, infrastructure and the environment, among other duties, and

WHEREAS, a 15-county region centered on the Research Triangle has a projected growth of 1.2 million new residents by 2030 and an increase of 700,000 new jobs by 2030, and

WHEREAS, a collaborative vision for growth and land use for this region, Reality Check, was initiated by a joint partnership between Triangle Tomorrow and Urban Land Institute Triangle, and

WHEREAS, the Reality Check visioning exercise and results summit established consensus among participants and attendees on the following Guiding Principles for Quality Growth:

TRANSIT

Improve regional transit, matching land use decisions with transit investments

VIBRANT CENTERS

Reinvest in city and town centers, promote compact development, density and mixed use, including a balance of jobs and housing

SUSTAINED GREEN SPACE

Define appropriate growth & preservation areas to protect open space, agricultural land and resources, especially water supply and quality, and

WHEREAS, a Reality Check Action Committee led by Triangle Tomorrow will lead a Quality Growth Initiative whereby each city and county of the 15-county Reality Check region will be asked to adopt and endorse the three Guiding Principles for Quality Growth, and

WHEREAS, cities and counties in this region will be encouraged to and supported in using these Guiding Principles to make future decisions about growth in their cities/counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board endorses the Reality Check Guiding Principles for Quality Growth.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.



December 9, 2009

Ms. Sara Williamson, Town Clerk
Town of Carrboro

Via email

Dear Ms. Williamson,

Recently I spoke with Mayor Mark Chilton about our request for the Town of Carrboro to adopt the Reality Check Guiding Principles for Quality Growth. The Mayor said that during discussion of these principles at a prior council meeting questions were asked about the language of the second principle. The second principles is:

Vibrant Centers: Reinvest in city and town centers, promote compact development, density and mixed use, including a balance of jobs and housing. The questions involved exactly what is meant by a balance of jobs and housing.

The jobs/housing phrase refers to the desire by a majority of the 300 Reality Check exercise participants for projected growth around existing cities and town. One of the most vital aspects of that growth, to make this type of develop successful, is that people must have the option to leave near where they work, with a variety of housing types that include affordable or workforce housing.

I hope that helps answer some of the questions from the Councilors and will be sufficient for the resolution for the Reality Check Guiding Principles to be considered again and adopted. If I can provide any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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