

Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council (RCAC)

2025

Introduction – About Us

Grassroots / Volunteer

10 of 18 Currently Active

Resident Led and Driven

Non-Partisan



RCAC
Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council
Community engagement since 1974

**Serving all
Raleigh
residents**

Raleigh's CACs

**Leadership
by Raleigh
residents**

The image shows the logo for the Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council (RCAC). At the top, the letters "RCAC" are written in a large, white, serif font. Below this, the full name "Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council" is written in a smaller, white, serif font, followed by the tagline "Community engagement since 1974" in an italicized white serif font. In the center, there is a map of Raleigh, North Carolina, divided into 18 colored regions representing different Citizen Advisory Councils (CACs). The text "Raleigh's CACs" is overlaid on the map in a blue, sans-serif font. To the left of the map, the text "Serving all Raleigh residents" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the map, the text "Leadership by Raleigh residents" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

History

Raleigh created its CACs in 1973 and 1974. The first CAC officers were installed in February 1974.

The mayor at the time, Clarence Lightner, spoke at the installation and challenged the CACs to work for solutions to community problems.



Mayor Clarence Lightner

CACs and City Government

Connecting Point
Information Sharing
Voice and Input

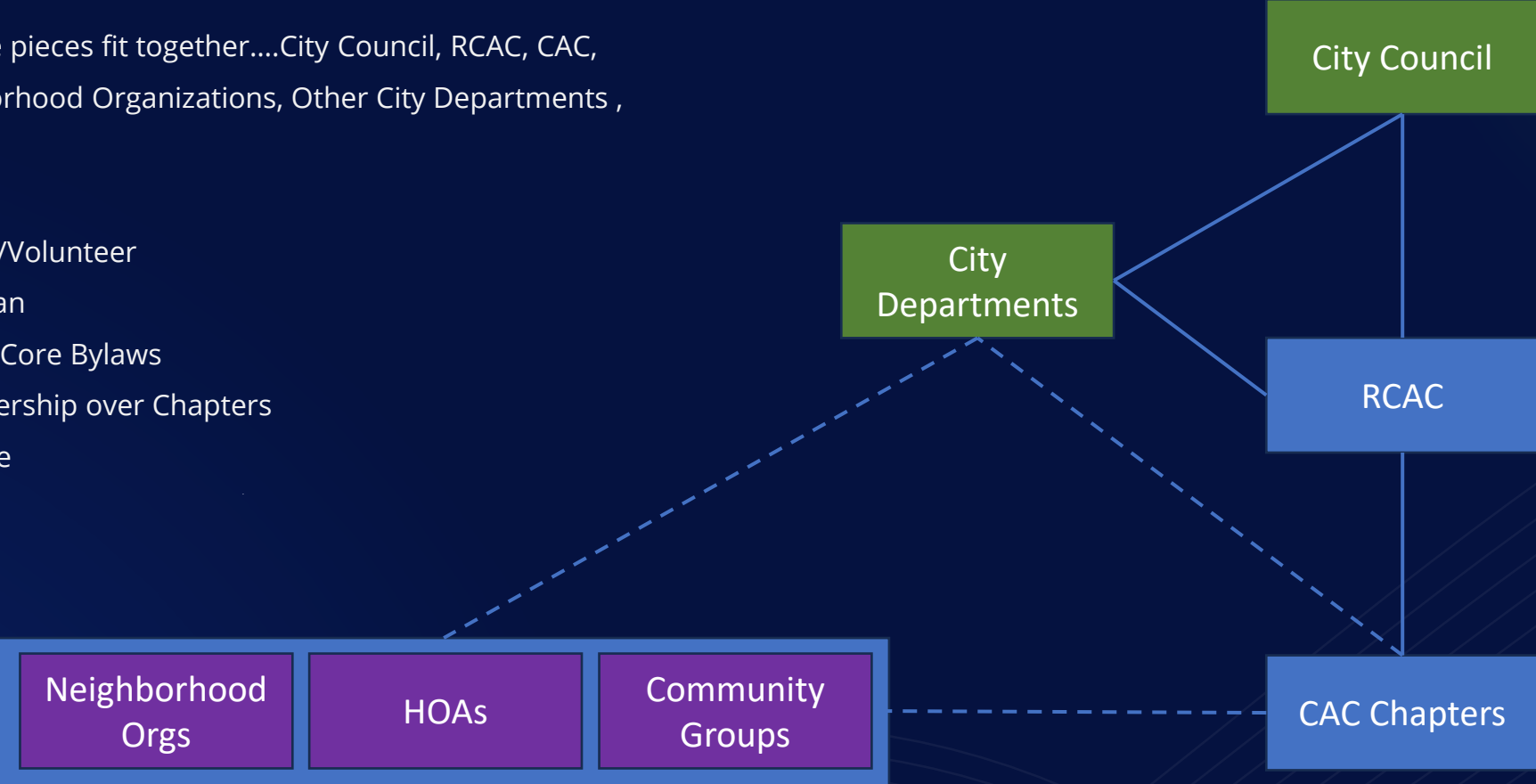


Raleigh Municipal Building

Relational Org Chart

How all of the pieces fit together....City Council, RCAC, CAC, HOA/Neighborhood Organizations, Other City Departments , etc.

- Grassroots/Volunteer
- Non-partisan
- Consistent Core Bylaws
- RCAC Leadership over Chapters
- Governance



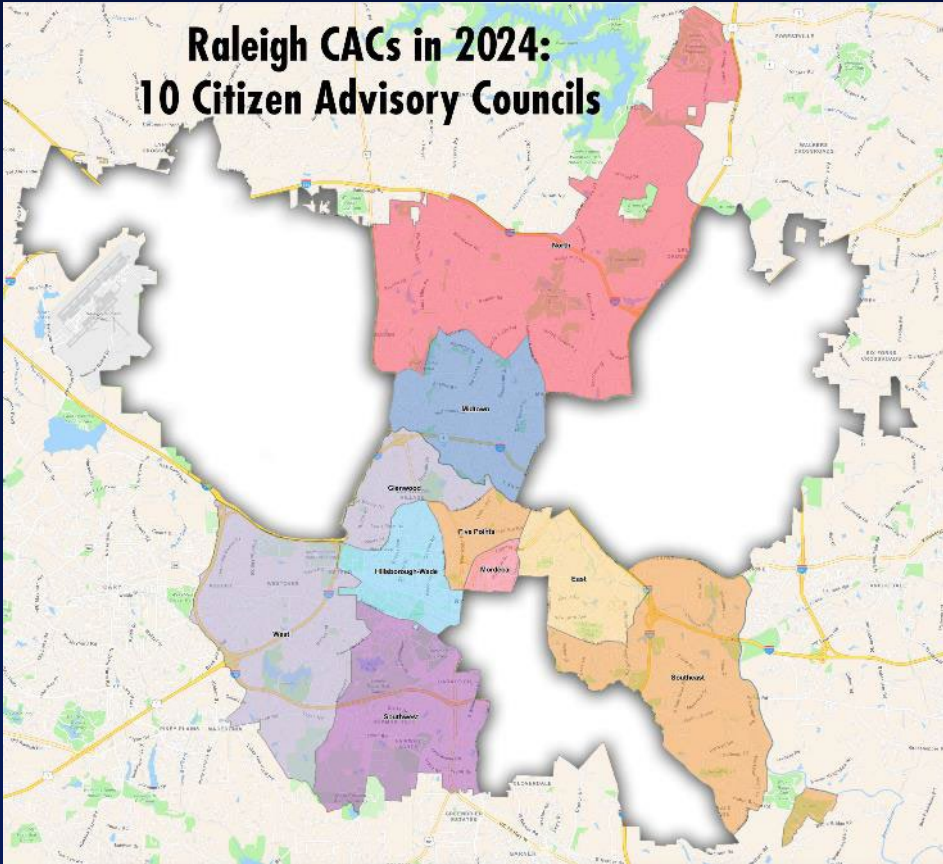
CAC Meetings



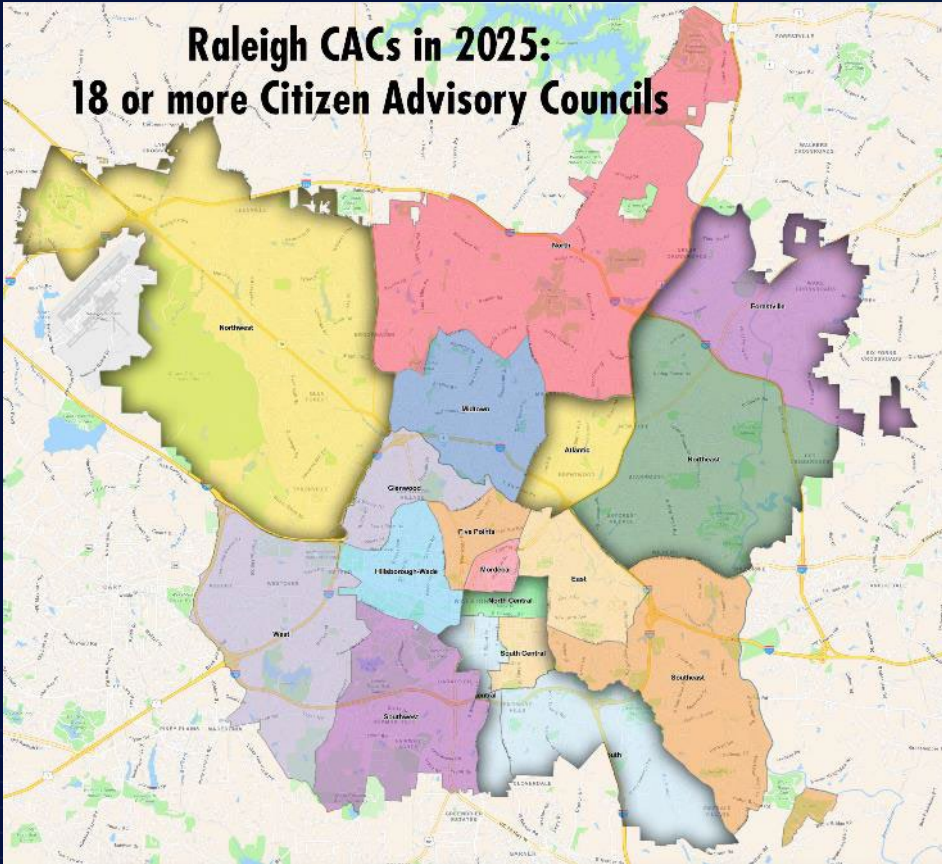
Hillsborough Wade CAC

Regular Community Meetings
Forum for Information Sharing
City Department Updates
Input on Local Issues

City Map of CACs



Current status: 10 CACs

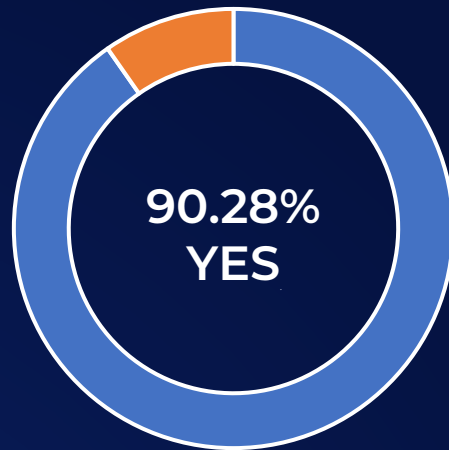


2025: 18 CACs or more

Survey Highlights

An online survey was recently conducted with respondents across the City of Raleigh.

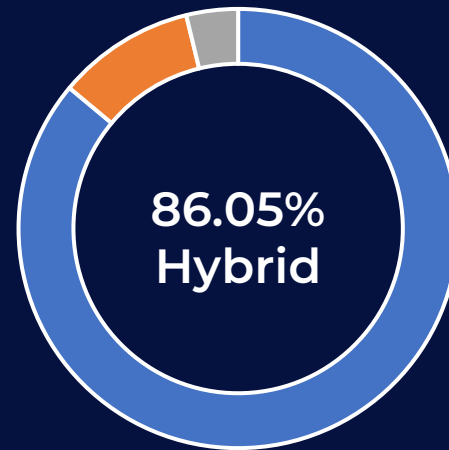
600+ Respondents



■ Yes ■ No

CAC Info on City Web

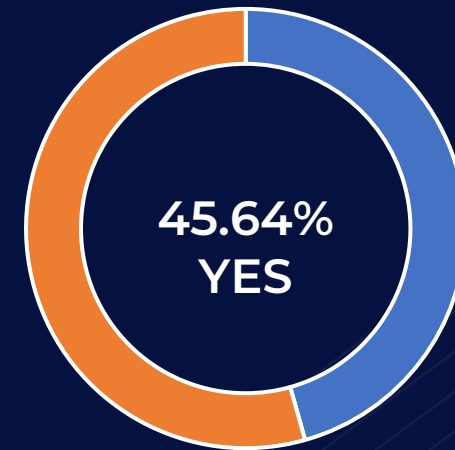
“Would you look on the City of Raleigh website to learn more about CACs?”



■ Hybrid ■ In Person ■ Online

Meeting Type Option

“What is your preferred mode of meeting with your CAC?” – Hybrid, In Person, or Online only



■ Yes ■ No

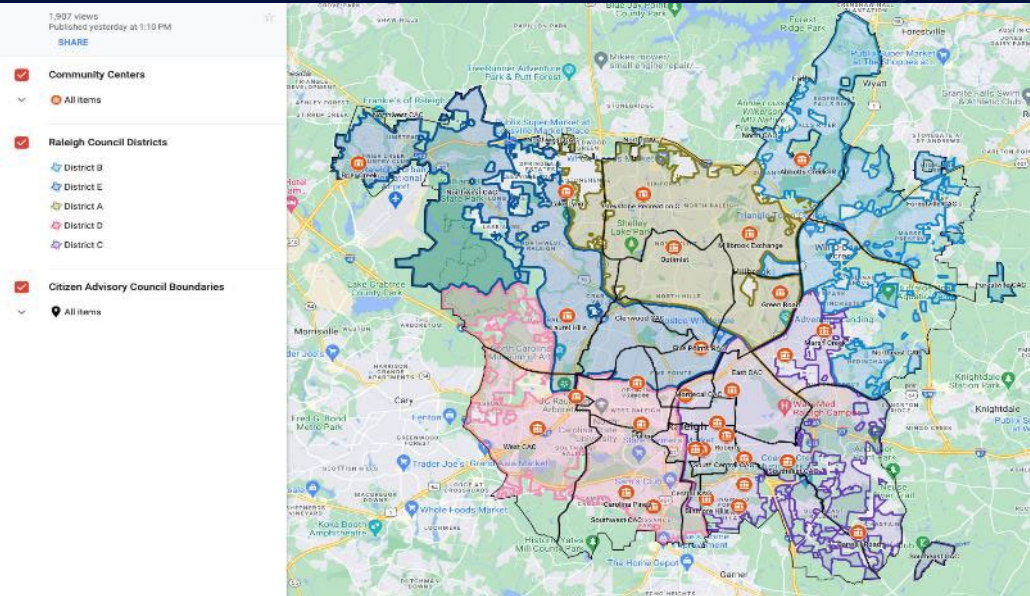
CAC Leadership

“Would you consider serving as an officer for your CAC: Chair, co-chair, vice-chair, Secretary, etc.?”

Moving Forward

Goals for 2025

- Restore Inactive CACs
- Growth: Add 2-3 new CACs in 2025
- Grow Membership: Increase membership by 10%
- Cultivate relationship with City and City-wide Civic Organizations



Actionable Items/Request

- Fully restore CACs within three months in keeping with Mayor's 100-day Goals
- Work with the newly merged Community Engagement Office and Neighborhood Enrichment Services Division to create the new CACs.
- Enhance City Website resources for CACs including information, news, updates, videos
- Allocate Annual Funds per Active CAC: \$1,000 (with annual review per budget cycle)
- Use the data base of Raleigh's Registered Neighborhoods to contact civic-minded residents and connect them to CAC leadership.
- Community Center Technology and Equipment Upgrades
- Staff Support for CACs

Q&A

Q&A with City Council / City
Manager / Staff



Left to right: Corey Branch, Megan Patton, Christina Jones, Jane Harrison, Mayor Janet Cowell, Mitchell Silver, Jonathan Lambert-Melton, Stormie Forte

VIDEO

Get involved with *your*
CAC today!

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