

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 22, 2009

**Action Agenda
Item No.** 10-a

SUBJECT: NCACC Legislative Liaison Appointment

DEPARTMENT: Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:
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PURPOSE: To consider appointing one Commissioner to be the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Legislative Liaison for the 2009-10 legislative biennium.

BACKGROUND: The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is requesting the Board of Commissioners appoint a Legislative Liaison for the 2009-10 legislative biennium. Each county's Legislative Liaison will be relied upon to:

- Organize county coalitions to advocate on behalf of major Association goals by identifying potential coalition members, keeping them updated on issues and helping them understand county positions;
- Ensure other members of the Board of Commissioners are made aware of NCACC positions;
- Ensure conversations and/or meetings are held between elected and appointed county officials and legislators, and that the county's state delegation is aware of county positions on issues; and
- Provide feedback to the Association on what local legislators, fellow Board members and other officials are saying about bills and issues, and what issues are elevated in your county.

The NCACC will provide counties with talking points and educational materials – localized when possible using data from the State of the Counties report – that can be used to boost awareness of legislation that impacts counties. The Legislative Liaisons initiative is one part of the NCACC's strategic goal to enhance the ability of county officials to represent counties and the NCACC on local, statewide and national issues.

Commissioner Nelson was the Orange County's Legislative Liaison for 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Consider making a Commissioner appointment as the NCACC Legislative Liaison for the 2009-10 legislative biennium.