



Role of County Council

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CONGRATULATIONS
&
Thank You!





- Be open-minded and committed to civility
- Seek to understand council and staff roles and responsibilities
- Tap into county resources
 - rules of procedure, agenda setting
 - council minutes
 - budget
 - strategic plan



GOVERN

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL

A neon sign with the words "CAMPAIGN" and "TRAIL" in blue, outlined letters. A green neon line is positioned below the text.

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- ▶ Representation – building and sustaining linkages with stakeholders
- ▶ Policy leadership – setting direction; establishing policy; making decisions; working with CAO





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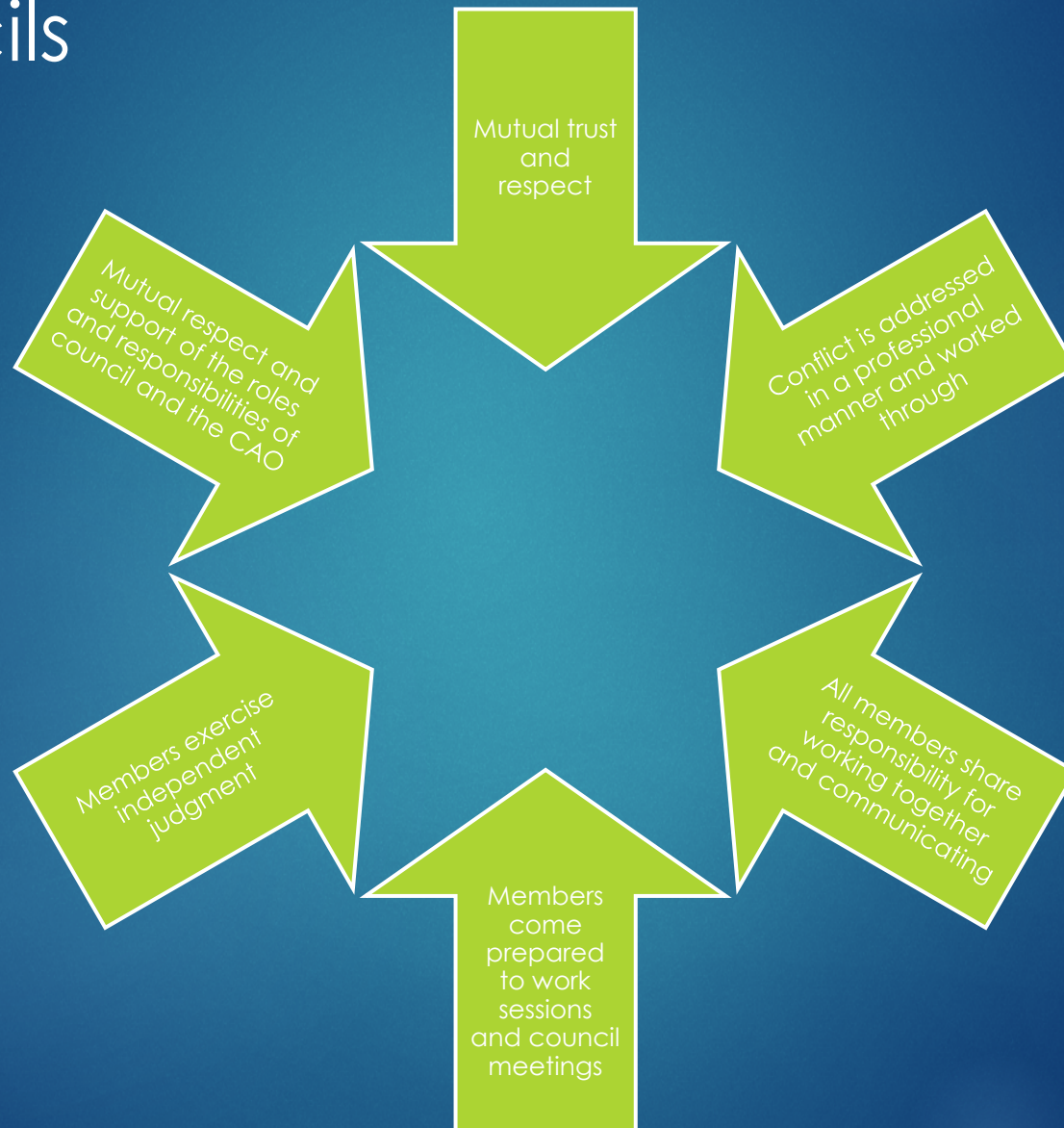
- ▶ Policy leadership –
 - ▶ Role/perspective of elected officials – focus on what citizens need and expect from county; charting the course for the county
 - ▶ Role/perspective of staff – technical expertise in policy areas; provide recommendations and advice
 - ▶ Setting direction; establishing policy; making decisions; working with the CAO
 - ▶ Complimentary roles that help the county be successful when expectations are clearly communicated

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- ▶ Accountability – monitoring organizational performance



Characteristics of Effective Councils



Five Things to Know

1

Embrace your leadership role—moving from campaigning to governing

2

Learn & appreciate roles and responsibilities of council, chief administrative officer, staff, and other elected officials

3

Learn about your council's rules

4

Understand your county's finances

5

Contribute to effective meetings



Important Agencies & Officials

- ▶ Other Countywide Elected Officials
- ▶ Local & Federal Legislative Delegation*
- ▶ Municipalities
- ▶ School Districts
- ▶ Special Purpose Districts
- ▶ Councils of Government
- ▶ Local Boards & Commissions



SCAC Advocates for County Government

- ▶ Legislative Advocacy
 - ▶ Policy Development Process
 - ▶ Legislative Alerts, Friday Reports
- ▶ Legal Advocacy
 - ▶ Amicus Briefs
 - ▶ Technical Bulletins
 - ▶ Draft Resolutions
 - ▶ Legal Research



SCAC Assists Counties as Stewards of Public Resources

- ▶ Insurance Trusts & Financial Service Programs
 - ▶ S.C. Counties Workers' Compensation Trust
 - ▶ S.C. Counties Property & Liability Trust
 - ▶ OPEB Trust Program
 - ▶ Setoff Debt Collection Program



SCAC Builds Knowledge & Competencies of County Leaders

- ▶ Institute of Government for County Officials
- ▶ Orientation for Newly Elected Council Members
- ▶ Annual Awards Competition



SCAC Connects Counties to Resources & Information



Legal & research
publications



Online research
resources



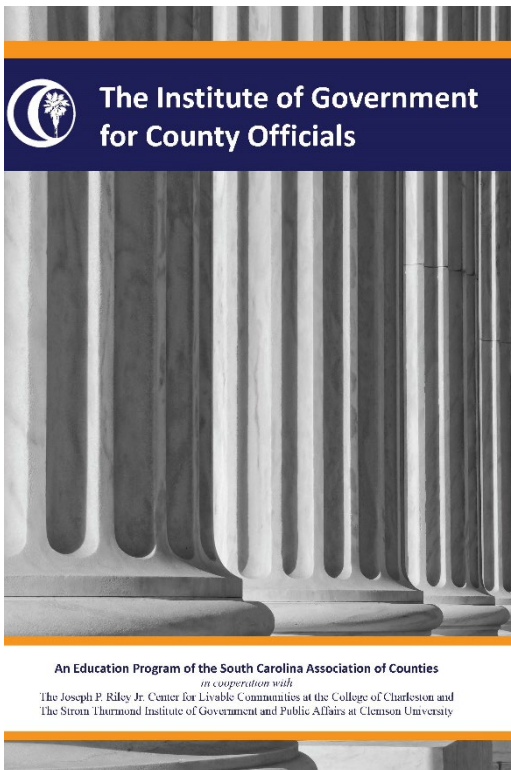
Information from
NACo, state
agencies



Career Center



Tapping Into SCAC Resources



- ▶ President's Report
- ▶ Institute of Government for County Officials
- ▶ E-learning
- ▶ Friday Reports
- ▶ What's New E-mails
- ▶ Online Publications

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- Update contact information
- Register for conferences, meetings, and Institute classes
- Download Institute transcripts
- Clerk to Council typically registers council members
- Contact Jennifer Haworth, SCAC Member Services Coordinator, at jhaworth@scac.sc or (800) 922-6081 for login information



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