



# NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Communications Office  
Elizabeth Harmantzis, Communications Specialist  
[Elizabeth.Harmantzis@wakegov.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Harmantzis@wakegov.com), 919-856-7537  
Communications Office After Hours, 919-857-WAKE  
[wakegov.com/news](http://wakegov.com/news)

---

For Release: Oct. 17, 2017

## Board Opens Applications for Commission for Women

Wake County is looking for talented community leaders to join its newly refocused [Commission for Women](#). Established in 1994, the group's mission has been realigned to focus on board priorities such as issues women face in vulnerable communities, health care, child care, affordable housing and other areas identified in the recent report from the [Task Force on Women and Employment](#).

"It's time that we prioritize the work of women and empower the Commission for Women to address the most pressing issues facing women today," said Commissioner Jessica Holmes. "I am excited that we are opening up the possibility for women across Wake County to be at the board table and help lead the change they want to see in their communities. I look forward to working with the women who are going to make this happen."

The Commission for Women will work to identify, develop and implement strategies that will eliminate discrimination affecting women who reside and/or work in Wake County by:

- Providing advice and guidance to the board on legislation and policy issues affecting women;
- Encouraging equal opportunity for women in employment and

- pay issues, health care issues, and issues relating to homelessness and housing; and
- Conducting educational seminars in collaboration with other organizations for residents and businesses in Wake County.

The Board of Commissioners will appoint up to 20 community leaders to the commission. The commission will consist of two members from each district and six at-large members. All members will serve staggered terms. Applications will be taken for 30 days.

Those who are interested in serving on the commission can [apply online](#).

###

---

[wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com)

|

@wakegov

