

## **Financial Capacity Study**

### **Discussion Questions**

While the Greensboro/ Guilford Financial Capacity Study explores the interdependence of local economic conditions and local government financial capacity, the conversation can easily slip back into conventional thinking about our own singular lens of taxes and governmental services.

To ensure a productive conversation about how we as a community might change the conversation – and action – to systemic solutions we need to think about new ways of setting up conversations. Below are discussion questions to help you discuss the report with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

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1. What are Greensboro's greatest strengths from your perspective? How can they be leveraged to grow our economy more equitably?
2. The Greensboro/Guilford Financial Capacity Study asked us to review the findings with the common good in mind. How did it help you expand your lens to think of the "whole" community? Did you think about the data in a different way? If so, how?
3. What data points did you find the most surprising? Why do you think they surprised you?
4. What are Greensboro's greatest challenges from your perspective? What policy changes or investments need to be made to overcome these challenges?
5. The study strongly indicated that the skills needed for a changing job market will be a critical success factor for raising incomes. What solutions do you see? And who are the agents of change?
6. What can businesses and residents do to enhance talent and workforce development?
7. How can Greensboro leverage our diverse population and rich civil rights history to become a more racially equitable community?
8. Are there other innovative initiatives in communities in the US or abroad that we can learn from? What best practices have you seen or heard about?
9. What regional, national, and global changes should we be thinking about that can impact our future success? How can we be proactive in embracing these changes?
10. And what role can you play? What roles can local civic groups play?