COMMUNITY ACTION SHEET

Help Protect Funding for Seniors, Youth, and Families

What Happened?

The Charlotte City Council voted to discontinue Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle in the proposed FY27 budget.

For years, Financial Partner funding has helped support the staff who coordinate and deliver services for seniors, youth, and families across our community.

Without this funding, For The Struggle's capacity to provide these services will be significantly reduced.

We are asking the Charlotte City Council to restore Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle before the adoption of the FY27 budget on June 8.

What We Are Asking Council To Do

1. Recognize the important role For The Struggle plays in serving Charlotte seniors, youth, and families.
2. Understand that Financial Partner funding directly supports staff capacity needed to coordinate, manage, and deliver these services.
3. Restore Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle before the adoption of the FY27 budget on June 8.
4. Ensure that programs serving seniors and youth have the resources necessary to continue serving the community.

What We Need You To Do

1. Call and/or email Charlotte City Council members and ask them to restore Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle before the FY27 budget is adopted.
    a. We are using a tiered approach to contact Council members, focusing on those who may be most willing to help us find a path forward to full Financial Partner Funding.
    b. If you call, you may have to leave a message or speak with their staff resource person. That is fine. Relay the same message you would if you were speaking directly to the Councilperson.
2. Share your personal experience in the email or during the call with For The Struggle and how the organization has positively impacted your life, your family, or your community.
3. Encourage your friends, family members, neighbors, congregation, and community networks to contact the City Council as well.
4. Ask City Council to protect the staffing capacity needed to continue serving seniors, youth, and families.
5. Document any response you receive from Council members and share it with For The Struggle so we can track community outreach efforts.
6. Take action before the June 8 budget vote and track your communication using the Call Tracking Sheet included here.

Who You Should Call?

First Priority Calls

□ Dimple Ajmera (At-Large) | dimple.ajmera@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.2777

□ Joi Mayo (District 2) | joy.mayo@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3431

□ Renee Johnson (District 4) | renee.johnson@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3436

SECOND PRIORITY

□ James Mitchell (At-Large) | james.mitchell@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3430

□ Ed Driggs (District 7) | ed.driggs@charlottenc.gov | 704.432.7077

□ Victoria Watlington (At-Large) | victoria.watlington@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3435

□ Malcolm Graham (District 2) | malcolm.graham@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.6105

□ JD Mazuera Arias (District 5) | jd.mazueraarias@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3185

THIRD PRIORITY

□ Lawana Mayfield (At-Large) | lawana.mayfield@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.3433

□ Dante Anderson (District 1) | dante.anderson@charlottenc.gov | 704.336.4099

What You Should Say?

Hello,

My name is _____ and I am a Charlotte resident.

I am calling/writing regarding funding for For The Struggle.

I understand the proposed FY27 budget eliminates Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle.

I am concerned because this funding helps support the staff who coordinate and deliver services for seniors, youth, and families in our community.

For The Struggle has helped me by:

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Because of this experience, I believe For The Struggle should continue to receive funding from the City of Charlotte as a Financial Partner.

The organization's services require staff, coordination, outreach, and operational support to succeed. I am concerned that the substitute funding approach will not provide the resources needed to sustain these services.

Can you help me understand what opportunities remain to secure the funding necessary in the FY27 budget cycle to support these programs?

I am asking City Council to identify a path to restore Financial Partner funding for For The Struggle before the final budget is adopted.

Thank you for your service and your time.

Call Tracking Sheet

Complete this sheet to document who you called and their response.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Council Member Contacted | Date | Called? | Left Message? | Response

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Please return this form to your driver or For The Struggle staff via email at info@ftsinc.org.