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**Local Government Leaders**

**LEQ: What are the roles and responsibilities of our local government leaders?**

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| **Leadership Role** | **Name of Current Person and Role Responsibilities** |
| **County Seat** |  |
| **County Commissioners** |  |
| **Sheriff** |  |
| **Registrar of Deeds** |  |
| **School Board** |  |
| **Municipal Government** |  |
| **City Council** |  |
| **Mayor** |  |

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| **Government Job** | **Name of Current Person** | **Job Description** |
| **Speaker of the House** |  |  |
| **Representatives** |  |  |
| **Senator** |  |  |
| **Governor** |  |  |
| **Lieutenant Governor** |  |  |
| **Superintendent of Public Instruction** |  |  |
| **Attorney General** |  |  |
| **Justices of NC Supreme Court** |  |  |

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| **Leadership Role** | **Responsibility** |
| **County Seat** | Center of government for a county |
| **County Commissioners** | Direct county activities |
| **Sheriff** | Make sure people obey the laws |
| **Registrar of Deeds** | Keep the county records, such as land sales |
| **School Board** | Work with public schools in a school district |
| **Municipal Government** | Keeps communities safe by providing services such as firefighting and police protection such as providing clean water, building and maintaining streets and sidewalks, and picking up garbage |
| **City Council** | Makes laws for the city and collects city taxes |
| **Mayor** | Lead city council meetings and may hire city councils |

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| **Government Job** | **Name of Current Person** | **Job Description** |
| **Speaker of the House** |  | -chief spokesman  -presides/ directs sessions |
| **Representatives** |  | -120 NC Representatives (based on population)  -help create/write/pass laws |
| **Senator** |  | -50 members (2 year term)  -help create/ write/ pass laws |
| **Governor** |  | -4 year term  -head of state  -preparing/ presenting state budget  -signs NC bills into NC laws  -appoints lots of positions/offices |
| **Lieutenant Governor** |  | -President of the Senate (no vote unless tie-breaker)  -4 year term  -whatever duties governor assigns  -takes over if governor can’t |
| **Superintendent of Public Instruction** |  | -manages daily operations of entire school system  -teacher licenses, budget, enforcing education laws, etc |
| **Attorney General** |  | -state’s chief legal advisor  -represent the state in all legal matters  -assist judges/ handle appeals from state trials |
| **Justices of NC Supreme Court** |  | -7 total (6 were elected, 1 appointed by governor)  -must retire before turning 72  -decide questions of law that have arisen in trial/ court cases |