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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 |