

Information about Citizen Advisory Councils

For over 50 years, the Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council (RCAC) and its individual Citizen Advisory Councils (CACs) have empowered residents to shape the future of their communities while also serving as a key communication channel between residents and our City government. The members of each CAC board are nominated and elected by their neighbors (not appointed by the City). The RCAC is comprised of board members from each CAC.

The Raleigh Citizen Advisory Council was established by the City in 1974. The City provided funds and staff support for meetings to encourage public participation until 2020, when the City Council voted to stop supporting CACs. Despite the official separation from the City, many CACs and the RCAC continued to meet and provide opportunities for community engagement. However, some CACs stopped functioning. In February of 2024 the Raleigh City Council voted to re-establish City support of CACs.

Central CAC Reactivation

The RCAC has received a request to restart the Central CAC. We need your participation to restart your CAC! There will be two upcoming organizing meetings at the John P. “Top” Greene African American Cultural Center, 401 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

1) The First Community Meeting to restart the Central CAC will include an overview of the process to reactivate a CAC and solicit nominations for officers: Chair, 1st and 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, and Multimedia Coordinator.

2) The Second Community Meeting to reactivate the Central CAC will include a vote on the nominations. Upon the election of the new officers, a vote will take place to approve the CAC’s bylaws.

After this second meeting, the RCAC will notify our City Council Liaison, staff contacts and District City Council members of the newly reactivated Central CAC. With this official recognition, the Central CAC will have access to City resources like: meeting sites, funding, multimedia resources/IT, Zoom account, training of officers, and access to staff support.

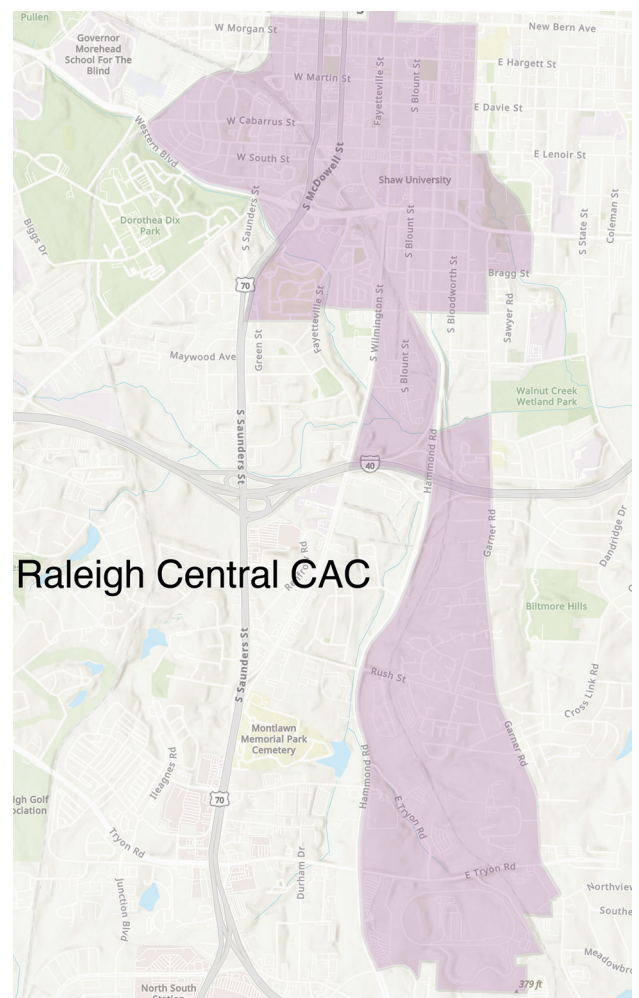
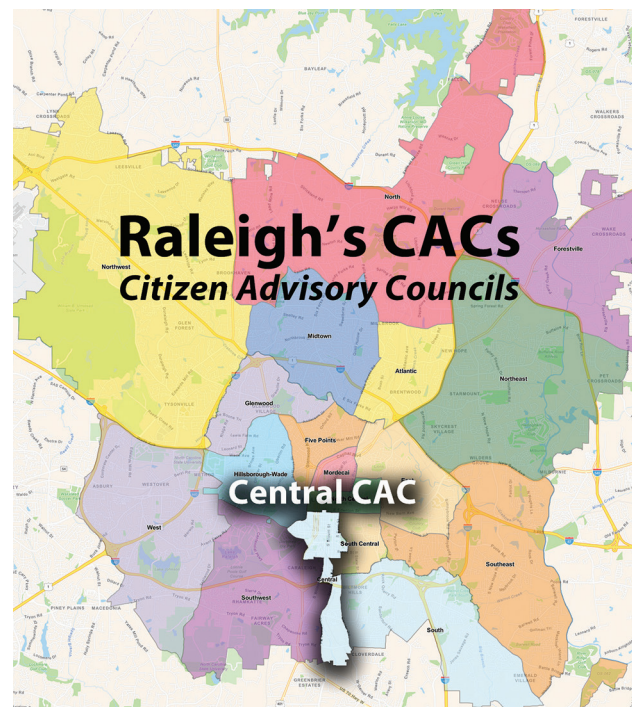
For more information and questions, please email Mike Motsinger (michael.motsinger@gmail.com) and Brian Rineer (brineer@bellsouth.net). Also let them know if you would like to serve on the new Central CAC board and be nominated to a particular position.

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For more information about CACs on the City of Raleigh’s website, scan the QR code or click on this link: <https://raleighnc.gov/community/services/raleigh-engagement-network/meet-our-engagement-network-users#paragraph--385315>

