

City of Raleigh

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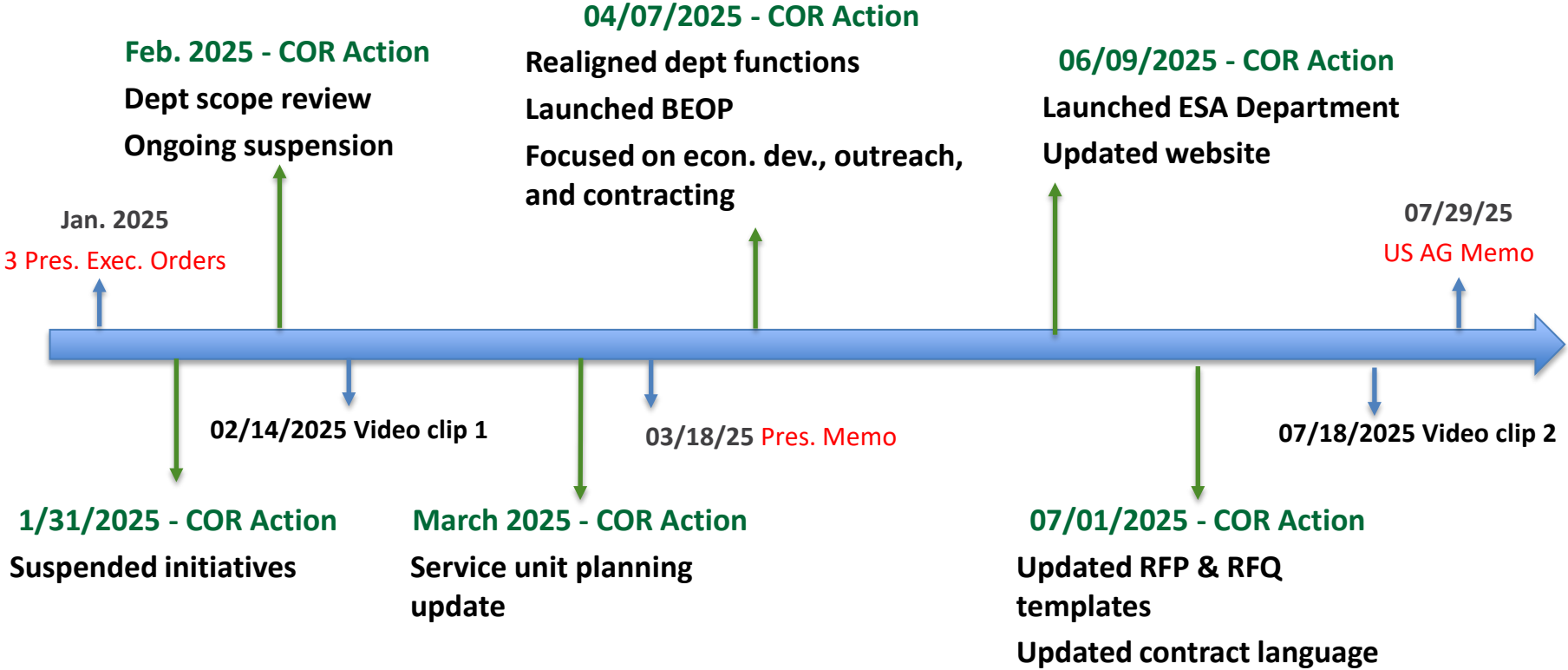
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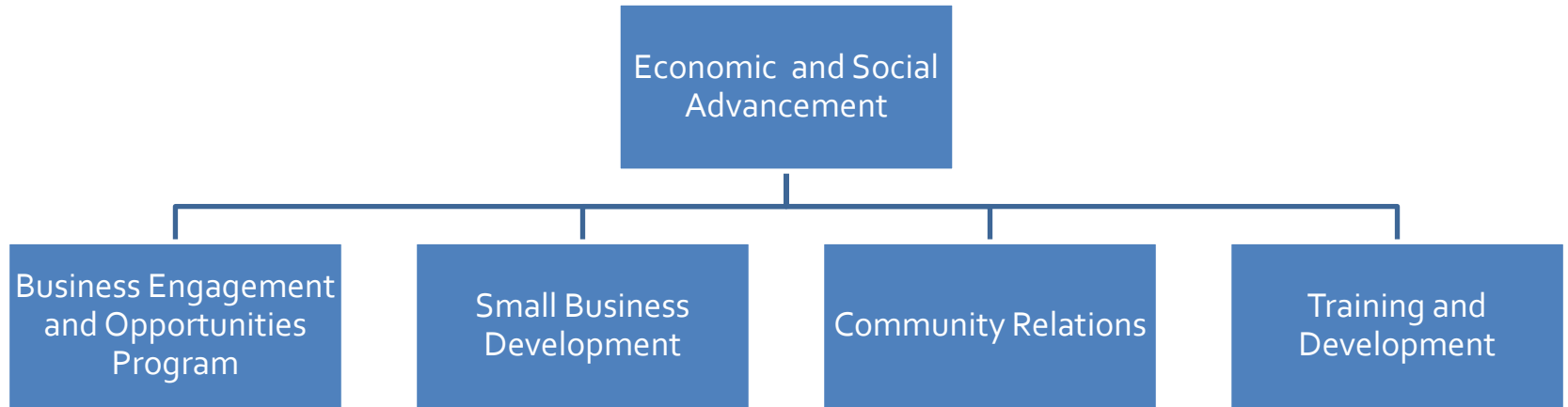
Timeline of City's Actions



Economic and Social Advancement

Purpose

The Department of Economic and Social Advancement focuses on improving economic development and quality of life. We build partnerships, highlight business opportunities, and provide learning resources to businesses and help the local community thrive.



Small Business Conference & Expo

- Networking for small, medium, large business
- 380 attendees
- 74 exhibitors
- 6 workshops targeting business needs



Building Upfit Grant (BUG)

- \$330, 970 awarded in FY25
- 14 small businesses supported in FY25
- 7 new businesses awarded total of \$152K in FY26



Employer Resource Fair - RCPD

- Build awareness for employers
- 70 attendees from government, businesses, and non-profits
- Offered specialized topics: accommodations, essential job functions



Disability Awareness & ADA in Transit

- ADA overview and application in transit
- Covered disability etiquette and practice
- Overview of service animals' requirements
- 338 bus operators trained



Ongoing Efforts

- Increase Business Engagement and Development
 - Improve vendor readiness in City contracting
- Support Small Business Growth
 - Enhance technical assistance and resources
- Strengthen Advisory Board Operations and Alignment
 - Streamline community engagement
- Enhance Public-Facing Information
 - Expand online resources for residents and businesses