Department Government 2008/09

Charles Anderson Jr. Ellis & Winters LLP

Thomas Anhut Toll Brothers Mary Bell

Caterpillar Patty Briguglio MMI Associates, Inc.

Craig Chancellor Triangle United Way

Marty Clayton Progress Energy

Rich Coleman Corporate Express Office Products

Robin Costello Futures Inc.

Christine Craig WakeMed Health & Hospitals

Wallace Dawson TriSure Corporation

Jason Deans Medical Insurance Services, Inc.

Debra Derr AT&T North Carolina

Melissa Essary Campbell University, Inc.

Lynne Garrison Blue Cross and Blue Shield

of North Carolina Mike Hall

O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc. Pam Highsmith

The Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education

Paul Jacobson Esq. Sands, Anderson, Marks, & Miller

Thomas Looney Lenovo

Judy Mann Allscripts

Darin McClure Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc.

Sonya McKay

Principal Financial Group

Richard McNeel LORD Corporation

Dale Meder Credit Suisse Tim Minton

Home Builders Association of Raleigh & Wake County

Bob Moore Effectiveness, Inc.

Mike Morgan SportsFan Marketing Group

Mark Nagelvoort International Financial Group (IFG)

David Neter Wake County Public School System

Clarence Newsome Shaw University

C. Howard Nye Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Virginia Parker

Paragon Commercial Bank

Doyle Parrish

Summit Hospitality Group, LTD

Brooks Raiford

North Carolina Technology Association

Michael Ray KCI Technologies, Inc.

Larry Robbins Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP

Diane Rupprecht **KB** Home

Gary Salamido GlaxoSmithKline, Inc

Lisa Schiller Rex Healthcare

Stephen Scott Ed.D. Wake Technical Community College

M. Gray Styers Jr Blanchard, Miller, Lewis & Styers, PA

Brian Summers North State Bank

Leslie Walden Fidelity Investments

Lisa Ward Capstrat

Kirsten Weeks Cisco Systems, Inc.

Tina Wilson **IBM** Corporation

PO Box 2978 Raleigh, NC 27602-2978

Agenda egisl

with your employees/co-workers

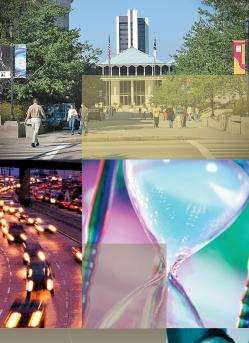
this brochure

Printed on FSC and SFI certified Cougar lpha ; 10% recycled content

Building a Thriving Economy and Enhancing our Quality of Life

2009 Legislative Agenda

Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce



www.raleighchamber.org

MISSION STATEMEN

Innovate



Enhance the business climate and quality of life in the Triangle.

Overview

The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Legislative Agenda represents the Chamber's commitment to creating an improved business climate and quality of life for Raleigh, Wake County and the Research Triangle region of North Carolina. Our agenda addresses the key concerns of our 2,700 member firms, which represent two-thirds of the private sector employment in Wake County.

The issues in this agenda are based on feedback received from surveys of the Chamber's membership. Volunteers and staff also offered specific expertise and perspectives in order to thoroughly evaluate these issues and their potential impact on businesses and the community.

The Chamber's Board of Directors adopted the agenda in early 2009, empowering staff and volunteer leadership to communicate these positions to key policymakers at the local, state and federal levels.

The Chamber strongly believes these legislative recommendations will lead to a thriving economy for local businesses and an enhanced quality of life for area citizens.

Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Contact

Drew Moretz
Vice President of Government Affairs

800 S. Salisbury St. ~ Raleigh, NC 27601 T 919.664.7061 F 919.664.7026 dmoretz@raleighchamber.org

Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda

EDUCATION

- Continue funding for the North Carolina Community College System's BioNetwork initiative, which includes Wake Tech Community College
- Support North Carolina State University's capital request to assist with future research and development projects
- Oppose additional unfunded state mandates on local school districts
- Support efforts to address teacher quality and retention concerns
- Fully fund university research in the region's identified cluster industries, including: Bioenergy Initiative (NCSU), Research Competitive Fund (UNCGA); Entrepreneurship and Regional Cluster-based economic development (NCSU); and Automotive Plug-In Technology (NCSU)

TARGET CLUSTER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

- Support efforts to strengthen the state's ties to the military and defense industry, including the Defense and Security Technology Accelerator
- Increase funding for community colleges for customized industry training and equipment

TRANSPORTATION

- Continue phase out of the Highway Trust Fund transfer to the General Fund
- Support the efforts of the 21st Century Transportation Committee and the NCDOT Transformation

Research Triangle Regional Legislative Agenda

Regional Competitiveness

- Support competitive salaries for K-12 teachers, community college instructors and university professors
- Oppose efforts to weaken North Carolina's right-towork status, such as allowing public employees the right to collectively bargain

Job Creation/Retention

- ~ Support continued investment in the Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG)/ One North Carolina
- ~ Appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee to research expanding support for small business
- Support adding digital media and entertainment/ serious gaming industry to tax credits offered to the film industry

Green/Health/Water

- ~ Expand renewable energy tax credits to include energy saving retrofits and construction
- Create a study commission to review ways to incent small businesses to provide quality health care for employees
- ~ Ensure regional, long-term and collaborative efforts when creating rules that affect water supply

Transportation

- ~ Allow local communities to tax themselves (with voter approval) to fund transportation infrastructure
- ~ Support a funding mechanism for investments in commuter and regional rail throughout the state