

From: Walker, Madison
To: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 2/28/2012 10:13:55 AM
Subject: RE: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

Unfortunately no, the board has been appointed.

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:12 AM
To: Walker, Madison
Subject: FW: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

Is this a possibility?

From: Michael Rose [mailto:mrose5@sc.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: mrose5@sc.rr.com
Subject: FW: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

Katherine,

Please see below.

For years I served on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) before the Charleston Naval Base was closed.

Is there any possibility that a Charleston area legislator can be added to the newly Reconstituted BRAC Committee, i.e., me, Senator Rose?

If not, fine. However, I volunteer. There are military based in the Charleston area.

Thanks.

Mike Rose

From: Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce [mailto:choffmann@charlestonchamber.org]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Mike Rose
Subject: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

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**Statehouse
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February 29
8:30 a.m.- 1
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\$75 for
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**Washington
D.C. Fly-In**
April 18-20
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Action Alert

Urge S.C. DOT to complete I-526

Charleston County Council voted in January 2012 for S.C. DOT to be responsible for design and construction of the project, releasing Charleston County from involvement in the project and placing it in the hands of the S.C. DOT Commissioners. The Chamber is asking you to contact the S.C. DOT Commissioners to show community support for completion of this project.

[Click here](#) to send your email of support to the S.C. DOT Commissioners.

Lobbyist Report

House budget complete and includes money for harbor deepening

Thursday, the Ways and Means Committee completed the House appropriations bill after many department and agency hearings, proviso meetings and amendments, the committee has completed their proposal and sent it to the printer. Included in the budget by Representative Merrill's amendment on Tuesday was a reserve fund, including \$10 million, for dredging the Charleston harbor. In a few weeks, the budget will go to the House floor. [Click here](#) to send Representative Merrill an email to thank him for his support of the Charleston harbor.

Military Base Task Force will meet Tuesday

Under Executive Order by Governor Haley, the Military Base Task Force, a community/business committee created to preserve the viability and livelihood of South Carolina's military bases during times of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), has been reconstituted and will conduct their first meeting on Tuesday. The following individuals (or their designees) have been selected to serve on the task force:

General Bob Livingston- S.C. Adjutant General
Bobby Hitt- SC Dept of Commerce
Howard Metcalf- Director of Governor's Office on Veterans Affairs
Otis Rawl- S.C. Chamber of Commerce
Blakely Williams- Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce
*Bryan Derreberry- Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Ike McLeese- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce
Grier Blackwelder- Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce
Chairman Weston Newton- Beaufort County Council
Chairman Daniel Davis- Berkeley County Council
Chairman Teddy Pryor- Charleston County Council
Chairman Paul Livingston- Richland County Council
Chairman Gene Baten- Sumter County Council
Mayor Billy Keyserling- City of Beaufort
Mayor Joe Riley- City of Charleston
Mayor Steve Benjamin- City of Columbia
Mayor Keith Summey- City of North Charleston
Mayor Samuel Murray- Town of Port Royal
Mayor Joseph McElveen- City of Sumter
Senator Tom Davis- SC Senate- Beaufort
Representative Murrell Smith- S.C. House of Representatives- Sumter

General Richard Eckstrom- S.C. Comptroller General
Colonel John Payne- Beaufort (Governor appointee)
David Schimsa- Columbia (Governor appointee)
General William Holland- Sumter (Governor appointee)
Roy Johnson- Charleston (Governor appointee)
*Mary Graham will be serving as Bryan's designee

Charleston Metro Chamber Statehouse Day February 29

On Wednesday, a delegation from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce will travel to Columbia to see firsthand the procedures of the South Carolina legislature. The day will commence with a delegation breakfast and conclude with a wrap-up lunch discussing public policy and economic development. The remaining time will be spent with House and Senate leadership, receiving updates of the status of our legislative priorities, attending subcommittee meetings, and observing floor debate from the House gallery. [Register here.](#)

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Get to know Senator John Matthews, Representing District 39

Senator Matthews represents District 39 in Bamberg, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Orangeburg Counties. He resides in Bowman. Matthews is a retired Elementary School Principal and businessman, and has served in the S.C. Senate since 2010. Prior to serving in the Senate, Matthews was in the S.C. House of Representatives for nine years. Senator Matthews is a graduate of South Carolina State College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and the Lincoln Elec. Institute. He also holds an honorary Ph.D. from College of Charleston and S.C. State University. Currently he serves on the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Banking and Insurance, Education



Finance, and Rules Committees. For more information [click here](#).

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