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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Drug abuse council continues work as deadline passes

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3717500/drug-abuse-council-continues-work.html>

Joey Holleman

The new S.C. Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council failed to meet the original Oct. 1 goal Gov. Nikki Haley set to complete a comprehensive plan, but the co-chair of the group expects the document will be finished in time to guide legislative changes next year.

**Note:** In forming the council, Haley also cited the high costs, both financial and emotional, of opioid addiction problems on families.

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Greenville News:** Haley leads Sheheen by 10 points in Winthrop Poll

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/10/01/haley-leads-sheheen-points-winthrop-poll/16525629/>

Tim Smith

With little more than a month to go before the election, a new poll shows Gov. Nikki Haley with a 10-point lead over Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen and a nearly 40-point lead over independent candidate Tom Ervin.

**Note:** Chaney Adams, a spokesman for Haley's campaign, said, "Voters are responding well to Governor Haley's tremendous achievements in office on jobs and education, and they have rejected Vince Sheheen's all-negative all-the-time campaign of distortion and lies."

**Post and Courier:** Haley has lead but still in reach of Sheheen, poll shows

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141001/PC1603/141009931/1177/haley-has-lead-but-still-in-reach-of-sheheen-poll-shows>

Schuyler Kropf

Gov. Nikki Haley holds a strong, but not totally safe, 10-point lead over Democrat rival Vincent Sheheen, a new poll from Winthrop University shows, leaving with Sheheen slightly less than five weeks to close the gap.

**Note:** Winthrop political scientist Scott Huffmon said the most positive trend for Haley is that after four years in office, she is much stronger positioned in her rematch with Sheheen, a state senator from Camden, than in their first go-round four years ago.

**WYFF:** Winthrop political poll results released

<http://www.wyff4.com/politics/winthrop-political-poll-results-released/28351066>

Stephanie Moore

The poll indicates Haley leads Sheheen by a 43.6-33.6 margin among likely South Carolina voters. Petition candidate Tom Ervin, a self-funded attorney and former judge, has a slight effect on the race with 3.9 percent of voters, according to the poll.

**WIS:** Haley takes 10-point lead over Sheheen in Winthrop Poll

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26673823/haley-takes-10-point-lead-over-sheheen-in-winthrop-poll>

Philip Weiss

The latest Winthrop Poll results show Republican South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley with a 10-point lead over Democratic challenger S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen in the November elections. Likely South Carolina voters tabbed Haley to win the November election over Sheheen by a margin of 43.6% to 33.6%.

**Times and Democrat:** WINTHROP POLL: Haley holds 10-point lead; Graham over Hutto by 18%

[http://thetandd.com/news/winthrop-poll-haley-holds--point-lead-graham-over-hutto/article\\_66888496-49a3-11e4-b197-03a31af1cf2c.html](http://thetandd.com/news/winthrop-poll-haley-holds--point-lead-graham-over-hutto/article_66888496-49a3-11e4-b197-03a31af1cf2c.html)

Republican Governor Nikki Haley holds a 10-point lead over Democratic challenger S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen in the November elections, according to the latest Winthrop Poll released Wednesday. Haley leads Sheheen by a 43.6-33.6 margin among likely South Carolina voters.

**WYFF:** Truth Check: Is Gov. Haley's new 'Truth' ad truthful?

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/truth-check-is-gov-haleys-new-truth-ad-truthful/28354992>

Tim Waller

In her latest political ad, Republican South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley accuses Democratic opponent Vincent Sheheen of making "misleading" attacks on her. "Seen liberal Vincent Sheheen's negative ads against Nikki Haley?" the ad says. "Independent analysts call Sheheen's attacks 'misleading' and 'hiding key facts.'"

**The State:** ELECTIONS 2014: Sheheen, Sellers: Confederate flag must come down

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3717502\\_elections-2014-sheheen-sellers.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3717502_elections-2014-sheheen-sellers.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1)

Jamie Self

The Democrats running for governor and lieutenant governor said Wednesday it is time for the Confederate flag to be removed from the State House grounds and replaced with the U.S. flag.

**Note:** Haley's deputy campaign manager Rob Godfrey Sheheen's move, about a month ahead of the Nov. 4 election, "desperate and irresponsible."

**Note:** "Vince Sheheen has gone his entire political career - almost a decade and a half - without doing a thing to remove the flag, and now he's trying to make it an issue 30 days before an election. Vince has run out of things to say about the economy, education, and ethics reform, so he's trying to inject this sensitive issue into the campaign at the last minute."

**Associated Press:** Sheheen calls for Confederate flag to come down

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QeuDhTcJ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QeuDhTcJ)

Jeffery Collins

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen said Wednesday that he wants South Carolina to remove the Confederate flag that flies on Statehouse grounds. Sheheen was joined by the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor Bakari Sellers and several mayors Wednesday in calling for the removal of the flag.

**Post and Courier:** South Carolina capitol's Confederate flag is campaign issue

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141001/PC1603/141009948>

Cynthia Roldan

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen called on Wednesday for the removal of the Confederate flag from the grounds of the Statehouse in Columbia. He was joined by lieutenant governor hopeful Bakari Sellers on the call. Both argued that it is time for the Confederate flag to come down, in an effort to move South Carolina forward.

## South Carolina News:

**The State:** Lucas appoints special House ethics reform panel

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3717222/lucas-appoints-special-house-ethics.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Acting House Speaker Jay Lucas has appointed a special ethics reform committee after efforts to change state laws died on the final day of the session in June. The committee "plans to take up work on the bill right where things left off last session" with public meetings to set up a bill when the General Assembly gets under way in January, Lucas' office said.

**Associated Press:** SC gets \$450,000 for homeless vets

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CObvDfKa](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CObvDfKa)

South Carolina is receiving almost \$450,000 to help dozens of homeless veterans in the state find permanent housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs announced the award Wednesday. The money is in the form of rental vouchers for local public



housing agencies and will allow 95 veterans find permanent homes.

**The State:** Gag order imposed in slaying of 5 children

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3716899/gag-order-imposed-in-slaying-of.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>  
Tim Flach

A gag order was imposed on comment outside of legal proceedings in the slaying of five children in Lexington County. Circuit Judge Thomas Russo approved the step – adopted sometimes in high-profile matters – after it was requested by lawyers for Timothy Ray Jones Jr., who is accused of killing his children in late August.

**The State:** Former federal prosecutor to oversee SC toxic waste dump

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/01/3717395/former-federal-prosecutor-to-oversee.html?sp=/99/132/154/>  
Sammy Fretwell

A closed hazardous waste dump on Lake Marion will have new caretakers next month as part of a cost-cutting move by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC chose Charleston lawyers Ben Hagood and Robert Kerr as the Pinewood site's interim managers. They take charge of the old landfill Nov. 1 and will oversee it until a permanent trustee is chosen later.

### Local News:

**Post and Courier:** Charleston Chamber launches campaign for extending sales tax for schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141001/PC16/141009914/1177/charleston-chamber-launches-campaign-for-extending-sales-tax-for-schools>

Amanda Kerr

With 43 people moving to Charleston County every day and 1,500 new students enrolled in the county this school year, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce board member Patrick Bryant thinks it just makes sense to extend the 1 percent sales tax for school building projects.

**Sun News:** Horry County Solid Waste bylaw changes could cost taxpayers in future

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/01/4508811/horry-county-solid-waste-bylaw.html?sp=/99/134/142/>

Jason M. Rodriguez

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority board approved changes to its bylaws Tuesday that loosens restrictions on what is proposed to be tens of millions of dollars that could one day fall on the backs of taxpayers. The authority board voted 3 to 2 to send the bylaws with a positive recommendation to the full County Council to be voted on at its Oct. 7 meeting.

### National News:

**Politico:** Scott Walker opens lead over Mary Burke in Wisconsin

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/10/poll-scott-walker-mary-burke-111521.html#ixzz3EvM9IAQZ>

James Hohmann

Gov. Scott Walker now leads by 5 points among likely voters in Wisconsin, according to a Marquette University Law School poll released Wednesday, an 8-point swing in the Republican's favor since August, when challenger Mary Burke led by 3 points.

**Washington Post:** House Republicans, on their heels after shutdown, now in position to add to majority

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/house-republicans-on-their-heels-after-shutdown-now-in-position-to-add-to-majority/2014/09/30/e9ec05f8-48ca-11e4-b72e-d60a9229cc10\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/house-republicans-on-their-heels-after-shutdown-now-in-position-to-add-to-majority/2014/09/30/e9ec05f8-48ca-11e4-b72e-d60a9229cc10_story.html)

Paul Kane

One year after plunging the country into what was then regarded as a near-apocalyptic 16-day shutdown of the federal government, House Republicans find themselves, improbably, in their strongest position politically since the earliest days of their majority in 2011.

**New York Times:** Secret Service Director to Resign

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/02/us/julia-pierson-secret-service.html>

Michael S. Schmidt, Michael D. Shear

Julia Pierson, the director of the Secret Service, is resigning in the wake of several security breaches, according to administration officials. The resignation came less than a day after lawmakers from both parties

assailed Ms. Pierson's leadership and said they feared for the lives of the president and others in the protection of the agency.

**CNN:** White House exempts ISIS strikes from civilian casualty guidelines

[http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/01/politics/wh-isis-civilians/index.html?](http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/01/politics/wh-isis-civilians/index.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fcnn_allpolitics+%28RSS%3A+Politics%29)

[utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fcnn\\_allpolitics+%28RSS%3A+Politics%29](http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/01/politics/wh-isis-civilians/index.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fcnn_allpolitics+%28RSS%3A+Politics%29)

Jim Acosta, Kevin Liptak

New rules meant to temper the civilian death toll from unmanned U.S. drones won't apply in the fight against terrorists in Iraq and Syria, the White House says. The standards, which Obama spelled out during a high profile address last year, were meant partly to allay concerns many Americans felt toward lethal drones.

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