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From: Tom Davis <TomDavis@scsenate.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 1:32 PM  
To: Veldran, Katherine; Pitts, Ted; Godfrey, Rob  
Subject: Invitation to meet with the Greater Island Council Members 2/26/2014

The Greater Island Council (GIC), a group of constituents of Senator Tom Davis, is planning their annual meeting to come to Columbia and meet with various SC Government Department leaders. Mr. Alan Herd, a member of GIC, has the task of planning the meeting and arranging the agenda for the day. He has asked, if your calendars would allow, for you to meet with the members of the GIC on Wednesday, February 26, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upon your confirmation and about a week prior, a list of topics/questions that the GIC has generated, will be forwarded to you for your perusal. They also welcome any information/topic that you would like to share and discuss with them. GIC has the conference room 607 in the Gressette Building to meet; however, if it works best for the group to come to your offices, they respectfully will.

I am working directly with Alan Herd and am their key contact person here in the Senate, as they are constituents of Senator Tom Davis. Below please find the fact sheet of the Greater Island Council, that will give you a complete overview of the purpose and the history of the group share by Mr. Herd.

You may send your confirmation or regrets to me via email or by phone.

Thank you,

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**The Greater Island Council  
Of Hilton Head Island and Bluffton**

**PURPOSE:**

The Greater Island Council (GIC) is an independent association of leading citizens of Hilton Head Island and greater Bluffton who share a common interest in preserving and improving the quality of life in the area.

**HISTORY:**

The Council was organized and chartered as the Greater Island Committee in 1989 as a non-profit, non-partisan South Carolina corporation by a group of community leaders. The objective was to provide a means by which interested and engaged citizens could stay abreast of ongoing and emerging issues affecting the quality of life within the community and, when appropriate, to develop and advocate courses of action in the best interest of the community. The founders believed this could be best accomplished by organizing a group of civic-minded leaders with diversified backgrounds.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

The GIC grew from its initial group of founders to its current limit of 120 active members. The GIC continues to identify and invite qualified new members – community leaders with a deep interest and concern for the well-being and betterment of the area -- who are willing to devote time and energy to seek solutions to current challenges. The GIC attempts to maintain a membership that reflects the community in terms of profession, home location, gender, race, education, and professional skills and experience. Members are expected to participate actively in at least one “action committee” (described below) and to pay annual dues.

**METHOD OF OPERATION:**

Monthly meetings of the full membership provide a forum for members to receive information about current issues affecting the region’s quality of life, to discuss these issues, and to enable members

to be better-informed leaders in the community at large.

The GIC typically works quietly and constructively with community leaders, officials and others on these issues. At times the Council takes public positions on referenda or other matters of broad public concern.

The GIC's action committees are the principal vehicles through which the GIC identifies key issues, focuses on potential improvements, and encourages beneficial change. Each action committee has a specific area of concern, but the efforts of all committees are shaped by these common goals: 2

- o To remain thoroughly informed about current or emerging issues in their area of concern;
- o To communicate and consult with civic, private sector and governmental leaders involved with their area of concern;
- o To prioritize key problems and needs within their area of concern;
- o To identify and facilitate constructive steps to mitigate problems, and to improve outcomes for the benefit of the community and the region.

**The Specific Missions of the Individual Action Committees are as follows:**

Transportation Committee:

Encourage development of a safe and efficient transportation system and infrastructure to meet current and future needs of the community and region.

Public Safety Committee:

Monitor and improve public safety and security throughout the region.

Education, Workforce & Community Outreach Committee:

Encourage improvement in educational resources, academic outcomes and workforce preparation throughout the region.

Government Policy Committee:

Encourage adoption of sound government policies that will best serve the long-term interests of the region.

Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee:

Promote efforts to preserve the region's natural environment; and assure adequate parks and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Regional Committee:

Monitor the special concerns of residents of the mainland of southern Beaufort County and Jasper County, and facilitate policies and actions to preserve and improve quality of life in those areas.

Hilton Head Island Vision Task Force:

Facilitate efforts toward implementation of the key goals of the Mayor's Task Force for the Island's Future; and identify and explore other initiatives of potential importance to the Island's future.

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