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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Post and Courier:** Gov. Nikki Haley looks ahead to governing  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141106/PC1603/141109546>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley wants to let South Carolinians know that she is still overwhelmed by the trust voters placed in her on Tuesday - and that she feels a lot of responsibility over her second term.

**Note:** Haley discussed her plans for her new four-year term with reporters Thursday, two days after she crushed her main challenger, Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, by 15 points - a margin about three times larger than her win over him in 2010.

**Ethics reform:** Aside from continuing to try to bring more jobs to the state, she said a top item on her agenda is ethics reform, something she has pushed for during the last two years.

**Infrastructure:** Haley took some heat during the campaign for saying that she would announce her plans for addressing the state's road system in January - well after the election. On Thursday, she continued to decline to elaborate on her roads plan.

**Domestic violence:** Haley said "I love" that the legislature has a criminal domestic violence committee working on the issue and that she was looking forward to working with lawmakers.

**Associated Press:** Haley hopeful Legislature will pass ethics reform  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3rfDuYPy](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3rfDuYPy)

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday she's optimistic about getting ethics reform through the South Carolina Legislature next year. The newly re-elected Republican governor said the Legislature feels pressure following former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's guilty plea to campaign spending violations.

**Note:** "We've talked about cleaning up Columbia enough," Haley said in her victory speech Tuesday night, following her decisive win over state Sen. Vincent Sheheen. "This is the year we will clean up Columbia. This is the year we will make sure you trust your government again."

**Note:** "I'm very hopeful of a better working relationship with the House. ... It can't be any worse, right?" said Haley, who was a three-term House member from Lexington County when voters elected her governor in 2010. Speaking of Lucas, she added, "I think he has a true passion for wanting to move South Carolina forward."

**Note:** "I've never really had a lieutenant governor I could work with before. This is a real opportunity to show what a governor and lieutenant governor on the same ticket would look like," Haley said, adding their teamwork includes McMaster's ability to "advise us going forward every time we get sued."

**The State:** Gov. Nikki Haley: Not thinking about higher office  
[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796454\\_gov-nikki-haley-not-thinking-about.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796454_gov-nikki-haley-not-thinking-about.html?rh=1)

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley says her 15-point re-election win on Tuesday – three times larger than her victory margin in 2010 – was the result of her economic development push. Haley also addressed her still-undisclosed roads plan, the possibility of higher office and potential changes in cabinet while answering questions from reporters, including:

**Note:** "We changed the tone of South Carolina," the Lexington Republican said Thursday in her first news conference since winning a second term. "We showed a very strong, positive approach. I think we sold South Carolina like we never had."

**WLTX:** Haley Discusses Changes, Expectations for Second Term  
<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2014/11/06/haley-discusses-changes-expectations-for-second-term/18614805/>

Jennifer Bellamy

Governor Nikki Haley says she and her staff are already looking ahead to her second term. Haley told reporters she met with senior staff members Thursday morning in a post-election news conference. Haley talked about her expectations moving forward with the general assembly.

**Note:** "I'm excited about the fact that we're going to have a new speaker. I'm excited about the fact that we've worked really well with the senate these last two years. They've been very good to work with and so the fact that's we've got a little bit of a change in the dynamic gives me some hope," said Haley. "I really hope that we can all be on the same page. For me, I've always hoped and wished for a good relationship with the legislature."

**Note:** "Yesterday, I'd love to do it yesterday," said Haley. "We've got meetings scheduled going forward, but we're gonna look for a director we know can actually come in and carry it to another level in a way that we have that team approach for those caseworkers. That will really make a big difference." Haley says they're also looking at policy changes for the agency.

**WSPA:** Haley Outlines Vision For State Future; Road Fixes

<http://www.wspa.com/story/27322047/haley-outlines-vision-for-state-future-road-fixes>

Addie Hampton

Fresh off her re-election victory, Governor Nikki Haley shared her vision for her new term, Thursday. In a 20 minute news conference, Governor Haley highlighted her top priorities including job creation and ethic reform. Topping the list was fixing our crumbling and crowded roads.

**Note:** "I am solely focused on where we're going to go in this next session, what we're going to accomplish and how we're going to get there," she said.

**Note:** "There is no magic pot of money that's suddenly going to appear that's going to fix roads, which means we've really got to get creative on how to do this," said Haley.

**Associated Press:** Haley traveling to India to lure jobs to SC

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qu5nT4Ut](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qu5nT4Ut)

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley is traveling to her parents' native country next week in hopes of persuading Indian companies to bring jobs to South Carolina. The newly re-elected daughter of Indian immigrants told reporters Thursday her immediate focus as the state's CEO includes the India trip. She called the trip's schedule brutally busy.

**Area Development:** Romarco Minerals Enters Construction-Production Phase At Its Haile Gold Mine In Lancaster County, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-6-2014/romarco-minerals-operations-center-lancaster-county-south-carolina63534.shtml>

An exploration and development company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of precious metals mineral properties, Romarco Minerals and Haile Gold Mine division is entering into the construction and production phase of its Lancaster County, South Carolina, operations Center.

**Note:** "It's no secret that South Carolina is blessed with natural resources, and Romarco Minerals' decision to expand their operations at the old Haile Gold Mine is an example of the positive impact those resources can have on our economy. We congratulate them on their decision to invest over \$350 million and create 270 jobs in Lancaster County, and look forward to seeing them succeed in the Palmetto State," Governor Nikki Haley said.

**The State:** SC leaders pleased as gold mine wins approval

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796475\\_sc-leaders-pleased-as-gold-mine.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796475_sc-leaders-pleased-as-gold-mine.html?rh=1)

Sammy Fretwell

A proposed industrial-scale gold mine that prompted three years of environmental studies received final approval this week from South Carolina regulators amid predictions by state leaders of economic prosperity for the Palmetto State.

**Note:** On Thursday, Gov. Nikki Haley issued a glowing news release praising the Canadian corporation's decision to establish the gold mine near Kershaw, a jobs-hungry community about 60 miles north of Columbia.

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Palmetto State.”

**WCBD:** School Safety Task Force hears opposition to more officers in SC schools

<http://www.counton2.com/story/27322134/school-safety-task-force-hears-opposition-to-more-officers-in-sc-schools>

Robert Kittle

A special School Safety Task Force is working on its recommendations for making South Carolina schools safer, including recommending that an armed officer be put in every school in the state. But the group heard opposition Thursday from the American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina.

**Note:** But Gov. Nikki Haley does not think the state should require every school to have an officer. “School districts know what they need. They know which schools they need it in. They know what presence they need to have and I don't think we, as a state, need to be dictating-down on what they need to do. I think they know what's best to save their children,” she said Thursday.

**Associated Press:** Gay marriage ruling means high court review likely

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141106/PC1601/141109549/1177/gay-marriage-ruling-means-high-court-review-likely>

Dan Sewell

The expanding legal acceptance of same-sex marriage in the United States hit a roadblock on Thursday when a federal appeals court panel upheld anti-gay marriage laws in four states, making it more likely that the Supreme Court will take up the issue.

**Note:** Charleston County Councilwoman Colleen Condon and her partner, Nichols Bleckley, are seeking the injunction to prohibit state officials from enforcing South Carolina's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. They sued Wilson and Gov. Nikki Haley in federal court last month contending they are infringing on the couple's right to marry.

## 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Wall Street Journal:** A Message Sent to a Grudging President

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/peggy-noonan-a-message-sent-to-a-grudging-president-1415320458?tesla=y&mg=reno64-wsj&url=http://online.wsj.com/article/SB11550989027533334316504580261153681410926.html>

Peggy Noonan

The drubbin', thumpin', poundin' was a two-part wave, a significant Republican rise in the U.S. Senate and a Democratic collapse in the governorships. It was one of those nights neither party ever forgets.

**Note:** Among the governors, Republican John Kasich won re-election in swing-state Ohio by an astounding 31 points. In South Carolina, incumbent Nikki Haley beat her Democratic challenger by 15 points.

## Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**The State:** Haley has opportunity, obligation to move SC forward

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796076\\_editorial-haley-has-opportunity.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3796076_editorial-haley-has-opportunity.html?rh=1)

Editorial

CONGRATULATIONS to Gov. Nikki Haley on her overwhelming victory in Tuesday's election. Ms. Haley wasn't our choice to be governor. But she is our governor. And whether you voted for her or Sen. Vincent Sheheen or someone else, she is your governor too. That means every one of us has a stake in her success in her second term — and an obligation to help her succeed.

**Florence Morning News:** GOP giving Democrats the blues

[http://www.snow.com/opinion/article\\_074b479c-6538-11e4-9633-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.snow.com/opinion/article_074b479c-6538-11e4-9633-001a4bcf6878.html)

Editorial

It's over. Now we can breathe again. We survived the 2014 general election. What a grand night it was for the Grand Old Party. Republicans won a majority in the U.S. Senate, so an ineffective president will be rendered even more ineffective for two more I-o-n-g years.

**Note:** Not only did Republican governor Nikki Haley defeat Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen again, but she did so by a significantly wider margin than four years ago. Her margin of victory was 14.5 percent this year. It was 4.5 percent four years ago.

**Index-Journal:** McMaster a master at playing his hand

<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/McMaster-a-master-at-playing-his-hand>

Editorial

On Tuesday, South Carolina voters elected by way of separate ballot, for the last time, its next lieutenant governor. And, we suspect, Henry McMaster's victory puts him squarely where he wants to be -- next in line. Make no mistake. We have no issues with McMaster. He served admirably and well as the U.S. Attorney under President Reagan.

**Post and Courier:** Let's face it, Democrats - you are not going to win any popularity contests in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC16/141109566>

Brian Hicks

All you sad sack Democrats looking for a glimmer of hope in that shellacking you took on Tuesday can take comfort in this: At least you didn't lose a single race for dogcatcher. Of course, that's because dogcatcher is one of the few government jobs in South Carolina that is not put up for popular election.

**Greenville News:** Greenville's roads still need to be fixed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/11/06/editorial-greenvilles-roads-still-need-fixed/18615321/>

Editorial

Greenville County voters surely don't enjoy dodging potholes from one end of the county to another or being stuck in traffic on Woodruff Road. There are many reasons for the crushing defeat of a temporary 1 percent sales tax to fund a comprehensive package of repairs and improvements to roads, but it would be wrong to assume voters who went to the polls Tuesday applauded the condition of local roads.

**Post and Courier:** Enhance direct S.C. democracy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC1002/141109551>

Editorial

South Carolina voters overwhelmingly endorsed the latest advance in state government restructuring Tuesday by approving a constitutional amendment to have the adjutant general appointed by the governor. The ballot measure also requires that an appointee meet certain minimal qualifications to head the state National Guard.

**Aiken Standard:** Newly empowered GOP should try to get things done

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141107/AIK0201/141109589/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Mapping an agenda of unity and compromise should be the first step in the now Republican-controlled Congress. We know it won't be easy for either side. The to-do lists of President Barack Obama and the Democrats don't appear to align too heavily with that of the GOP.

**Post and Courier:** Enlisting Congress vs. ISIS

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC1002/141109550>

Editorial

President Barack Obama, in the wake of Tuesday's election, said he will seek congressional assistance on two key fronts - including securing lawmakers' approval for the U.S. military mission against the Islamic State. That was a welcome shift from a chief executive who over the last year has often dismissed the notion of getting legislative cooperation as an exercise in political futility.

**South Carolina News:**

**WIS:** MUSC evaluating 'low risk' patient for Ebola virus

<http://www.wistv.com/story/27323882/musc-examining-patient-for-possible-ebola-virus>

Philip Weiss

Officials at the Medical University of South Carolina have confirmed they have activated their Ebola protocols. According to MUSC, the hospital is evaluating a patient that "appears to be low risk" for the deadly virus. No other information regarding the patient has been released.

**Post and Courier:** MUSC has activated Ebola protocols; evaluating patient for symptoms of the virus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141107/PC16/141109539/1180/musc-has-activated-ebola-protocols-evaluating-patient-for-symptoms-of-the-virus>

Multiple media outlets are reporting that MUSC has enacted Ebola protocols. A patient in intensive care is being evaluated for the virus, but appears to be low risk.

**The State:** Former SC employee gets probation for data breach

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/06/3795893/former-sc-employee-gets-probation.html>

Rachael Lowe

Christopher Lykes, 39, of Swansea, will serve three years of probation and perform 300 hours of community service after pleading guilty to four counts of unlawful access and use of confidential records of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson said in a news release.

**Associated Press:** Dorn VA offers veterans caregiver seminar

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o4ivdEba](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=o4ivdEba)

The Dorn VA Medical Center is offering an all-day seminar to assist caregivers of veterans suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Friday's session is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Medical Center's auditorium off Garners Ferry Road in Columbia.

### Local News:

**Rock Hill Herald:** Chester County landfill fire has turned into a 'nightmare'

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/06/6501925\\_chester-landfill-fire-has-turned.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/06/6501925_chester-landfill-fire-has-turned.html?rh=1)

Rachel Southmayd, Bristow Marchant

The Chester County landfill fire – once believed to be nearly contained – has turned into a “nightmare” in its fifth day, emergency officials said Thursday. The Bennett Landfill site near Lockhart, off S.C. 49 in western Chester County, has been burning since Sunday afternoon. Debris at the site is about 50 feet high and 40 feet deep.

**Post and Courier:** Charleston schools tax extension succeeded due to little opposition and strong campaign, experts say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141106/PC16/141109567>

Amanda Kerr

A well-run campaign, little opposition and timing all are credited for the ease with which the Charleston County School District won approval Tuesday for extending a sales tax for school construction.

### National News:

**New York Times:** A Post-Election Day Certainty: New Scrutiny for the Affordable Care Act

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/07/us/politics/a-post-election-day-certainty-new-scrutiny-for-the-affordable-care-act.html?ref=todayspaper&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/07/us/politics/a-post-election-day-certainty-new-scrutiny-for-the-affordable-care-act.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0)

Robert Pear

This week's elections ensure a new round of political attacks on the Affordable Care Act, but they also create potential opportunities to repair provisions of the law that people on both sides of the partisan divide would like to fix.

**Associated Press:** Obama, GOP leaders test their will for compromise

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_OBAMA\\_CONGRESS?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_CONGRESS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-11-07-03-28-19)

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Josh Lederman

It's Washington's billion-dollar question: whether President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans can really make nice and forestall ever-greater dysfunction in a new era of divided government. The first clues will come when the president breaks bread with leaders from both parties at the White House.

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