

State of South Carolina
Executive Department

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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2016-10

WHEREAS, in recent years, the people of South Carolina have made significant strides in the realm of economic development, earning national and international accolades for manufacturing, foreign direct investment, population growth, tourism, and other indicators evidencing quality of life and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue to advance opportunities for industry and individuals, this Administration has shown a commitment to utilizing a comprehensive approach to economic prosperity, involving public and private stakeholders at all levels to lift up all parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that government, including municipal and county government, has the power to benefit or burden the business community, there exists a need to conduct a fair, competitive analysis of local government performance on key areas of economic and social importance; and

WHEREAS, a thorough analysis of the impact of South Carolina's local governments on issues, such as public infrastructure, taxation and regulation, and workforce readiness, would almost certainly benefit South Carolinians by identifying best practices and opportunities for collaboration and improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby establish the Local Government Competitiveness Council ("Council"), which shall be constituted as follows:

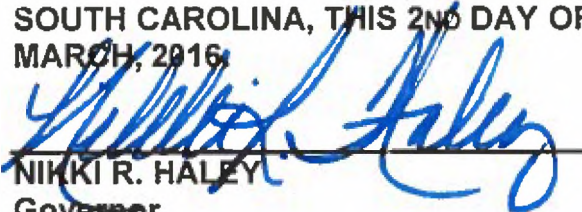
1. **Mission:** To foster and promote local and statewide economic growth and improved quality of life by evaluating and reporting the impact of local governments on key economic, social, and quality of life indicators.

2. **Membership:** The Council shall be chaired by the Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue with staff support provided by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Commerce. The Council shall consist of members representing business, industry, and key areas of impact.
3. **Duties and Responsibilities:** The duties and responsibilities of the Council shall be to:
 - a. Establish a set of criteria and the methods by which to analyze local government in key areas of impact, including but not limited to public infrastructure, taxation and regulation, and workforce readiness as well as other areas affecting quality of life.
 - b. Evaluate local governments using the established measures to determine effectiveness in key areas and overall competitiveness.
 - c. Provide a forum for industry experts, professionals, and key stakeholders to participate in meaningful, productive dialogue and analysis, resulting in the identification of best practices and strategies.
 - d. Submit to the Governor for approval a project outline and schedule, including a timeline for reporting findings and recommendations.
 - e. Receive consent for dissolution from the Governor upon completion of the project.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 2ND DAY OF
MARCH, 2016.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:


MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State