

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Thursday, November 20, 2014

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Legal:

Same-Sex Marriage – Today, Chief Justice Roberts denied the petition for a stay in the *Condon* case (Charleston) without explanation but noted that Justices Scalia and Thomas would have granted the stay. With the denial from SCOTUS, same-sex marriage in SC is no longer prohibited and is the law that is to be enforced by the State effective at noon today, which was confirmed in writing by Bob Cook with the AG’s Office. Our state still has an appeal pending in the Fourth Circuit, and the AG does not plan to withdraw the appeal based upon the circuit split (Sixth Circuit). Today, state agencies – including DOR, DMV, HHS, etc. – began the process of preparing to issue benefits and name changes to same-sex married couples.

Cabinet:

DOT – Today, DOT called to let us know that confidential conversations are starting to occur in Charleston about the possibility of redirecting 526 expansion funds to use for the Boeing access road and a Ports access road. Recall that Charleston County has to put up a match for both the Boeing and Ports roads projects, and the locals are interested in using the 526 funds to do so.

OEPP / DSS – There is a DSS Oversight Sub-Committee hearing on Monday, and OEPP has been invited to participate. The Sub-Committee wanted to talk with some volunteer guardians. Gary selected one from Berkley County (Shawnee Davis) and one from Lexington County (Carlene Sessions). Senator Young has personally invited an Aiken County guardian (Larry Mitchell) to appear.

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Good luck to Team Haley in Chennai on Friday!

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