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Please let me know if you have any questions and I will come down there.

KV

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTES:

#### BOND STUDY COMMITTEE:

- Capital Bond Study Committee - Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. - room 105 Gressette.
- Peeler's office will hopefully email us the agenda tomorrow.

- Walldorf – Gov appointee
- Ellison – Gov appointee
- Sobel – Gov appointee
  
- Alexander – Leatherman appointee
- Peeler – Peeler appointee
- Setzler – Setzler appointee
  
- Merrill – White appointee
- Clary – Bannister appointee
- Rutherford – Rutherford appointee

#### LEGIS MEETINGS/RECEPTIONS:

*Should we move forward with the following legis meetings/receptions.*

- K-12 Education Conversation Meeting with our legislative group to inform them of our plan:
  - Senators: Courson, Matthews, Hayes, Setzler
  - House Members: Allison, Bingham, Hayes
  - *We have not met with this group together since Phase I.*
- Allison and Bingham K-12 Follow up Meeting – KV and JB
  - Our first meeting with Allison and Bingham was on September 16 at that time we discussed a general list of ideas.
  - We told them we would have follow up meeting with them to discuss more specifics based on their feedback and follow ups with Molly.
- Senate and House Legislative Receptions
  - We cancelled the original Senate reception date for November 5.
  - Potential new dates are Oct 26 or Oct 29 - because these dates are 2 weeks away should we push for a later date or cancel the receptions all together?

#### RICHLAND COUNTY:

- At the request of Sen. Lourie, on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, KV and HM held a meeting with Elizabeth Ryan (SCEMD), Hannah Vick (FEMA), and Christy Hall (SCDOT) to answer legislator questions about the flooding in Richland County. Sen. Lourie, Rep. James Smith, Rep. Bernstein, and Deanne Gray with the Senate Minority Caucus attended the meeting.

Meeting outcomes:

- KV has coordinated with Sen. Lourie and Rep. Bernstein to hold a Richland County Community Meeting. Details below:

EVENT: Richland County Community Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 N Trenholm Rd, Columbia, SC 29206

ROOM: Main Sanctuary

ATTENDEES:

Senator Joel Lourie and Representative Beth Bernstein  
South Carolina Emergency Management Division  
FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Team  
South Carolina Department of Transportation  
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
South Carolina Department of Insurance  
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources  
Office of the Governor

- Senators and House members have expressed an need for an informational backgrounder to distribute to Senate and House staff to help them answer constituent questions. We are currently working on this backgrounder.

REFUGEES RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM:

- There are 23 legislators who have asked for information about the Refugee Resettlement Program.
- Attached is the draft Q&A about the Refugee Resettlement Program. DSS has signed off on it.
- Are we able to send this information to the legislators?

AWARDS:

- The framing shop (*The Picture Place*) we use for the Governor's Awards, was completely destroyed by the flooding on Forest Drive. The owner, Sheree Smith, is optimistic and is looking for a new location to continue her business.
- HM is coordinating with Halti on having 3 awards/award letters delivered to mansion tonight – to be picked up tomorrow.
  - *Carol Davis – Order of the Silver Crescent (award & letter)*
  - *Martha Ingram – Order of the Palmetto (award & letter)*
  - *Evelyn Edmunds – Order of the Palmetto (letter)*