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SUBJECT: **State Legislative Update**

HOT TOPIC

Balanced Budget Act of 2013 (SB 13 – Stevens)
Act would require Governor to reduce current year General Fund expenditures by $400 million for use in the following fiscal year, including nearly $80 million in non-recurring economic development funds; bill is opposed by the administration and other groups such as the North Carolina Economic Developers Association; funds are being used to draw companies to and keep current employers in North Carolina; bill was subject of spirited debate in the Senate on February 3.

DEVELOPING ISSUES

Eminent Domain/Economic Development (HB 8 – Stam / SB 37 – Jackson)
Proposed constitutional amendment would ban the use of eminent domain for any and all economic development purposes, even those that are incidental to the project; referred to Judiciary committees.

Increase Property Tax Appeals Efficiency (HB 43 – Carney)
Legislation requested by Mecklenburg County to increase the size of the Board of Equalization in anticipation of the high number of property valuation appeals expected in 2011; General Assembly is aiming to get this bill through for the Governor's signature by early march so the County Commission may implement the necessary changes.

State Law to Provide for Acceptable ID's (HB 33 – Cleveland)
Lists forms of identification that all governmental entities, including local governments may use to determine actual identity.

Public Contracts / Illegal Immigrants (HB 35 – Cleveland)
Legislation would prohibit state and local government contracts with those companies that employ illegal immigrants and require such contractors to use the federal E-Verify Program to ensure that illegal immigrants are not hired.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Design-Build
Nothing to report at this time.

Right of Way Withdrawal
Nothing to report at this time.

Nuisance Abatement
Nothing to report at this time.

E-Mail Subscribers
Nothing to report at this time.

Energy
Nothing to report at this time.

Business Privilege License Tax
Nothing to report at this time.

Annexation (HB 9 – Dollar / SB 27 – Brock)
Similar bills would impose moratorium on all involuntary annexations currently in process until July 1, 2012; City's proposed annexations effective June 30, 2011 would be impacted; purpose of moratorium is to get all parties to the table to arrive at mutually satisfactory bill to run in 2012 General Assembly.

Courts Funding
Nothing to report at this time.

Mobility Fund
Nothing to report at this time.

Local Revenue Sources for Roads and Transit
Nothing to report at this time.