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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners from the County Manager

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General Assembly Update

Last week, the Senate passed its version of H721, "An act to amend the laws related to land development." LUESA staff believes that this legislation will negatively affect a bonding program that they administer on behalf of Mecklenburg's towns to ensure that infrastructure improvements for new subdivisions are completed if a developer exits the project before all required improvements have been made.

The bill narrows the scope of what can be paid for by these bonds, shifting the cost of final improvements to the local government general fund. We shared our concerns about the legislation with the bill sponsors; however, the legislation moved forward without changes. The bill has been returned to the House for consideration of the Senate's changes.

Also, this week, Senator Harry Brown hosted a press conference to discuss his plan to redistribute sales taxes in North Carolina. Under his plan, 87.5% of all sales tax collected in Mecklenburg would be distributed across the state either through the state budget process or the per capita distribution model.

The current distribution method was established in 2007 as part of a complex swap that, unlike the current Senate proposal, was beneficial to all 100 North Carolina counties. We continue to work with counties, municipalities, and businesses from other urban, suburban, rural and tourism counties to oppose this legislation that will hurt the economic engines of North Carolina while providing no long term solution to the challenges facing our rural neighbors.

County Hosting MWSBE Vendors Open House this Week

The County's Vendor Management Program Office will host a Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) open house this Thursday, July 30 from 3 to 6 p.m. It will be held at Valerie C. Woodard Center, Suite 107.

The purpose of the event is to build better relationships with minority-owned, women-owned and small business vendors. During the open house, participants can register in the County's new e-

Procurement system and learn how to make bids and solicit County business.

If you have any questions about the upcoming MWSBE event, contact Angela H. Altman at 980-314-2419 or Angela.Altman@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Assist Health Director to Participate in National Public Health Program

I am pleased to announce that Assistant Health Director Connie Mele has been selected as one of just 25 nurses from across the country to participate in the Public Health Nurse Leader (PHNL) by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She will participate in a two-year leadership development program designed to strengthen the capacity of senior public health nurses to improve population health, address social determinants of health, respond to emerging trends in health and health care, influence policy, and lead collaboration in their communities.

The program's goal is to support nurses who are ready to lead public health departments in building a Culture of Health in their communities. As part of the [Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action](#) the PHNLs will work closely with the Action Coalitions in their states to implement recommendations from the Institute of Medicine's [Future of Nursing report](#).

Please join me in congratulating Connie on this excellent opportunity. I am excited that she will be part of such a highly reputed program and look forward to the information and ideas she will bring back to Mecklenburg County.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Aug. 4, 5-6 – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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