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## Fwd: Oct Newsletter: Senator Joel Ford

Joel Ford [joelford@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:18 PM**To:** Steve Johnston; C N Parrish [pap\_parrish@bellsouth.net]**Attachments:** image003.jpg (3 MB); image005.jpg (8 MB);

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Dear Constituents and Friends,

I have a new Legislative Clerk, Lisa J. Fair. She is a Charlotte native who grew up in District 38 and graduated from Harding High School. Lisa comes to the team with a wealth of knowledge and resources to assist constituents. Her warm and engaging personality is an asset to serving District 38.

Lisa attended UNC-Chapel Hill and majored in Computational & Applied Mathematics and holds a B.S. degree in Computer Science from Hampton University with advanced research in Nanotechnology. She has spent the last 25 years in an Information Technology setting with several Fortune 500 companies as well as NASA – Langley Research Center in Hampton Va. Lisa is also the third of four generations of teachers in her family and spent five (5) years as a Technology Educator in Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC.

### Committees

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Please help me in welcoming Lisa to the North Carolina Senate – District 38 Office! The door is always open for constituent calls, correspondences and visits.

**\*\*\*LEGISLATIVE\*\*\*****GOVERNOR ROY COOPER VETO MESSAGE on Senate Bill 656:**

“This legislation abolishes a scheduled election and takes away the right of the people to vote for the judges of

their choice. It is the first step toward a constitutional amendment that will rig the system so that the legislature picks everyone's judges in every district instead of letting the people vote for the judges they want. If the legislature doesn't like the fact that judges are ruling many of their laws unconstitutional, they should change their ways instead of their judges."

10/16/2017	Senate	Veto Overridden – Sen Ford voted No	<a href="#">PASS: 26-15</a>
10/16/2017	House	Veto Received From Senate	
10/16/2017	House	Placed On Cal For 10/17/2017	
10/17/2017	House	Veto Overridden	<a href="#">PASS: 72-40</a>

Senator Rabon entered Bill 698 TODAY:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW 2 FREQUENT ELECTION OF JUDGES BY CREATING TWO-YEAR TERMS OF 3 OFFICE FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

### Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements

#### CONNECT NC BOND PROGRAM

##### Background and Context

- The Connect NC Bond is a \$2 Billion Bond supporting Community College, University, Public Safety, State and Local Parks, NC Zoo and Agriculture
- The Connect NC Bond Act of 2015 provided UNC with 21 bond projects

##### Connect NC Updates

- Project Updates – **Community College**
  - Received \$350 million in Connect NC Proceeds
- Project Updates – **University of North Carolina**
  - Received \$1,065,000,000 in Connect NC Proceeds
- Project Updates – **Department of Public Safety**
  - Received \$70 million for three North Carolina National Guard Readiness Centers:
- Project Updates: **NC Parks**
  - North Carolina State Parks received \$75 million for projects at each State Park.
- Project Updates: **North Carolina Zoo**
  - North Carolina Zoo received \$25 million

The Senate adjourned Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 4:03 p.m., to reconvene Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.

### \*\*\*DISTRICT NEWS/CONSTITUENT CORNER\*\*\*

**I-77 Update-** Traffic shifts on I-77 will take place between Exit 23 and Exit 25 in Huntersville as crews working on the I-77 Express Lanes project begin resurfacing the general purpose lanes between Exit 23 and Exit 25. Traffic will be shifted to the median lanes of I-77 in both northbound and southbound directions. Traffic shift operations will occur overnight on Friday, October 20 for the southbound lanes, and Saturday, October 21 for the northbound lanes from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. These traffic shifts will be in place for approximately six weeks. For further updates on the I-77 express, refer to the website, <http://www.i77express.com/>.

Welcome to [NCCASH.COM](http://NCCASH.COM)

There is approximately \$659 million in the unclaimed property fund. You may be one of the North Carolinians who is owed money from the fund. *Claim Your Cash*, part of the NC Cash Program, helps reunite owners with their unclaimed property

Search for your unclaimed cash online!

As always, please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly website, [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net), to track information on committee meetings, bill status, legislative updates, etc. The North Carolina state government, website, [www.ncgov.com](http://www.ncgov.com), is helpful for in-depth information regarding our state resources.

Thank you for continuing to voice your issues, thoughts, and concerns through your many e-mails, phone calls, and office visits this session. Please feel free to contact me or my office at any time. Please kindly forward this newsletter to your family and friends so they can stay in the loop as to what is going on in Raleigh. Send us their contact information so we can add them to our newsletter listserv!

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