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Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Seeks Public Input at the 11th Annual State of Our Community Luncheon

August 18, 2010, (Greensboro, NC) – Where do you stand on important community issues such as budget and revenue, education, and regional cooperation? What questions do you have for local leaders? The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce will find answers for the public's questions at the **11th Annual State of Our Community Luncheon, to be held next Wednesday, August 25 at the Koury Convention Center.**

More than 750 people from the business, government, and education sectors will come together for lunch and a panel discussion by local leaders. The panelists are Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners Melvin 'Skip' Alston, Greensboro Mayor Bill Knight, Chairman of the Guilford County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly Earl Jones, and Guilford County Board of Education Chairman Alan Duncan, moderated by Greensboro Chamber Operating Group Chairman, Chuck Burns. Questions for the panelists will address a wide range of topics, including city and county collaboration, incentives and business recruitment, and attracting and retaining young professionals locally. Audience members will be invited to text their questions pertaining to living and working in Greensboro to be vetted and potentially answered by the panelists.

Because State of Our Community falls on the first day of school in Guilford County, the Greensboro Chamber is partnering with the Guilford Education Alliance and Thomas Built Buses to collect much-needed school supplies for the Teacher Supply Warehouse. Items that are needed the most include Number 2 pencils and all paper goods, but any donation will be greatly appreciated.

11th Annual State of Our Community Luncheon
Wednesday, August 25, 2010
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Joseph S. Koury Convention Center/Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons, Guilford Ballroom

The Chamber of Commerce is Greensboro's premiere business association, working to build a vibrant economy one business at a time through unique educational programs, leadership training, and opportunities to network with key business leaders. The Chamber is a member of the Greensboro Partnership, united with Greensboro Economic Development Alliance and Action Greensboro to create a growing economy and vibrant quality of life in Greensboro and Guilford County.

Along with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, premier sponsors for State of Our Community are Bank of America, United Healthcare, and NorthState Communications. Gold sponsors are Charles Aris, Duke Energy, the YMCA of Greensboro, and Miles McLellan Construction Company. Principal Sponsors are Piedmont Natural Gas, Polo Ralph Lauren, and Syngenta.

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