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SYNERG TO HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATIONAL SERIES

September 27, 2011 – (Greensboro, NC) synerG, Greensboro's premier young professionals organization, is excited to announce it will partner with the Elon University School of Law to host a series of educational events to engage the young professional community with Greensboro City government.

On Friday, October 7 from 12:00-1:30pm, the partners will host Local Government 101: Economic Development in Room 211 at the Elon University School of Law, 201 N. Greene Street in downtown Greensboro. Panelists include Dr. Keith Debbage, Professor of Geography at UNCG; Dr. Eric Fink, Associate Professor of Law and Jennings Emerging Scholar at Elon University School of Law; and Carole Bruce, Greensboro Partnership Board Chair. Panelists will address issues such as obstacles to economic growth and economic development leadership.

On Friday, October 14 from 12:00-1:30pm, the partners will host Local Government 101: Council/Manager Form of Government in Room 211 at the Elon University School of Law. Panelists include Ed Kitchen, Former City Manager and VP of the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation; Dr. Howard Katz, Professor of Law at Elon University School of Law; and Rashad Young, Greensboro City Manager. Panelists will address the structure and roles of local government and city revenue streams.

"It is extraordinarily important that our young leaders gain an understanding of the structure and roles of local government and economic development," commented Cecelia Thompson, Director of Projects at Action Greensboro. "We are very excited to host this educational series and to be able to offer the caliber of speakers who will be presenting."

In addition, **synerG will co-host the Greensboro City Council Economic Development Candidates Forum with the Greensboro Partnership on Thursday, October 20 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Regency Room, 203 S. Elm Street in downtown Greensboro.** Complimentary cocktails and appetizers will be provided, and young professionals will have the opportunity to ask City Council candidates questions that are important to them.

The cost of lunch at the Local Government programs is \$10, and tickets can be purchased at www.synerg.org. Tickets to the Economic Development Candidates Forum are free, and can be reserved online at <http://2011candidatesforum.eventbrite.com>. For additional information, please call Cecelia Thompson at (336) 387-8354 or email her at cthompson@actiongreensboro.org.

synerG, under the umbrella of Action Greensboro, is an active organization of young adults who lead initiatives with the mission to attract, engage, and connect Young Professionals in Greensboro. Action Greensboro is a member of the Greensboro Partnership, united with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and Greensboro Economic Development Alliance to create a growing economy and vibrant quality of life. Learn more about synerG at www.synerg.org.

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