



Legislation Text

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Title:

Update from the Small Business Consortium (Commissioner Leake)

Summary

ACTION:

Receive an update from the Small Business Consortium

Commission Contact:

Commissioner Vilma D. Leake

Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Fuller and Jerrell

Presentation:

Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Small Business Consortium is a civic group that began in 2010 as an initiative of Commissioner Vilma D. Leake, County Commission District 2. The purpose was to provide a forum to strengthen relationships among small business owners, the city, county, and state as it related to business opportunities for small businesses. The goal was to implement a program that would educate, equip, empower, and provide solutions for small business owners in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County by:

- Educating small businesses on the certifications and contractual opportunities with city, county, and state governments.
- Equipping small businesses with business and leadership development opportunities.
- Empowering small businesses to develop collaborations and partnerships.

Since its inception, the consortium has grown from 4 participants to 100+ participants at its bi-monthly meetings and has more than 1,000 people in its database.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

