2015 Retirements and Elections Mean Big Changes for Virginia General Assembly and Opportunities for Engagement

All 100 House of Delegates and 40 state Senate districts will hold elections this year. Every Virginia voter will have the chance to vote for their General Assembly representatives. In addition, several retirements and intra-party contests will trigger primaries to select party nominations for the November General Election.

Election year provides ample opportunities to engage the candidates in your community. It can be as easy as visiting their website to sign-up for newsletters or high-level interaction through contributions and volunteering. Getting to know your General Assembly members early in their careers can result in long-term and valuable relationships when it comes to policy making. As a supporter and information resource, you can be a "go-to" constituent on important issues.

Here are some great resources for engaging in the 2015 General Assembly races:

Virginia Public Access Project - http://www.vpap.org/
Non-partisan, non-profit resource for daily Virginia political news, candidate information, campaign finance details (who gave to whom), PACs, and lobbyists.

Virginia General Assembly - http://virginiageneralassembly.gov/
The Commonwealth's website for all things legislative. Find your member using "Who's My Legislator?" Track bills, understand the legislative process, and locate official information from studies and commissions.

Your Government Relations team! We are also available to introduce you to Virginia politics. Please contact Cal Whitehead at cwhitehead@whiteheadconsulting.net if you have questions about races in your community and would like to engage in the political process. We can assist you with identifying the candidates or even hosting a fundraiser.