



THE COMMITTEE OF 100

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Call to Action for Budget Reform

Delaware has the chance to regain leadership among the states for fiscal responsibility. We can do so by adopting a proposed new budget structure that is responsive to actual economic performance, which rewards value in public expenditures, and which encourages investment in our social and economic infrastructure.

These are fancy words that mean we won't create spending obligations we can't afford to maintain, that we will save some money when times are good so that we have bucks in the bank to use when times are bad, and that we'll use some of the extra money which may show up in any given year to invest in one-time projects like schools, broadband, clean water, and transportation.

Sometime before the end of June, the Delaware General Assembly will decide whether to begin putting in place the recommendations of the bipartisan DEFAC Advisory Panels on Revenues and Fiscal Controls. The key vote this year will be on passage of the first of two steps of a constitutional amendment to create a new Budget Stabilization Fund. The second leg of the amendment and the revenue reform elements would be adopted by statute next year.

Members of The Committee of 100 are urged to contact their State Senators and Representatives to support the constitutional amendment by voting Yes on House Bill 460.

The vote will be difficult because it is asking legislators to buck the stereotypes of both parties. Democrats will be asked to limit spending increases to a level tied to economic growth, population, and inflation indicators. Republicans will be asked to vote for revenue measures that broaden the tax base and support justifiable spending growth.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fix Delaware's finances and start a new era of budgetary stability. The state's taxpayers deserve it and the state's economic health depends upon it. Please do your part by letting your state legislators know today that you support bipartisan fiscal responsibility.

Here are the lists of [House](#) and [Senate](#) members and their contact information.

Click to download a [sample message](#) you can personalize and send to your Senator and Representative. Thank you!

DNREC Announces Members of the Coastal Zone RAC

After extensive stakeholder input and a public nomination process, DNREC Secretary Shawn Garvin has announced members of the Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC) and the committee's chair. The RAC will provide guidance and feedback to DNREC on development of Coastal Zone regulations that are required to be in place for issuance of conversion permits by Oct. 1, 2019.

The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the American Birding Association Headquarters, 93 Clinton Street, Suite ABA, Delaware City, DE 19706. Committee meetings are open to the public.

"Delaware's Coastal Zone means different things to different people, and those concerns and interests deserve to be represented and considered fairly in this regulatory development process," said DNREC Secretary Garvin. "We are grateful to the women and men volunteering their time to the Committee and this important cause."

The members of the RAC have diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives related to Delaware's Coastal Zone that will guide DNREC in developing this new permitting program. Representatives come from environmental organizations, business and industry, affected communities, technical fields, public health, and other diverse backgrounds.

The Coastal Zone RAC will be chaired by Justice Randy J. Holland. Justice Holland was appointed to the Delaware Supreme Court in 1986, when, at 39 years old, he became the youngest person to be appointed to the Court. He retired from the Supreme Court in March 2017 after serving for over 30 years. Recognized as an expert on corporation law, corporate governance, appellate practice, and state constitutional law, Justice Holland has written more than 700 reported opinions, which include many seminal corporate law decisions. Justice Holland has been recognized as one of the leading influencers on business ethics in the United States.

Members of the Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Regulatory Advisory Committee are:

- Jennifer Adkins, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary
- William Ashe, International Longshoreman's Association 1694
- Neeraj Batta, Batta Environmental (and The Committee of 100)
- Brenna Goggin, Delaware Nature Society
- Michael Hackendorn, Delaware Building and Construction Trades Council,
- Ron Handy, Boys & Girls Club of Delaware and Route 9 Corridor Coalition
- S. Douglas Hokuf, New Castle County
- Herb Inden, City of Wilmington
- Tim Konkus, Delaware City Marina & Main Street Delaware City, Inc.
- Dr. Awele N. Maduka-Ezeh, Division of Public Health Medical Director
- James Maravelias, AFL-CIO
- Dr. Eugene McCoy, Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred, Inc.
- Jerry Medd, Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware
- Jeffrey Richardson, University of Delaware and Imani Energy
- Robert Whetzel, Richards, Layton & Finger, State Chamber of Commerce (and The Committee of 100)
- Dolores Whilden, resident, Claymont
- Marian Young, Brightfields Inc. (and The Committee of 100)

Supported by The Committee of 100, passed by the General Assembly, and signed by Governor Carney in August 2017, the Coastal Zone Conversion Permit Act allows for permitted industrial construction and operation in 14 existing sites of heavy industry use, and in certain circumstances, permitted bulk product transfer, within Delaware's Coastal Zone. The Act requires DNREC to develop regulations determining how the permitting program will operate and defining specific requirements regarding environmental impact assessments, economic impact assessments, financial assurance, and environmental offsets.

DNREC requests that those planning to attend the June Regulatory Advisory Committee meeting notify the Department by emailing Brittany.Klecan@state.de.us, or by calling 302-735-3480.

Legislative Update: Stormwater, HSCA and Brownfields Funding

Senate Bill 204, supported by The Committee of 100 and sponsored by Senator Hocker (R-Ocean View), was introduced on May 8, 2018 and would lower the impervious surface requirements to 15% for redevelopment projects under The Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, making such projects more attractive investments. SB 204 also creates a simplified public process for approving changes to guidance materials used by the stormwater program as opposed to requiring any changes to go through the full regulatory adoption process which takes months. SB 204 passed the Senate by a large margin and is expected to pass the House.

The Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee has voted to recommend legislation drafted by The Committee of 100 for adoption by the General Assembly. House Bill 451 would create a mechanism to stabilize the revenues for the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA) Fund by allowing the tax rate to be annually adjusted to account for changes in the price of oil. Low oil prices in the past four years have left the HSCA Fund, and the Brownfields Grant Program it supports, severely underfunded. Since HB 451 would not have a fiscal impact until 2019, The Committee of 100 is currently advocating for \$5 million in special one-time funding to maintain the pipeline of projects and the viability of the Brownfields Grant Program.

2018 Academic Scholarship Awards



Kevin J. White was awarded The Committee of 100 Academic Scholarship for 2018 at our Dinner Meeting on May 15th. Kevin recently graduated from Newark Charter High School with a 4.5 GPA and an impressive resume of academic, leadership and athletic achievements. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Youth in Government, and is an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Kevin competes in track & field, cross country and basketball. He was named captain of each of these varsity teams during multiple years of his high school career. Kevin was named the 2018 True Patriot Award winner, a 2-time MVP of the cross country team, and earned all-conference honors in cross country and basketball.

Kevin will attend Villanova University in the Fall and plans to major in Finance with an emphasis on Business Analytics.

Each year, The Committee of 100 offer a \$3,000 merit scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of New Castle County, and who intends to major in business, economics, or a related field. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence, as well as well-rounded involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

This year, we are also pleased to award a special Book Scholarship to Sabrina Jaw in recognition of her hard work and achievements. Several generous Members donated \$500 for this additional award. Sabrina just graduated from Concord High School and has been accepted into the Honors Program at University of Delaware where she will major in Finance. Sabrina moved to the U.S. from China just six years ago and overcame language and cultural barriers to excel in the classroom, Math League and Science Olympiad.

Special thanks to Education & Scholarship Committee chair Brent Shaffer and members Jeremy Abelson, Peter Bailey, Mike Carney, Bert Green, Dev Sitaram, Paula Swain, Nicki Taylor and Ted Williams for reviewing and scoring this year's 40 applications, and interviewing our four outstanding finalists. It was a challenge to select among such talented and accomplished candidates!

Last Chance to Register for our June BBQ on Monday!



Monday, June 18, 2018

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

University & Whist Club

Join us to kick-off summer with the best networking opportunity of the season. Connect with business colleagues, as well as federal, state, and local elected officials invited for this casual, fun, and **filling** event. Same all-you-can-eat low price of **\$50**.

The Annual June BBQ will be held on the lawn of the University & Whist Club.
Cocktails will be served at 5:30 with the BBQ buffet beginning at 6:30.

Dress is business casual. In the event of rain, we will move indoors to the new Tilton Terrace.

Printable Registration Form:
[Monday, June 18, 2018 BBQ Notice](#)



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Friday, September 21 - Middle School Students
Saturday, September 22 - Open to the Community

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