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Chamber welcomes public policy director to staff

Durham, NC - The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce John D. White, II as its new Director of Public Policy. He officially began his role at the Chamber today.

As Director of Public Policy, his duties include developing and executing a strategic government relations plan on local, state and federal levels, as well as advocating on behalf of the Chamber and its members to ensure policies and legislation are conducive to a positive and successful business environment.

White comes to the Chamber with local government knowledge and experience. Before accepting the position with the Chamber, he served as Community Director for *GenerationEngage*, a small non-partisan, non-profit organization that focuses on civic engagement. During his time at *GenerationEngage*, White was able to involve Triangle residents in conversations with elected officials about community issues and concerns.

During the 2008 election season, he organized and conducted interviews with several candidates for statewide offices in an effort to inform voters about those seeking election.

Prior to his work with *GenerationEngage*, White served as Legislative Assistant to North Carolina Representative Alma Adams (Guilford County) and also worked on several election campaigns.

The Greensboro, N.C. native is a 2005 graduate of North Carolina Central University with a degree in Political Science.

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About the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is Durham County's leading business organization, serving more than 1,000 business, government agency and non-profit member firms. Through its community collaboration, programs and activities, the Chamber strives to help create and sustain a healthy economic climate ensuring that Durham is a great place to live, work and play. The Chamber also serves as the economic development entity for Durham County. In the last decade, the Chamber's economic development efforts have assisted numerous companies relocate operations or expand current operations in Durham, resulting in more than \$3.3 billion of investment in Durham and thousands of jobs.