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### FOR RELEASE AT WILL

#### University of North Carolina Tomorrow Commission to Host Community Listening Forums Across the State

CHAPEL HILL – The University of North Carolina Tomorrow Commission, a blue-ribbon group of business, education, government, and nonprofit leaders from across the state, will host 11 community listening forums across North Carolina during September and October to discuss how the multi-campus University can best meet the changing needs of the state and its people over the next 20 years. The Commission, which will also meet with regional leaders in different sectors and industries to discuss evolving challenges facing North Carolina, will then advise the UNC Board of Governors as it develops potential solutions that are consistent with the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service.

“We want to hear from the people in every part of North Carolina about the challenges and opportunities they face in their communities, work, and lives, and how the University can help,” said UNC Board of Governors Chairman Jim Phillips, who also chairs the Commission. “Our goal is to be more responsive to the needs of this State, and to do that, we need input and feedback from the citizens we are here to serve.”

Interested citizens are invited to attend a forum in or near their community to discuss the emerging challenges facing North Carolina as a state—and their region in particular. Members of the Commission will be joined by UNC President Erskine Bowles and top university scholars from multiple UNC campuses. Each forum will last up to three hours and will include a public comment period. Written comments will also be collected through a survey available at each forum, as well as online.

The online survey is already available at [www.surveymonkey.com/nctomorrow](http://www.surveymonkey.com/nctomorrow). For more information about the University of North Carolina Tomorrow initiative; the listening forum schedule; driving directions (posted one week prior to each forum); or to share their thoughts on an interactive blog, people can visit [www.nctomorrow.org](http://www.nctomorrow.org).

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**University of North Carolina Tomorrow Listening Forum Schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mon, 9/10	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Greenville (ECU - Murphy Center) Rocky Mount (Nash Community College Business and Industry Center, Conference Room 3)
Wed, 9/12	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Wilmington (UNCW, Warwick Center Ballroom) Fayetteville (FSU Seabrook Auditorium)
Thurs, 9/20	4:00 pm	Elizabeth City (ECSU, K.E. White Graduate Center)
Wed, 10/3	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Charlotte (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Rm 267) Hickory (Metro Convention Center)
Thurs, 10/4	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Asheville (UNCA, Highsmith Union – Alumni Hall) Sylva (Southwestern Community College – Myers Auditorium)
Mon, 10/8	4:00 pm	Greensboro (Gateway University Research Park Millennium Campus)
Wed, 10/10	4:00 pm	Raleigh (NCSU, McKimmon Center Room 2C)

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