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A huge win for Charlotte tops North Carolina politics this week. Stategovernmentradio.com's Josh Ellis reports on news that Charlotte has been chosen to host the 2012 Democratic National Convention. Ellis also shares excerpts of this week's N.C. House floor debate between Republicans and Democrats over the federal health care law.

Rick Martinez, news director of the N.C. News Network, stategovernmentradio.com and NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh, joins host Donna Martinez to analyze the political implications of the convention and the health care vote.

Following that, new N.C. Democratic Party Chairman David Parker joins Donna Martinez with reaction to the convention news and for a discussion of his strategy to rejuvenate the state party in the wake of massive 2010 losses.

That's followed by a look at fresh polling data with Civitas Institute President Francis DeLuca, who reveals the latest data on Gov. Beverly Perdue's popularity overall and within the Democratic Party, as well as North Carolinians' views of the state's economy and GOP efforts to exempt Tar Heels from the new federal health care law's individual mandate.

Then Ran Coble of the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research analyzes the challenge ahead for Republicans as they redraw the legislative and congressional districts and Martinez shares more information about the National Enquirer's investigation into John Edwards, a coveted assignment for new Rep. Renee Ellmers, and a humorous anecdote about House Speaker Thom Tillis of Mecklenburg County.