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# Charlottean to be liaison for Perdue

**Marion Sullivan will be the administration's second top official from the city.**

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N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue Thursday named Marion Sullivan her director of intergovernmental affairs. She's the second top administration official from Charlotte.

In her new post, Sullivan, 42, will serve as a liaison to local governments, constituent groups and the governor's regional offices, including a new one in Charlotte.

"I think its great for Charlotte," Sullivan said of her appointment.

She said the governor is getting close to announcing a new Charlotte office. Perdue promised during the campaign to open an office in the Queen City and even work in it from time to time.

Earlier this month, Perdue named Charlotte banker Ken Lay as secretary of the Department of Revenue.

Thursday's appointment came the day a new survey by Public Policy Polling showed that while 60 percent of North Carolinians approve of her performance, only 50 percent of those in the Charlotte area do. She defeated Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory in November.

Sullivan was a senior adviser to Perdue's campaign. She's also worked on Capitol Hill, for a Democratic pollster and for former Gov. Mike Easley's 2004 re-election.

"Marion brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position," Perdue said in a statement.

"She will help bridge communication and partnerships between state government and local government, and she will be a critical piece of delivery on my commitment to ... work across government borders."

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