

March Newsletter



You didn't vote for this.

BY KATHRYN HARVEY

I don't care who you voted for; you didn't vote for this.

As of the penning of this statement, Elon Musk and the DOGE Committee supported by Congressman William Timmons have accessed your personal tax records at the IRS; you didn't vote for this.

Over 5,000 federal employees in District Four have had their livelihood put at risk through the dismantling of federal agencies supported by Congressman Timmons; you didn't vote for this.

The defunding of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) by the DOGE Committee is an attack on South Carolina farmers; you didn't vote for this.

In this first month of the Trump administration we've experienced the highest inflation rates since August of 2023; you didn't vote for this.

The freeze on federal grants and loans by the DOGE committee has halted everything from medical trials, to Head Start and Veterans' Programs, to assistance for the victims of domestic violence; you didn't vote for this.

A trade war with our allies would increase tariffs on a significant portion of Spartanburg manufacturing industry – directly affecting local workers and their pockets; you didn't vote for this.

And you didn't vote for the executive branch of our government to refute the rule of law handed down by the courts.

How deeply unserious and callous this administration has proven to be. And the level of cowardice we are seeing from our State House to our White House will inextricably be linked to harming the citizens of South Carolina and the constituents of District Four.

As a member of the DOGE Subcommittee, William Timmons is calling for a war on waste, but what he fails to acknowledge is the human costs of decimating



government agencies that provide social safety nets.

House Republicans are pushing an extremist budget that slashes food assistance, healthcare, and housing programs -- while carving out billion-dollar tax breaks for their wealthy donors; you didn't vote for this and we must make sure our elected officials know it.

Congress was in recess last month, and there was no sign of William Timmons facing his constituents in a public forum or town hall. Call for a Timmons Town Hall and make your voice heard by contacting your representatives daily. Tell them to stand up for us against harmful federal actions; because we didn't vote for this.

Call for a Timmons Town Hall

Community members are urging Congressman William Timmons—who has not held a public town hall in more than six years—to meet face-to-face with his constituents. Please call your federal representatives, including Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, and ask them to schedule a town hall session in the Upstate to address concerns about the Trump Administration's chaotic actions in Washington. A list of all federal and state Spartanburg County representatives is included in this newsletter.

Empty Chair Town Hall

On March 15 at 2:00 p.m., Indivisible Upstate is hosting an Empty Chair Town Hall at the Hughes Main Library in Greenville. No tickets are needed. Admission is first-come, first-served. Please arrive no earlier than 1:45 p.m. and remember that no food or drink is allowed inside the Library.



State Legislative Updates



Stop the Total Abortion Ban (H.3457)

A new bill (H.3457) for the '25-'26 session that would impose a total abortion ban is rapidly gaining support in the House. This extreme legislation would criminalize essential medical care, expose doctors to severe penalties, and interfere with healthcare decisions that should be made by patients and their providers. With more than 35 sponsors (and counting), this ban threatens the health, freedom, and safety of South Carolinians—especially given our state's already grim maternal and infant health outcomes. Abortion is essential healthcare, and the proposed budget amendment blocking state funding for abortion providers would further curtail access to vital services.

Protect Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives (H.3927)

House Bill 3927 would prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs in all state agencies, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, and even pressure private organizations to drop their DEI initiatives. Under this sweeping definition, efforts to recruit women into engineering careers, investigate racial health disparities, or promote inclusive hiring policies could all be undermined. This bill poses a major threat to equitable opportunities in South Carolina's public and private spheres.

Stop the SC Voucher Scam (S.62)

Senate Bill 62 continues to advance in the State House. It diverts public funds—including SC Education Lottery dollars—from public schools to private institutions that face few accountability measures. This scheme weakens public education by reducing resources for students who rely on public schools. Call your legislators and demand they vote NO on S.62, keeping public education fully funded for every child.

Make Childcare More Accessible and Affordable (S.47)

Senate Bill 47 recently had its first hearing in the Senate Finance Banking and Insurance Subcommittee. This bill encourages businesses to offer childcare by expanding tax credits, and it provides a new tax credit for licensed full-time childcare workers. Lack of affordable childcare costs South Carolina's economy \$1.4 billion per year, holding back many would-be workers and small businesses. By supporting S.47, lawmakers can help reduce a key barrier to employment, strengthen local economies, and promote a more resilient workforce across the state.

Support DACA Professional Licensure (H.3211)

South Carolina is facing critical workforce shortages, and H.3211 offers a common-sense solution: allowing DACA recipients—who are legally authorized to work in the United States—to obtain professional licenses. This change would help qualified individuals fully contribute to our state's economic growth. Please call your representative to voice your support for H.3211.

Urgent Call to Action

Committee Hearings for H.3457 and H.3927

The House Judiciary Constitutional Laws Subcommittee will hold critical hearings on two highly controversial bills: H.3457 (a total abortion ban) and H.3927 (a DEI ban). These hearings present a vital opportunity for the public to make their voices heard, either in person or by submitting testimony.

H.3457 Hearing (Abortion Ban)

- *Date & Time:* Tuesday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
- *Location:* Blatt Building, Room 110, State House Complex

H.3927 Hearing (DEI Ban)

- *Date & Time:* Tuesday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m.
- *Location:* Blatt Building, Room 110, State House Complex

If you cannot attend, consider submitting written testimony via email to HJudConstitutionalLaws@schouse.gov for H.3457 or laurennelsonsheorn@schouse.gov for H.3927. Medical expertise, personal stories, and legal perspectives can make a critical impact.

50501 Protest

Between the two hearings, a peaceful "50501" protest will take place at noon near the State Capitol.

Use every opportunity to make your voice heard. Our lawmakers need to know where we stand.

Pre-filed Legislation to Watch

Heading into the 2025 legislative session, members of the SC House and Senate pre-filed a large number of bills that can have major impacts on South Carolina students and educators. The following is a brief rundown of some of the legislation we are tracking.

Bills promoting censorship in schools and libraries:

- **H. 3185** turns a temporary budget proviso, which has already been cited in arguments to ban books like *Between the World and Me*, into a permanent law.
- **H. 3244** requires that all online materials chosen by a district, school, or teacher, must be approved by the SC Department of Education (which has already demonstrated partisan bias in its collaboration with PragerU).
- **S. 104** would cut state library funding due to accusations that libraries contain “prurient interest materials”. This kind of language is frequently used to ban books that express ideas about diversity, structural racism, and other topics.
- **H. 4654** and **H. 4701** would restrict student access to library materials based on “sexual content,” a vague term which has already been used to ban otherwise-appropriate books at the state level.

Bills restricting diversity trainings and information:

- **H. 3219** limits the ability of colleges and universities in South Carolina to promote and provide diversity training.
- **H. 3184** limits the ability of colleges and universities in South Carolina to hire employees who support their diversity efforts.
- **H. 4663** prohibits any state officer or agency from promoting “diversity, equity, and inclusion”.

Bills which infringe on student intellectual freedom:

- **S. 135** compels students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **S. 134** adds requirements to teach the Christian Bible to state academic standards.

Bills which discriminate against LGBTQ+ students:

- **H. 3094** would compel transgender and nonbinary students to identify with their sex assigned at birth.
- **H. 3263** prohibits state higher education and K-12 schools from using funds to create unisex bathrooms, or from allowing trans and nonbinary students to use their preferred restroom.
- **H. 4707** would restrict the use of student preferred pronouns in schools and require anti-LGBTQ+ content in sex ed.

Bills which seek to move state funding to private and religious institutions, without requiring a transparent and accurate education:

- **S. 62** would use Education Lottery funds to fund private schools and private educational services. Senate Education has prioritized and fast-tracked this bill.
- **H. 3011** the House version of of S. 62 (above).
- **H. 3253** and **S. 153** would amend the SC Constitution to allow the direct funding of school vouchers.
- **H. 3420** would create tax rebates to fund private schools.
- **H. 4645** would provide a tax credit for private school tuition.
- **S. 50** would use state funding to fund private school scholarships
- **S. 108** provides income tax credits for private school families.

Bills which EXPAND opportunities for students to learn about their society and about accurate history.

- **H. 3547** requires instruction on civics (a subject many anti-“woke” bills explicitly restrict).
- **H. 3264** requires the creation of a pilot media literacy program.

Explore Pre-Filed Bills

Review legislation already filed in both the House and Senate by scanning this QR code:



Find Your Legislator

Locate and contact your state representatives by scanning this QR code:



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National Legislative Updates



Protect Medicaid and SNAP from Harmful Cuts

More than 50 South Carolina organizations are raising the alarm against federal proposals that could cut a third of all Medicaid funding over 10 years—drastically reducing access to healthcare for children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Such deep cuts would put over 1.2 million South Carolinians at risk of losing their healthcare benefits, hasten the closure of rural hospitals, and strain the capacity of children’s hospitals. Additionally, any cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) would exacerbate hunger across the state, hurting local economies. Protecting Medicaid and SNAP is essential to creating a more equitable future for all South Carolinians.

Petition for a Town Hall with Graham, Scott, and Timmons

Spartanburg County is feeling the shockwaves of from the disruptive Trump administration, and we need to ensure our legislators understand the impact these careless actions are having on our community. We are watching as local nonprofits have their work impacted by disruption in their federal grant money. Some of our neighbors and friends have already lost their jobs or been furloughed. And we know this is just the tip of the iceberg.



We believe that our representatives – Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, and Rep. William Timmons (SC-4) – must face us to answer our questions, and address our concerns. There must be transparent communication about the obliteration of government agencies at the hands of an unelected individual with no security clearance. And we want to know what they assess the impact will be on various elements of our communities - businesses, individuals, non profits, schools and more.

Scan the QR code to the right to sign a petition calling for a public town hall, and demand that our federal officials agree to attend a town hall scheduled for March 15 at the Hughes Library and answer to their voters.

Your signature here is not merely a name; it’s a voice calling out for accountability and answers. Let’s remind Graham, Scott and Timmons that we are the people they have sworn to serve and represent. Sign the petition today and make your voice heard.

Sign Up to Visit Your Representatives

Help us make a powerful statement by joining our rotating schedule of visits to our federal representatives’ offices. By maintaining a steady presence, we’ll show just how serious and committed our community is about making our voices heard. Sign up now, and let’s keep the pressure on—together.

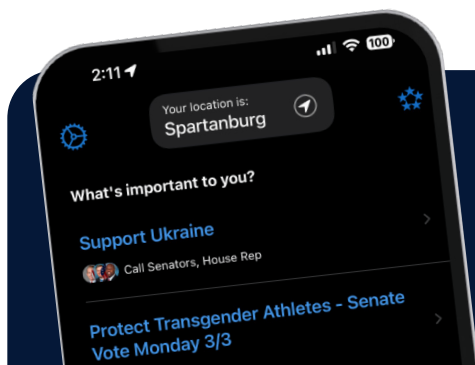
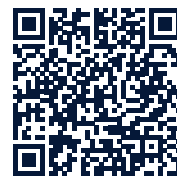
Sen. Lindsey Graham



Sen. Tim Scott



Rep. William Timmons



Download the 5 Calls App

5 Calls is a simple, effective way to connect with your representatives on critical issues. The app provides you with contact information and ready-to-use call scripts, making it easier than ever to advocate for what matters to you.



Contact Your Representatives



Holding our elected officials accountable is essential to protecting our communities and values. Contact your representatives often to demand they stand up against harmful state and federal actions.

To find your legislator in the **U.S. House of Representatives**, scan the QR code to the right.



To find your legislators in the **South Carolina State Legislature**, scan the QR code to the right..



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Congressman William Timmons: Profiles in Cowardice

BY BILLY WEBSTER



Our Congressman didn't have the courage to return to our district during the recent recess to face the voters—his constituents—to explain the dangerous lack of transparency and utter confusion of Trump's first month as president. Who wants to explain the inexplicable? For someone with the history of ducking and dodging accountability, who could say they are surprised?

Now, in the wake of the most stunning reversal of American foreign policy in a century, his cowardice has reached a new height. As Chair of the Military and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, Timmons advertised his first congressional hearing last week as one to "examine how the Trump Administration is rebuilding the American military and foreign policy establishment to restore American security, safety and prosperity."

Let's just stop right there, Congressman.

In one week, Donald Trump and his MAGA-enthralled shock troops have obliterated the cornerstone of American foreign policy, one constructed by a dozen previous Presidents including Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Reagan, Clinton, Bush and Obama. Trump and his ill-informed Vice President have succeeded in shredding the European alliance and turned America's back on NATO, a defense and security pact that has kept the peace around the world for 80 years. Our grandfathers died on the beaches, in the trenches and in the cities of Europe to defend American democracy and the rule of law. Trump has tossed their sacrifice aside in two weeks.

Worse, Trump has embraced the world's leading criminal autocrat, Vladimir Putin. Trump has adopted the Kremlin's talking points on the Ukraine war almost verbatim,

calling Zelensky a "dictator" and seeking to broker a peace without consulting our European allies, exactly the negotiation that Putin wants. Trump, who prides himself on being a transactional negotiator, despite having filed multiple bankruptcies in his own failed businesses (and faring no better on his first go-round as President), is having his lunch eaten at the negotiating table by Putin.

The Oval Office beat-down of president Zelensky by Trump and Vance is the lowest moment in the western foreign policy since Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Adolph Hitler at the Munich Conference in 1938. Chamberlain's fecklessness lit the fuse of World War II. God only knows what Trump has wrought by his action.

Trump's shockingly pathetic display should embarrass every American. It was a pitiful and shameful end to a month of presidential confusion and weakness.

Equally as shameful, our Congressional delegation remained silently complicit in Trump's degrading performance. Where is Timmons? Where is Scott? Where is Graham?

Their silence is nothing more than the sound of political cowardice.

How Timmons and his radical foreign policy newbies cannot see the dangers inherent in this act of betrayal is breathtaking. Trump has shattered the Atlantic Alliance. He has opened the door for further Russian expansion in Europe. He has given China a fresh opportunity to make diplomatic and economic inroads around world. He has alienated both Canada and Mexico, our primary trading partners and proposed juvenile ideas for the West Bank and Greenland. And, of course, as to Timmons' interest in 'peace and security,' if we won't defend our European allies of 80 years, who would think for a second that we will defend Taiwan when Chinese President Xi Jinping decides he is ready to invade.

Trump has emboldened the far-right extremists around the world, punctuated last week by the Vice President's reckless remarks at the Premier global security conference in Munich. Mr. Vance lectured Europe on 'freedom of expression' there while Trump and his Justice Department were busy muzzling voices of dissent at home. Vance extolled the virtues of the far-right German party, the AfD, whose leaders minimize Nazi crimes and portray their country as a victim of scheming outsiders, parroting the talking points of Adolph Hitler 90 years ago and Putin today. And to what end? Despite Vance and co-Vice President Elon Musk's loud and consistent embraces of that party, they will be on the outside looking in with Germany's new government.

Finally, Trump has installed MAGA loyalists inside the Justice Department, the FBI, the Department of Defense and the intelligence services. He is purging—with the consent of cowards like Timmons—all the voices of dissent and reason within our government.

Of course, the sycophant Timmons was too timid to address any of these issues. He seems like a smart guy. He knows these issues exist but he ignores them. Or he is too scared to do what is right. He is only interested in currying favor - at the risk of catastrophic implications -

with Trump and those intent on bringing America to its knees.

I never thought I would live to see the day when the United States of America was the laughing stock of the free world. We are that today. It is humiliating beyond measure. No American president has ever been "fact-checked" in real-time on the world stage until this week, when French President Emmanuel Macron brutally corrected Trump's lies about our European allies.

When the history of Trump's dangerous follies is written, it will not be the Kennedy-esque "Profiles in Courage," it will be a pathetic recounting of "Profiles in Cowardice," and Timmons will have his own chapter.

William (Billy) Webster has spent his career in business and government service. As a White House Fellow, he worked for USAID. Later he was Chief of Staff at the US Department of Education. Webster worked in the Clinton White House as Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling and Advance.

Concerns about H. 3927 DEI Bill

BY COLBY KING



The anti-DEI bills and budget proviso being discussed in our state legislature are deeply concerning. We believe the bills and proviso mischaracterize the work of supporting the success of all people in our organizations and our community, and, if implemented, they would make it more difficult for all of us to do good work.

Some may expect these bills and/or the proviso to only touch higher education, but that is incorrect. Looking in particular at H. 3927, this bill would preclude any political subdivision of the state from doing any business with any other organization that has activities that the state's Attorney General might consider DEI.

The State newspaper ran an article last week coming to a similar assessment of the bill, explaining that "Any company that supports diversity can't do

business with SC under [this] proposed law."

If enacted, this bill could preclude Spartanburg County from continuing to give grants in support of Power Up Spartanburg. It could also mean that Blue Cross Blue Shield would have to verify that it was not conducting any activities that could be considered DEI by our state's AG in order to continue to insure state employees. How is this at all workable?

A full meeting of the House Education and Public Works committee is scheduled for Tuesday. H. 3927 is on the agenda. Public testimony is invited. Several folks from Spartanburg and around the state are planning to participate.

How far will these bills tear into our community? Will it upend our student led organizations? The Divine 9? These bills and provisos in our state house, which are unfortunately co-sponsored by some of the representatives of our community, mischaracterize the activities of these organizations and they make doing business in our community more difficult. We urge our representatives to reject these initiatives.

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Admin Ambush in the Oval Office

BY CLEMSON TURREGANO



So, yep, I've been there.

Got called to a meeting, dreaded it because the people I am meeting with are opinionated, judgmental and uninformed. Walk in, find out it is a set-up. Three against one and it is a well-hidden administrative ambush. Like others who experienced this recently, the others did a tag-team and I got beat up, bullied, and berated. I did not give in, but had to sit through it and afterwards felt like crap - these people were like me, on the same side, and although they have all the resources, lack the one resource that sustains people in hard times.

They have no honor.

I walked out of my meeting (a series of meetings actually and each one an ambush, with the same principal but different toadies), only to see, over time that history serves a role. Of the three people in the original meeting, one was relieved of duties and the others legally served and threatened with prosecution. Their careers were ended. If I had given in, I would have been served and prosecuted as well.

President Zelensky, a true statesman, was the only one with honor yesterday in the Oval Office. He was remarkable and did not give in and should not. They are lying - he is not. Fox news wanted him to apologize and he did not. As a veteran I know the only way to win in an ambush is to fight through it, even if the enemy is overwhelming.

Well done President Z - keep fighting. Maintain your honor.

Our president and VP have none.

The following is pasted from Occupy Dems: "BREAKING: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy breaks his silence on Donald Trump's disastrous Oval Office outburst with stunning grace and class – but refuses to apologize to Trump as demanded by MAGA."

And the best part? He did it on Fox News.

This is what a real world leader sounds like...

"President Trump said after your meeting that you disrespected him and the vice president and all of America in the Oval Office," said Fox News' Bret Baier when Zelenskyy appeared on his show. "Do you think you did? And do you think you owe an apology to President Trump?"

"Thank you so much. First of all, thank you for the invitation, for this dialogue and good evening to all of your country, to all Americans," said Zelenskyy. "I'm very thankful to Americans for all your support. You did a lot. I'm thankful to President Trump and to Congress's bipartisan support and I was always very thankful from all of our people."

"You helped us a lot from the very beginning, here in three years of full scale invasion. You helped us to survive and anyway we are strategic partners," he continued.

"And even in such tough dialogue – and I think we have to be very honest and we have to be very direct to understand each other because it's for us very necessary," said Zelenskyy.

"To President Trump – and with all respect that he wants to finish this war – but nobody wants to finish

more than we because we in Ukraine we are in this war, we are in this battle for freedom, for our lives," he went on.

"So I'm just telling that I think we have to be on the same side and I hope that the president on our side together with us and that is very important to stop Putin," continued Zelenskyy. "And I heard from President Trump a lot of times that he will stop the war and I hope he will. And we need to pressure him with Europe, with all the partners."

"And I think this dialogue had to be a little bit earlier to understand where we are," he continued. "Like you know, I don't remember exactly, but like President Reagan said that peace is not just the absence of war."

"Yes, we are speaking about just, lasting peace, about freedom, about justice, about human rights and that's why I said that 'I think so' to ceasefire," he went on. "And you know Putin, he's broken twenty-five times ceasefire during all these years, ten years."

"So I'm not hearing from you Mr. President a thought that you owe the president an apology," said Baier, clearly trying to pander to Trump who was almost certainly watching at home.

"No I respect the president and I respect the American people and if – I don't know, I think that we have to be very open and very honest and I'm not sure that we did something bad," replied Zelenskyy.

"I think maybe somethings we have to discuss out of media, with all respect to democracy and free media but there are things where we have to understand the position of Ukraine and Ukrainians," he added. "And I

think that is the most important thing."

"We are partners. We are very close partners. We have to be fair. We have to be very free," said Zelenskyy, sounding far more like an American president than Donald Trump did today.

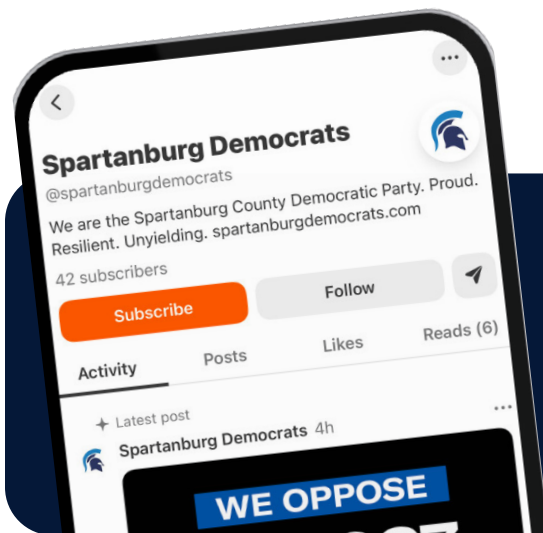
This is an astonishing display of statesmanship. Rather than give into ego or pettiness, Zelenskyy is rising above Donald Trump's childish bullying to serve his people.

Zelenskyy isn't interested in following Trump down into the gutter. He's interested in securing a lasting peace for his innocent embattled country, a task made all the more difficult by Trump's kowtowing to Vladimir Putin.

Zelenskyy is also correct that these conversations should take place behind closed doors instead of being exploited to create a media circus. Trump and Vance ambushed him in the Oval Office in front of reporters because they knew that it would make headlines and entertain their base.

They are not serious leaders. Zelenskyy is.

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Democratic Party Updates



Step Up to Lead Your Precinct

Precinct development is the backbone of any effective grassroots “Get Out the Vote” (GOTV) strategy. By organizing and engaging voters at the neighborhood level, precinct leaders serve as vital links between the local party and the community. They help recruit volunteers, share critical election information, register new voters, and conduct voter outreach that brings political issues directly to people’s doorsteps. Through this direct engagement, precinct leaders build trusted, lasting relationships that empower voters and volunteers, and strengthen the overall impact of the Spartanburg County Democratic Party’s GOTV efforts.



We are currently seeking individuals to register as precinct leaders ahead of our March 22 County Convention. The SPCDP is governed by our County Executive Committee, comprised of one member from every precinct. If you’re interested in serving as a Precinct Captain or Alternate, scan the QR Code to the right to complete the application. If you don’t know your precinct, you can find it by visiting SCVotes.gov. We will be sharing more information about the role of precinct captains at our next SPCDP Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 PM. Anyone curious about the responsibilities of precinct captains is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming 2025 Races: Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

Local races have a profound impact on our communities, from shaping school policies to deciding how our towns and cities grow. Many of these nonpartisan seats, particularly school boards, have become targets for conservative extremists in recent years (e.g. Moms for Liberty). Recruiting candidates who share our Democratic values ensures that every level of government works to build a better Spartanburg County, protect public education, and support an equitable and inclusive future for all residents. These races also help us create a strong candidate pipeline for future races.

- **Spartanburg County School Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7**
School Board
- **Town of Campobello**
Mayor and Town Council
- **Town of Central Pacolet**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Chesnee**
Mayor and City Council
- **Town of Cowpens**
Town Council
- **Town of Duncan**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Greer**
City Council and CPW
- **City of Inman**
City Council
- **City of Landrum**
Mayor and City Council
- **Town of Lyman**
Mayor and Town Council
- **Town of Pacolet**
Mayor and City Council
- **Mayor and City Council**
- **Town of Reidville**
Mayor and Town Council
- **City of Spartanburg**
Mayor, City Council and CPW
- **City of Wellford**
City Council
- **City of Woodruff**
City Council
- **Gowensville Fire District**
Commissioner

If you’re interested in running or learning more, contact SPCDP for guidance, resources, and support to help you navigate the process. School Board candidate petitions are due by 12:00 PM on July 15, and municipal filing will run from 12:00 PM on August 1 until 12:00 PM on August 15.

Fight Misinformation. Defend Democracy

Our democracy depends on informed, engaged communities to push back against harmful policies and protect fundamental rights. By supporting our efforts, you help ensure we can mobilize voters, fight misinformation, and advocate for a more just and equitable future.

A donation to our **General Fund** will help sustain our operations and outreach.



A contribution to our **Communications Fund** will support a strategic plan to inform our electorate, hold elected officials accountable, and provide action items in 2025.



Upcoming Events



March Against the Monarchy

Indivisible Upstate SC is sponsoring the “March Against Monarchy” to protest government overreach by the Trump administration. This peaceful demonstration aims to highlight concerns about the erosion of democracy at the benefit of the extreme wealthy. Participants are encouraged to bring signs to make their voices heard.

- **Tuesday, March 4 at 12:00 noon**
- **City Hall – Greenville, SC**
206 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601



Indivisible Upstate Zoom Meeting

Indivisible Upstate SC is hosting a Zoom planning meeting to organize upcoming actions and advocacy efforts. Join us to strategize, collaborate, and ensure our voices are heard.

- **Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Virtual, via Zoom**



Documentary Premiere of “Miss Perry Will Speak”

“Miss Perry Will Speak” is a 30-minute documentary exploring the history of the Business and Professional Women of South Carolina organization, recognizing the contributions of historical women, and examining its relevance to women today.

- **Thursday, March 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
- **Spartanburg Community College Downtown Campus**
220 E. Kennedy St., Spartanburg SC 29302



Outlook Spartanburg (Rescheduled)

This annual conference from OneSpartanburg, Inc. features forecasts on legislative, economic, and community issues to guide decision-making in 2025. Key topics include economic updates, legislative outlooks, and talent solutions in Spartanburg County.

- **Friday, March 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Milliken & Co Customer Center**
920 Milliken Rd, Spartanburg, SC 29303



International Women's Day Celebration 2025: 'Accelerate Action' with Kathryn Harvey

Join the Furman University Center for Innovative Leadership, Upstate International, and Bridge City Health on March 7, 2025 as they #AccelerateAction through a morning of connections, inspiration and wellness to celebrate International Women's Day featuring keynote speaker, Kathryn Harvey!

- **Friday, March 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**
- **Crescent Center One - Flywheel Coworking Space**
25 Goldsmith Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Be HER Champion 2025 - A Women's Day Brunch

In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, enjoy a delightful brunch featuring an inspiring panel of speakers showcasing talented female vendors.

- **Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **The Piedmont Club**
361 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

The People's Empty Chair Town Hall

Indivisible Upstate SC presents The People's Empty Chair Town Hall to give the community a space to discuss urgent federal issues—including agency dismantling, economic instability, and threats to democracy—while our elected representatives continue to avoid their constituents. This event is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are encouraged to arrive no earlier than 1:45 p.m., as loitering in the halls is not permitted.

- **Saturday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Hughes Main Library**
25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC 29601



SPCDP County Convention

At our annual County Democratic Convention, we will receive an Impact Report highlighting new data gathered from the 2024 election, along with information about the SPCDP's strategic plan for 2025 and beyond. We will also elect county party officers and precinct captains to serve on the county executive committee, and delegates to the state convention. Any Democrat who is a registered voter may participate in the county convention.

- **Saturday, March 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- **Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**
502 S Daniel Morgan Ave, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Spartanburg Democrats Monthly Meeting

Join us for our Spartanburg County April Meeting! This gathering is an excellent opportunity for local Democrats to come together, receive updates about the state of their government, and work with like-minded folks to lift up our community. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to the party, you are welcome to attend.

- **Monday, April 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- **Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center**
650 Howard St, Spartanburg, SC 29303

Volunteer with the Spartanburg Democrats!

The work of electing people-powered leaders starts with YOU! We are looking for passionate volunteers to help us organize, mobilize, and track key political efforts.

- **Track Our Delegation** – We need individuals who can help monitor and track key information about our federal, state, county, and city representatives to keep voters informed.
- **Become a Precinct Captain** – Help coordinate voter engagement efforts in your precinct by organizing small group meetings, local outreach, and community events to mobilize neighbors.
- **Phone Bank for Convention 2024** – We're gearing up for our March 22 Convention and need volunteers to help us call past participants. Phone banking runs Feb. 25 – March 20, in person at SPCDP Headquarters every Tuesday to Thursday between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
- **Host a House Party or Meet-Up** – Help bring Democrats together in your neighborhood by hosting a small gathering to discuss local issues, meet candidates, and build grassroots energy.

Sign up today! Scan the QR code to the right or email us at spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com to get involved.



How has the Trump administration impacted you?

The Spartanburg County Democratic Party is asking for members of the Upstate community to share how the Trump Administration and the most recent Executive Orders are impacting their lives. Are you a federal worker whose livelihood has been threaten with job cuts? Were you in a medical trial that was halted? Are you apart of an organization whose federal funding was cut? Scan the QR code to the right or email us at spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com to share your story with our team.



Join Our Next Monthly Meeting on April 7

Join us for our next Spartanburg County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting on Monday, April 7 at 6:00 PM at the Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center. We'll discuss key legislative updates and recap our strategic planning and path forward for 2025 and beyond. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Democrats and take action in our community! Invite your friends and sign up at the link to the right.



Future Monthly Meeting Dates include:

- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 10
- December 1

Progressive Women's Group Interest Survey

Are you interested in forming a progressive women's group in Spartanburg County to complement the Democratic Women of Greenville County group?. Scan the QR code to the right to complete our interest form and learn more about Democratic Women of Greenville County.



Follow the Spartanburg Dems!

Stay connected with the Spartanburg County Democratic Party for the latest updates, events, and ways to get involved. Follow us on social media and help us build a stronger, more engaged community!

- **Facebook:** @spartanburgdemocrats
- **Twitter/X:** @SpartanburgDem
- **Instagram:** @spartanburgdemocrats
- **Tik Tok:** @spartanburgdems
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