

SPARTANBURG DEMOCRATS Monthly Newsletter

March 2026 Edition



Stronger Together

The mission of the Spartanburg County Democratic Party is to engage and inform the community around progressive issues, mobilize voters, and enlist and enable quality candidates to win elections.

The Pathway to Power is Through a Democratic Governor

We have a moment ahead of us that has long term viability for changed politics in the state of South Carolina.

Electing a Democratic Governor in 2026 and flipping at least six state house seats to break the super majority will put us on the path to fair maps. And in 2028, flipping senate seats to bridge more than 1/3 of the legislature means that Democrats are in play when we draw new maps in 2030. You see, the Governor has veto power of the maps drawn by the legislature. And the only thing that can override his veto is 2/3rds of the legislature.

We have a real chance to start a cycle towards more fair and competitive elections, and ultimately balanced politics in SC. And the Upstate has more to benefit than any other part of the state. Right now of our 36 partisan seats, two are held by Democrats in Spartanburg County. Two. We need to compete in every seat, and we need you to support candidates in 2026. Simply having a Democrat on the Ballot will increase turnout in the Gubernatorial and US Senate races by 0.43 to 2.3% - Imagine if we have 10 people running in Spartanburg in the general election.

There has never been a more critical year to challenge every race, and we are ready. Join us.

In solidarity,

Kathryn Harvey

Chair, Spartanburg County Democratic Party

Fuel the Fight for 2026: Join the Liberty Fund

In 2026, we're aiming to raise \$75,000 to power our field operations and Get Out the Vote efforts in a crucial midterm election year. The most impactful way you can help is by becoming a recurring donor through our Liberty Fund, which provides the steady, reliable support we need to plan ahead, staff our office, and organize year-round. Scan the QR code on this page or visit our Liberty Fund link to start your monthly gift today—every recurring donation, no matter the size, helps build the foundation we'll stand on in 2026 and beyond.



2025 Year in Review

A Year of Growth and Momentum for Upstate Democrats



The 2025 election cycle marked a year of significant progress for Democratic and democratically aligned candidates across the Upstate. Voters saw strong participation in local elections, new candidates stepping forward to serve their communities, and several historic wins that demonstrate growing momentum across the region.

Across the Upstate, 18 democratically aligned candidates ran for office, and 16 won their races. Two additional candidates competed in historically difficult districts and exceeded expectations by breaking the 40 percent threshold—an important benchmark that signals growing competitiveness and shifting voter engagement in those communities.

These results reflect a broader trend. Democratic-aligned candidates improved turnout in core neighborhoods, narrowed margins in traditionally Republican districts, and expanded local leadership in city councils, school boards, and municipal offices.

Among the many candidates who saw success in 2025 were:

- Dr. Octavia Amaechi – Commission of Public Works, City of Spartanburg
- Vernon Beatty – School Board, District 7
- Tina Belge – Greenville City Council
- Erica Brown – Spartanburg City Council
- Sarah Butler – School Board, District 2
- Caroline Ford – School Board, District 5
- Lillian Brock Fleming – Greenville City Council
- David Petty – Mayor, Town of Lyman
- Sharon Porter – School Board, District 7
- Jerome Rice – Mayor, City of Spartanburg
- Leslie Rodgers – Spartanburg City Council
- Janie Salley – Spartanburg City Council

Two candidates also demonstrated notable progress in challenging districts. Dawn Maddux, running in her first Spartanburg City Council race, earned more than 40 percent of the vote, showing that even in difficult environments new candidates can build meaningful support. Kathryn Harvey, running in a partisan Spartanburg County Council race in an area that has historically voted Republican, also surpassed the 40 percent threshold—an important benchmark that signals growing competitiveness and shifting voter engagement in districts long considered difficult terrain.

Together, these campaigns showed what is possible when candidates are willing to step forward and communities rally around strong local leadership.

As the Spartanburg County Democratic Party gathers for its annual convention, the successes of 2025 serve as a reminder that local organizing and candidate recruitment continue to make a measurable difference. Each campaign builds infrastructure, strengthens relationships with voters, and prepares the groundwork for future elections.

Note: The Spartanburg County Democratic Party does not endorse nonpartisan candidates or campaigns.

The Comeback

Rebuilding the Democratic Party in South Carolina in 2026

The 2025 election cycle demonstrated what is possible when people organize, volunteer, and engage their communities. Across Spartanburg County and throughout South Carolina, Democrats are rebuilding the infrastructure needed to compete—recruiting candidates, strengthening local parties, and reconnecting with voters who want to see a more balanced and accountable government.

Now the focus turns to 2026.

The next election cycle will be one of the most important in recent memory. With every seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives on the ballot and many local offices up for election, the months ahead will determine whether our state continues on its current path or moves toward a more competitive political future.

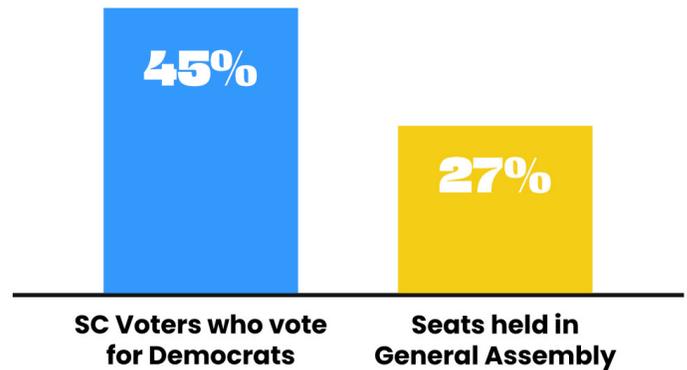
Why 2026 Matters

For more than two decades, South Carolina has experienced one-party control in statewide government. Republican supermajorities in the General Assembly now allow legislation to pass with little opposition or debate, leaving many voters feeling that their voices are not reflected in the decisions being made in Columbia.

But restoring balance does not require sweeping victories across the state.

In fact, shifting just a handful of legislative seats could break the current supermajority and restore meaningful checks and balances in the State House. Competitive elections lead to better policy, stronger accountability, and leaders who are more responsive to the communities they serve.

That work begins now—months before ballots are ever cast.



Nearly half the voters, but a quarter the voice.

Building Momentum Across South Carolina

Efforts are already underway to prepare for the 2026 election cycle. Across the state, organizers, local leaders, and volunteers are working to rebuild the foundation necessary for long-term success.

These efforts include:

RECRUITING STRONG CANDIDATES

Community leaders, educators, business owners, and advocates are being encouraged to step forward and consider running for office. Strong candidates begin with people who understand the needs of their communities and are willing to represent them.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL PARTY INFRASTRUCTURE

County parties play a critical role in organizing volunteers, hosting events, and supporting candidates. Strengthening these local networks ensures that campaigns have the support they need to reach voters.

ENGAGING VOTERS EARLY

The most successful campaigns begin long before Election Day. Voter outreach, community conversations, and grassroots organizing help build trust and awareness throughout the election cycle.

EXPANDING VOLUNTEER NETWORKS

Door knocking, phone banking, and community events all depend on volunteers who are willing to invest their time in building a stronger democracy.

Get Involved in 2026 Elections

Be Part of the Comeback in SC

Restoring balance in South Carolina politics will not happen through court decisions or national attention alone. It will happen when people across our communities decide to take part in the process—running for office, volunteering their time, and engaging with their neighbors about the future of our state.

The Comeback is built on a simple belief: democracy works best when more people participate. When communities organize, when new leaders step forward, and when voters have meaningful choices on the ballot, our political system becomes stronger and more representative of the people it serves.

That work begins at the local level. It begins with conversations between neighbors, with volunteers who are willing to show up, and with individuals who decide that their community deserves a voice in the decisions that shape its future.

South Carolina's political landscape will not change overnight. But progress begins when citizens choose to get involved—when they decide that participation matters and that their voice has a place in shaping the direction of the state.

The work of rebuilding a competitive and representative political system starts with a simple commitment: compete everywhere, organize everywhere, and ensure that every voter has a choice.

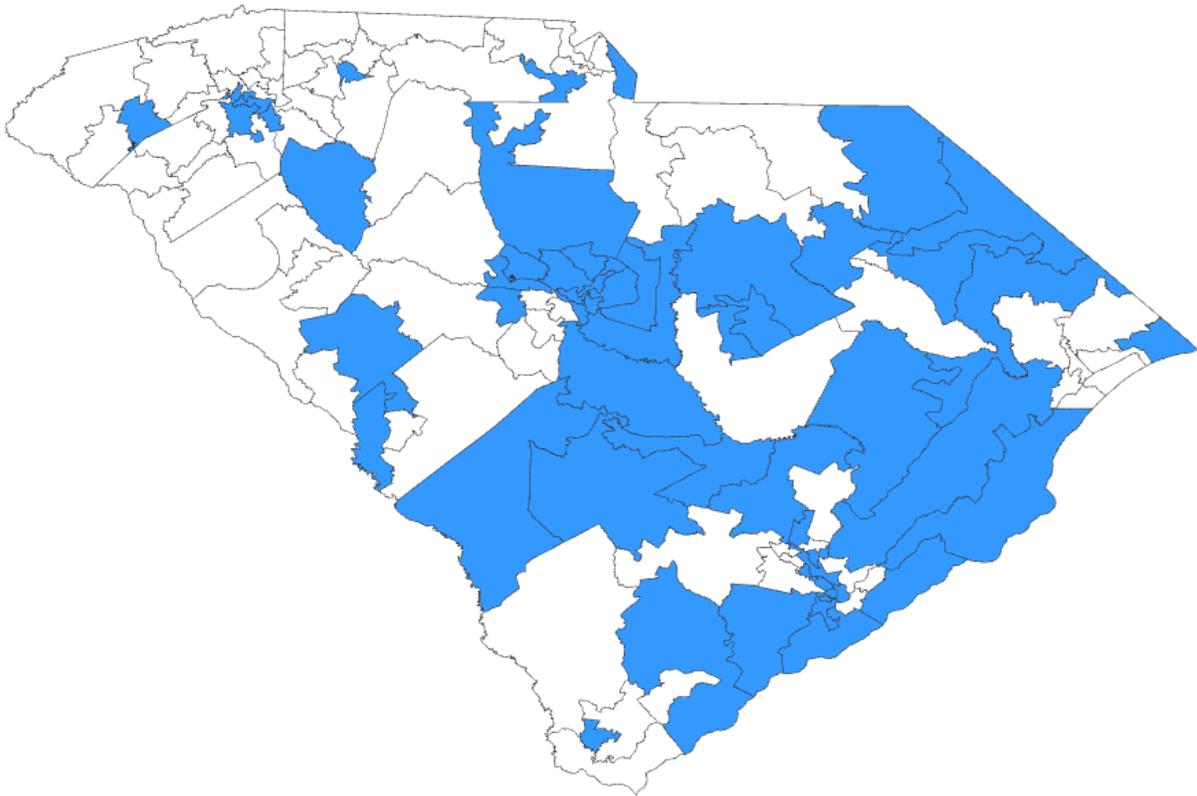
Having Democratic candidates contest state legislative seats in 2020 meaningfully increased Democratic vote-share for the

ENTIRE TICKET.

Simply having a Democratic candidate on the ballot increased turnout for the top of the ticket by anywhere from

0.4% TO 2.3%

compared to a district where the Republican candidate ran unopposed."



2026 Candidate Filing Guide

Key Offices on the Ballot and Upcoming Filing Deadlines

2026 is an election year with major offices on the ballot across Spartanburg County and South Carolina. Filing for most partisan offices—including statewide constitutional offices, U.S. Senate, U.S. House Districts 4 and 5, South Carolina House Districts 29–38, and several county offices—closes March 30 at 12:00 PM (noon). Primaries will be held in June, followed by the November general election, making this the key period for candidates to file and prepare their campaigns.

OFFICE TITLE	SEATS TO FILL	FILING DEADLINE	PARTISAN (Y/N)
Governor & Lt. Governor	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Secretary of State	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State Treasurer	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Attorney General	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Comptroller General	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State Superintendent of Education	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Commissioner of Agriculture	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
United States Senate	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
U.S. House of Representatives District 4	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
U.S. House of Representatives District 5	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 29	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 30	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 31	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 32	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 33	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 34	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 35	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 36	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 37	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
State House of Representatives District 38	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Probate Judge	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Auditor	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
County Treasurer	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
County Council Chair	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
County Council District 2	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
County Council District 5	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
County Council District 6	1	March 30th at 12:00 PM (noon)	Y
Soil & Water District Commission	2	July 15th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Thicketty Creek Watershed Conservation District	2	File with SC SEC: (803) 734-9060	N
Woodruff Roebuck Water District Area B	1	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Woodruff Roebuck Water District Area D	1	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Sanitary Sewer District Commissioner	3	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Cherokee Springs Fire District Commissioner	3	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Hilltop Fire District Commissioner	3	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Holly Springs Fire District Commissioner	3	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N
Mayo Fire District Commissioner	3	August 17th at 12:00 PM (noon)	N

2025 Financial Overview

Your Dollars, Well Spent

Every dollar we raised in 2025 came directly from donors like you and the sustained generosity of our community. Because of that trust, we are proud to report that we ended the year in a strong financial position, carrying a \$12,000 surplus into 2026.

That surplus is a direct result of disciplined spending and donor confidence. We don't take that lightly. Every line item in our budget is reviewed against the mission, and your contributions are put to work in the community, not sitting on a shelf.

As we head into 2026, a critical year for elections and community organizing, we are asking you to continue that partnership. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 to fully fund our operations and keep building the momentum you've made possible.



2025 By the Numbers

METRIC	2025
Total Revenue (100% from donations)	\$65,364
Total Donors Who Gave in 2025	128+
Average Monthly Donations	\$5,447
Surplus Carried into 2026	\$12,000

A Community That Keeps Growing

Our donor base has grown every single year. The growth in recurring donors alone — people who trust us enough to give month after month — tells the story of a community that believes in this work.

YEAR	RECURRING TOTAL	RECURRING DONORS	NON-RECURRING TOTAL
2022	\$2,647	12 donors	\$6,113
2023	\$13,411	25 donors (+108%)	\$10,565 (+73%)
2024	\$16,521	34 donors (+36%)	\$33,202 (+214%)
2025	\$65,364 combined	Growing	All donations, all sources

In 2025, all revenue was donation-based — recurring and one-time gifts combined to fund every aspect of our operations. We will publish a full recurring donor breakdown once 2026 pledges are confirmed.

Your Donations at Work

Here is what your investment made possible in 2025:

- Supported candidates through our joint efforts across South Carolina
- Hosted or participated in 20+ events supporting GOTV, Voter Registration, and Community Connection
- Reached 200+ community members every month through our newsletter
- Grew our communications infrastructure, community visibility, and organizing capacity

2026 Budget



Our \$80,000 budget is built around three priorities: keeping the lights on, getting the word out, and making an impact in our community.

ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS	\$18,000
Office rent & utilities	
Insurance & administrative costs	
Technology infrastructure & office supplies	
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS	\$42,000
Newsletter, printing & direct mail	
Digital presence — website & social media	
Text messaging & email campaigns	
Video production & billboard visibility	
PUBLIC IMPACT	\$20,000
GOTV efforts for municipal elections	
Trainings, workshops & speaker series	
Community events & fall programming	
TOTAL 2026 BUDGET	\$80,000
Fundraising Target	\$75,000
From 2025 Surplus	\$5,000

Be Part of Our 2026 Success

Whether you give monthly or once, every contribution directly funds the work you see in your community. Here is what your gift makes possible:

Monthly Giving

- \$25/month (\$300/year) funds our monthly newsletter
- \$50/month (\$600/year) covers meeting materials & refreshments
- \$100/month (\$1,200/year) supports our full digital infrastructure for 5 months

One-Time Giving

- \$50 — covers supplies for one community meeting
- \$100 — funds one week of targeted social media outreach
- \$250 — funds one month of targeted text messaging
- \$500–\$1,000 — sponsors a speaker for our Wofford series or Fall Programming

Sponsorship

- Newsletter Sponsorship: \$370 — your name or business featured in our monthly newsletter reaching 200+ households

Our Goal: 200 New Monthly Donors

If we secure 200 new monthly donors at \$25/month, our entire operational budget is covered, freeing every other dollar for direct community impact.

Thank You

The following individuals and organizations made our work possible in 2025. We are deeply grateful for your trust, your generosity, and your commitment to Spartanburg County.

- Jane Abbott
- Jane & Tom Abbott
- Monier Abusaft
- Vicki Acker
- Betsy Adams
- Severino Alvarez
- Cecil Amick
- Octavia Amaechi
- Gayle Asher
- Greg Atkins
- K.J. Atwood
- William Austin
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- Beate Bannon
- June Barnett
- Thomas Barnett
- Heather Bauer
- Elizabeth Baylog
- Kathleen Beals
- Gregory Beatty
- Vernon Beatty
- Avery Beeson
- Tina Belge
- Helen Bennett
- Irene Benson
- R.L. Bethea
- Linda Bilanchone
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- Caleb Mickler
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- Marian Morrisette
- Deborah Morrow
- Rebecca Mueller
- Jo Murphy
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- Lindsay Webster
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- William Webster
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- Tamidra Wilkins
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Meet the 2026 Statewide Candidates

Learn More About the Democrats Stepping Up to Serve

U.S. Senate Candidates



DR. ANNIE ANDREWS

Dr. Annie Andrews is a pediatrician and public health advocate running for U.S. Senate to fight for South Carolina families, kids, and working people who've been left behind by politics-as-usual in Washington. Learn more or get involved at drannieandrews.com.



BRANDON BROWN

Brandon Brown is a fifth-generation South Carolinian, former higher-ed vice president, and longtime advocate for expanding opportunity, running for U.S. Senate on a platform of protecting democracy and investing in working families. Learn more at brandonpbrown.com.



CATHERINE FLEMING BRUCE

Author, preservationist, and civic leader Catherine Fleming Bruce is running for U.S. Senate to bring experienced, ethical, and justice-focused leadership to Washington. Learn more at catherineflemingbruce.com.



KYLE FREEMAN

Kyle Freeman is a logistics professional and son of a military family, running for U.S. Senate to restore honesty, integrity, and accountability in government and to champion working families. Learn more at kylefreemanforsenate.com.



South Carolina Gubernatorial Candidates



DR. JERMAINE JOHNSON

State Representative Jermaine Johnson is running for governor to invest in infrastructure, mental health, education, and economic opportunity in communities that have been overlooked for too long. Learn more at johnsonforsc.com.



MULLINS MCLEOD

Charleston attorney Mullins McLeod is running for governor with a focus on smart economic growth, accountability in state government, and a fairer future for South Carolina families. Learn more at mcleodscgov.com.



South Carolina Superintendent of Education Candidates



LISA ELLIS

Veteran educator and 2022 Democratic nominee Lisa Ellis is running again for Superintendent of Education to strengthen public schools, support teachers, and ensure every child learns in a safe, well-resourced classroom. Learn more at ellisforsc.com.



SYLVIA WRIGHT

Lifelong educator Sylvia Wright is running for Superintendent of Education to restore the promise of free, high-quality public education for all students in South Carolina. Learn more at wright2026sc.com.



U.S. House Candidates



ANDREW CLOUGH – SOUTH CAROLINA’S 5TH DISTRICT (SC-05)

Andrew Clough is an airline worker, stepfather, and community advocate running in SC-05 to put working families first and bring practical, people-focused leadership to Congress. Learn more at cloughforsc5.com.



MALLORY DITTMER – SOUTH CAROLINA’S 5TH DISTRICT (SC-05)

Brand strategist and small-business champion Mallory Dittmer is running in SC-05 to lower the temperature in politics and unite Democrats, Republicans, and independents around common-sense solutions. Learn more at dittmerforcongress.com.



COURTNEY MCCLAIN – SOUTH CAROLINA’S 4TH DISTRICT (SC-04)

Spartanburg native and communications professional Courtney McClain is running in SC-04 to deliver fresh, local leadership in Washington and to make government work for everyday South Carolinians. Learn more at mcclainforsc.com.



SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER GUIDE

Your Guide to South Carolina Elections

The South Carolina Voter Guide is a free, nonpartisan resource for folks who want up-to-date information about how to vote, where to vote, and who is on the ballot for the 2026 elections. This site includes details on voter registration, polling locations, absentee and early voting, sample ballots, statewide and local races, election dates, and more. Whether you’re a first-time voter or lifelong resident, this voter guide helps you check your voter registration status, understand offices on the ballot, and stay informed about South Carolina elections and voting deadlines. Our goal is to make it easy for every eligible voter in South Carolina to participate in democracy by having clear, unbiased election information all in one place.

Learn more at SouthCarolinaVoterGuide.com



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Hold Our Elected Officials Accountable

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Gain easy access to information from the South Carolina State Legislature on the go! Review bills filed in the State House and Senate, watch video recordings, find your legislator, and keep track of key legislation.



Civic Watch

Volunteer to Attend Local Public Meetings

Decisions that impact our community get made in public meetings, often with little public input in the room. SPCDP is building a small “Civic Watch” team to attend key local meetings, take notes for the party and the public, and sign up to speak during public comment when timely issues come up.

Sign up using the QR code to the right to attend a meetig (and get prep/talking points when needed).

Upcoming meetings to cover (times and procedures can change—watch for posted agendas and sign-up rules):

SPARTANBURG COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION (STATE HOUSE + SENATE MEMBERS)

- **Next meeting (tentative):** Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:30 PM
- **Location:** Spartanburg County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303
- **Submit agenda items:** Written requests are due to the Legislative Delegation Office ahead of each meeting.
- **Additional tentative dates:** May 4, August 3, November 9, 2026.



SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

- **When:** Most Monday meetings begin at 5:15 PM
- **Where:** Spartanburg County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303
- **Watch:** Meetings are livestreamed on YouTube
- **Upcoming 2026 dates + agenda deadlines:**
 - January 26 (agenda deadline: Jan 12)
 - February 16 (agenda deadline: Feb 2)
 - March 16 (agenda deadline: Mar 2)
 - April 20 (agenda deadline: Apr 6)
 - May 18 (agenda deadline: May 4)



SPARTANBURG WATER COMMISSION / SPARTANBURG SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT (SSSD)

- **Public comment:** Submit a public comment form no later than 12:00 PM (noon) on the Thursday before the meeting (online or printed).
- **For the January 27, 2026 meeting:** forms due Thursday, January 22, 2026 by 12:00 PM (noon).
- **Proposed 2026 meeting dates:** Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Dec 8 (no meeting in July or November).



SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT SEVEN (D7) SCHOOL BOARD

- **Frequency:** Typically the first Tuesday of the month (avoiding July & December)
- **Time:** Typically 6:00 PM
- **Location:** District 7 Admin Building, 610 Dupre Drive, Spartanburg, SC
- **Upcoming dates:** Tue Jan 6; Tue Feb 3; Tue Mar 3; Tue Apr 14 (second Tuesday due to Spring Break); Tue May 5; Tue Jun 2 (Budget Public Hearing at 5:00 PM, then regular meeting). Livestream link is typically posted about 24 hours before the meeting.



CITY OF SPARTANBURG BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (AS-NEEDED COVERAGE)

Includes Planning Commission, Design Review Board, and the Board of Zoning & Appeals. These meetings can be critical when housing, zoning, and development issues are on the agenda.



Become a Precinct Captain

Help Organize Your Neighborhood

Precinct Captains are the foundation of grassroots organizing in Spartanburg County. They serve as the connection between the Democratic Party and voters in their communities. By becoming a Precinct Captain, you help ensure that neighbors receive accurate information, understand upcoming elections, and know how to participate.

Precinct Captains help build stronger local networks by welcoming new voters, connecting with volunteers, and making sure their precinct stays informed and engaged.

Responsibilities May Include

- Serving as the primary contact for Democratic voters in your precinct
- Helping distribute voting information and election updates
- Recruiting volunteers within your neighborhood
- Assisting with Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts
- Attending occasional organizing meetings or trainings

You do not need previous political experience to serve. Training and support are provided.

When communities organize locally, voter participation increases and stronger representation becomes possible.

Interested in serving as a Precinct Captain?

Learn more or sign up by scanning the QR code to the right.



Volunteer with the Spartanburg Democrats

Help Build a Stronger Democratic Presence

The Spartanburg County Democratic Party relies on volunteers to connect with voters, share information about upcoming elections, and support Democratic candidates throughout the county.

Volunteers play a critical role in outreach efforts that ensure voters know when, where, and how to participate in elections.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

- Phone banking to reach voters across the county
- Door-to-door canvassing in local neighborhoods
- Text banking and digital outreach
- Assisting with voter registration efforts
- Helping staff events and community outreach tables

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year and increase as elections approach.

Whether you have one hour a month or several hours a week, your involvement helps expand the reach of our organizing efforts.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE SPCDP

Sign up to volunteer with the SPCDP by scanning the QR code to the right.



Volunteer With a Campaign

Support Democratic Candidates

Local campaigns depend on volunteers to communicate with voters and share their vision for Spartanburg County and South Carolina.

Campaign volunteering offers an opportunity to work directly with candidates and their teams while helping build support across the community.

COMMON CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Canvassing neighborhoods
- Phone banking voters
- Event support and logistics
- Social media outreach
- Data entry and campaign office assistance

Many campaigns also need volunteers with specialized skills such as communications, graphic design, fundraising, or community outreach.

Participating in a campaign provides a firsthand look at the democratic process and helps candidates reach voters across the county.

GET CONNECTED WITH LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

Sign up to partner with local campaigns by scanning the QR code to the right.



Calendar of Events

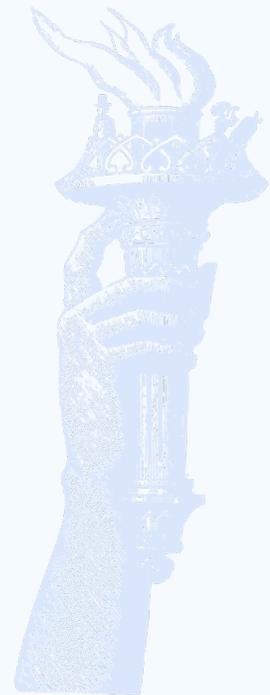


MARCH 16-30	Filing Period for 2026 Races (Closes March 30 at 12:00 p.m.)
MARCH 16	Spartanburg County Council Meeting
MARCH 18	SPCDP Full Executive Committee Meeting (5:00 p.m., 505 East Main St.)
MARCH 28	No Kings Rally
APRIL 7	SPCDP Monthly Meeting
MAY 4	SPCDP Monthly Meeting
MAY 4	Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation Meeting
MAY 29	Blue Palmetto Dinner
MAY 30	South Carolina Democratic Party State Convention
JUNE 1	SPCDP Monthly Meeting
JUNE 9	Democratic Primary

Democracy
FOR ALL *Ball*

Save the Date!

We are currently finalizing the date, location, and special guest for this year's Democracy for All Ball, our biggest event of the year. The event is expected to take place on April 13 or 14, or May 11 or 13, and full details will be announced within the next few days.



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