

# MAY 2023

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY



SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### SCDP CONVENTION RECAP #SHETHECHANGE

This past weekend the delegates of the South Carolina Democratic Party Convention voted in a history-making slate of candidates as the new leaders of our party. We elected the first black female chair, the first non-binary vice chair, the first Hispanic vice chair, and the first all female / non-binary leadership team in SCDP history. Congrats to Cristale Spain, Colleen Condon, Mayra Rivera-Vasquez & Michelle Brandt! We have much work to do.



2nd Vice Chair, Mayra Rivera-Vasquez, 1st Vice Chair Colleen Condon, Chair Cristale Spain, and 3rd Vice Chair, Michelle Brandt

### MEET OUR PARTY LEADERS

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|  <p><b>CHAIR</b><br/><b>Cristale Spain</b><br/>Richland</p> <p>@</p> |  <p><b>1ST VICE CHAIR</b><br/><b>Colleen Condon</b><br/>Charleston</p> <p>@</p> |  <p><b>2ND VICE CHAIR</b><br/><b>Mayra Rivera-Vasquez</b><br/>Beaufort</p> <p>@</p> |  <p><b>3RD VICE CHAIR</b><br/><b>Michelle Brandt</b><br/>Charleston</p> <p>@</p> |
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Two of the key takeaways for me was the electrifying call for unity within our party from Brandon Upson as he conceded to Cristale Spain, and the powerful words from Congressman Clyburn reminding delegates that South Carolina knows how to beat Trump. We've done it before and we can do it again.

Thank you to the dedicated delegates from Spartanburg County who represented SPCDP at the convention this weekend. It was wonderful to have familiar and new voices in the mix, as well as our Young Democrats of Spartanburg County!



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## A BILL SUPPORTING PRECINCT REORGANIZATION IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY GOES TO THE FLOOR MAY 2

- The bill is doing 2 things, splitting our largest precincts and cleaning up some of the confusion when a Precinct Name does not match the polling location name.
- The election commission looked at every location over 3,000 registered voters and identified those to be split to keep the number of voters going to any one place at 3,000 or less. This should make for shorter lines and a more efficient and pleasant voting experience for the voters.
- They are also cleaning up the name issues that have occurred when we have had to move a precinct from one polling location to another. An example of this is Cowpens Fire Station Precinct voting at the Timken Center Polling Location, to correct this we are going to end the practice of using polling location names for precinct names. This will allow for required changes to be made without the confusion. In the example above Cowpens Fire Station Precinct becomes Cowpens.
- These changes were approved by the election commission board at their March meeting and provided to the delegation after approval.



**THANKS TO YOU AND THE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT OF THE SISTER SENATORS, WE STOPPED A NEAR TOTAL ABORTION BAN LAST WEEK.**



### 3 BAD BILLS

- Anti-Trans Healthcare Ban: S.627 will prohibit transgender youth from accessing best practice, age-appropriate medical care, in consultation with their parents and doctors. Let lawmakers know that they should not stand in the way of young people's access to the best medical care possible.
- Censorship Bill: H.3728 will censor information in our schools. Let lawmakers know that they should not interfere with what teachers can teach and students can learn.
- The School voucher bill is making its way to McMasters desk.

### 2 GREAT BILLS TO GET OVER THE LINE

- Paid Leave for Educators: H.3908 would provide teachers and other school employees with up to 6 weeks paid parental leave, which would make South Carolina the only state in the southeast to offer this benefit to educators. Let lawmakers know that it's time for South Carolina to stand up for our educators and their families!
- Eliminate the Tax on Period Products: H.3563 would remove the sales tax from period products. Just like food, period products are necessary for our health and well-being. Let lawmakers know that it's time to remove this tax.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS MAY 6

The SPCDP has been offered a table at the Cinco de Mayo Festival in Barnet Park this Saturday from 12-6pm. If you are available to help register voters during a 2-3 hour time slot please sign up below or email [spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com).



## NIKKI HALEY RALLY IN GREER MAY 4

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley will be in the Upstate this week to rally for support for her 2024 run. A “Rally with Nikki” event is slated for Thursday, May 4, at the Cannon Centre at 204 Cannon St. in Greer at 7 p.m., and the doors open at 5 p.m.



## LAST STATE HOUSE MEET UP MAY 3 12-2PM

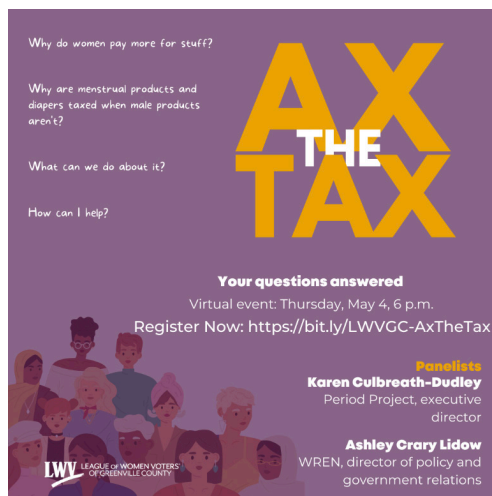
Ready to connect with lawmakers but aren't sure where to start? Register Today at <https://bit.ly/meetmesc>



## AX THE TAX INFO SESSION MAY 4

On May 4th, join Ashley Lidow, WREN's Director of Policy and Government Relations, and Karen Culbreath, the executive director of the Period Project, for a conversation on removing the sales tax from these items.

RSVP is here: <https://www.lwvgreenville.com/blog/ax-the-tax>



## BLACK MARKET TUESDAY MAY 23

Join us for a powerful event that's shaking up Spartanburg! The Black Economic Mobility Coalition, in collaboration with PowerUp Spartanburg, presents Black Market Tuesday, where dreams become reality and businesses soar! Register Today: <https://bit.ly/BlackMarketTuesday>



## GUN BUY BACK PROGRAM MAY 13

City of Spartanburg \$100-\$150



## SPARTANBURG JUNETEENTH June 15-17



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

The SPCDP meets every first Monday of the month except for holidays from 6-7:30pm at the TK Gregg Community Center. Zoom options are available by contacting [spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:spartanburgdemocrats@gmail.com)

### 2023 MONTHLY MEETINGS

DR. T. K. GREGG COMMUNITY CENTER | 650 HOWARD ST

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| JANUARY 9  | NO JULY     |
| FEBRUARY 6 | AUGUST 7    |
| MARCH 6    | SEPTEMBER 5 |
| APRIL 3    | OCTOBER 2   |
| MAY 1      | NOVEMBER 6  |
| JUNE 5     | DECEMBER 4  |

THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6-7:30PM



## CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

Do you have ideas, questions, concerns, or just simply want time to discuss the future of Spartanburg Democrats? Well 'Chats with the SPCDP Chair' is for you! Scheduled for every Thursday from 12-1pm, you can register for a 20 minute zoom session for our chair, Kathryn Harvey. Sign up at the link below!

<https://calendly.com/kathrynharvey/chairchats>



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STARTING IN FEBRUARY VIA ZOOM

KATHRYN HARVEY

CHAIR, SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 5

We'll hear from the SC Conservation Voters Network, discuss Precinct Organization, and 2023 Nonpartisan Races.

# MONTHLY SPCDP MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH, 6-7:30PM

TK GREGG COMMUNITY CENTER



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## BIDEN ANNOUNCES 2024 RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

