

# YOUR GUIDE TO ★ LOCAL RACES

Thousands of voters  
opt to vote early in  
Berkeley County  
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Voters wait in line outside  
the Hanahan Library to cast  
their ballot.



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# Thousands turn out for early voting in Berkeley County

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A line of people spilled outside the polling location at the Hanahan Library on Oct. 25, the second day of the early voting period for the upcoming statewide general election.

As of Oct. 28, more than 6,000 residents had cast ballots in Berkeley County, according to Rosie Brown, director of Berkeley County Voter Registration and Elections (VRE).

“That shows that people are interested and they want to go ahead and make sure that their vote counts,” Brown noted. “They’re doing it now and they don’t want to wait until the last minute. In case something happens between now and election day, their vote is cast!”

This election’s early voting tallies are already breaking records statewide. On the first day of voting, about 40,000 people cast ballots across South Carolina, nearly doubling the previous one day record for early voting set on June 10 during the statewide primaries.

Early voting is new for a general election in the Palmetto State, having just been passed into law this year by the state legislature. Voters were able to cast in-person ballots early in the 2020 election, but those were “absentee” ballots that could utilize a “state of emergency” excuse due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Early voting operates in much the same way as election day voting, with them just showing their photo ID,” Brown added. “They don’t have to state a reason. They just cast their vote.”

The early voting sites in Berkeley County are open Monday through Saturday, Oct. 25 through Nov. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations: Hanahan Library, 1216 Old Murray Dr., Hanahan; St. Stephen Library, 113 Ravenell Dr., St. Stephen; and the Berkeley County VRE Office, 1003 Hwy. 52, Moncks Corner.

Brown is confident many voters will continue to take advantage of the opportunity to



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**As of Oct. 28, the fourth day of early voting, more than 6,000 Berkeley County residents had cast ballots for the upcoming statewide general election.**

cast their ballots in advance.

“I am certain they will,” she said. “Especially people who work 12-hour shifts. The weekend may be the only days they have off... and now they have Saturdays that they can vote.”

According to Brown, early voting takes place in-person 12 days prior to the election, while the absentee voting process is done entirely by mail. The deadline to return an absentee ballot application was 5 p.m. on Oct. 28.

There are a couple of other minor changes for voters this time around. In Berkeley County, precincts known as Daniel Island 1 and Daniel Island 2 will now vote at the Daniel Island Recreation Center instead of the Daniel Island Club. There are also two new statewide amendment questions on the ballot, as well as two questions from Berkeley County (one on sales tax and another on a bond) and a capital improvement question from the Berkeley County School District.

“Please check your sample ballot before election day, so you can become familiar with the candidates...and also to have a chance to study the questions and know what your answers would be,” Brown said.

For additional information, or to review sample ballots, visit [berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/elections/](http://berkeleycountysc.gov/dept/elections/) or [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).

## ABOUT OUR ELECTION COVERAGE

The Daniel Island News has compiled this 2022 Election Guide to help our readers get to know their local candidates a little better. We gave some candidates in contested races a chance to answer our questions in their own words. Each candidate was given the same questions for their respective race, same instructions and same limit on the word length of their response as their opponent.

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- Berkeley County Register of Deeds: Cindy Forte
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Voters are reminded that if you are mailing in an absentee ballot, you do need to have a witness signature. Some voters received instructions with their ballots that stated witness signatures were not needed; however, the decision was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court after many absentee ballots had already been sent in the mail by local governments to voters.



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: BERKELEY COUNTY SUPERVISOR



**What is the most pressing issue facing the county that requires funding priority?**

**Johnny Cribb (Republican):** The simple answer is – roads. Berkeley County has experienced tremendous growth and the road system has suffered due to a lack of funding and maintenance. The complaints received center around both traffic congestion and road conditions. To best manage this we have implemented in-house road crews as well as speeding up the completion of projects on the penny sales tax program putting \$283 million in road projects on the street in the last four years alone. We have also included on the ballot for voter consideration a plan that will help us address this most pressing issue over the next seven years via the continuation of the penny sales tax program. Our final measure to address this problem is working with SCDOT to get increased funding from the state for road maintenance in the county where there are 1,068 miles of state roads vs. 330 miles of county maintained roads.

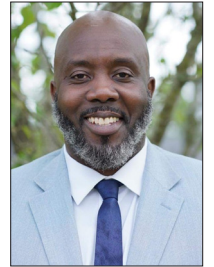
**Tory Liferidge (Democrat):** The most pressing issue facing us as a county are our roads and infrastructure. We are anticipated to double in population over the next 10 years and those demands cannot be met with our current infrastructure or pace of implementing new projects. My goal will be to assess (based on projects that are already approved and growth trends) infrastructure needs for Berkeley County 2040 and develop a comprehensive plan that will be phased in based on funding availability. This approach will allow us as a county to determine exactly how we need new developers or industry to partner with us if they desire to do business in Berkeley County.

**What are the biggest issues facing Daniel Island and the Cainhoy region and how will you address them?**

**Johnny Cribb:** The biggest issue facing the region is growth and the associated



Johnny Cribb (R)



Tory Liferidge (D)

impacts on quality of life for residents. We have focused on “smart growth” strategies and investing in infrastructure to deal with the needs of existing residents and businesses and development entitlements that exist. Smart growth strategies include making sure all infrastructure needs are being met when considering new projects such as schools, roads, and interconnectivity where possible and ensuring that new growth pays for any associated impact. I also worked with our Berkeley County Legislative Delegation to get the City of Charleston a seat on the County Transportation Committee where resurfacing funding is allocated. A component of the penny sales tax continuation up for consideration is funding for “greenspace” initiatives. This region of the county has, and continues to receive tremendous growth yet lacks publicly accessible passive parks and protected greenspace that could help mitigate excessive growth and traffic.

**Tory Liferidge:** In speaking with residents in Daniel Island and Cainhoy (as well as the rest of the county), growth and development seems to be everyone’s concern. More specifically, how can growth be managed and its impacts mitigated in order to continue the quality of life we love. I will work with our planning and zoning departments, communities and our council to develop a true land use map to guide our collective vision for future development in Berkeley County. While no solution will be one that is satisfactory for everyone, it will allow everyone to have a

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: BERKELEY COUNTY SUPERVISOR

### County Supervisor (cont.)

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voice in shaping future development in our county. This, along with required infrastructure contributions will help to ensure our growth is in areas that we desire and have the necessary infrastructure investments to mitigate impacts.

### What policies will you pursue in regards to growth and development?

**Johnny Cribb:** Our first measure to combat growth related concerns was to amend our land development and subdivision regulations ordinance with modern standards. The county has also instituted by ordinance a "moratorium" process for large scale developments that completely redefines how developments are brought for consideration. The former system was a process where developers routed the county system of approvals and came to the County Council

last for consideration and the opportunity for the public to provide input. The moratorium puts in place several measures that must be taken prior to coming to the County Council for consideration to lift the moratorium to route the normal process. The process requires information on the following areas: roads, public safety, schools, water and sewer, surrounding communities, connectivity, and the preservation of greenspace to name a few. Most importantly, it requires at minimum two publicly noticed meetings with the local community.

**Tory Liferidge:** In addition to what is listed in question No. 2, I believe one of the most important things we can and need to do as a county is become more transparent with our residents. Although we may not be able to reach consensus on some of our most pressing issues, having full transparency and intentional dialogue will help everyone be on the same page as we move forward together.



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD



*The school board election is a nonpartisan race with no political party designations.*

### What policies will you pursue in regards to hiring and retaining educators in the district?

**Cyndi Russell-Albach:** While teachers' primary motivation is not salary, every teacher deserves to be paid a competitive salary. Berkeley County teachers deserve to be compensated at a rate that equals or exceeds Charleston and Dorchester counties. Additionally, as a school board member, I will work to reduce overcrowded and inadequate classrooms. While District 2 enjoys newer facilities, which voters approved in the 2012 bond referendum, overworked teachers in crowded classrooms throughout our county burn out quickly. Overcrowding impacts not only the physical environment, but also multiplies the work of the individual teacher who must prepare and grade more with extra students or through teaching extra classes. We need a school board member who is free of ethical constraints and can vote, without consistently recusing himself or herself, on facility issues. Our county continues to grow exponentially and our school board must prepare for that future growth.

**Mac McQuillin:** I am the only candidate with children enrolled in Berkeley County schools. Because I have a vested interest in the success of my children and your children, I have instituted successful policies for hiring and retaining classroom teachers. Like any profession, our teachers need to be supported. While I have served on the board, teacher pay has increased by 30%. In one year, I increased teacher pay by 9% by eliminating unnecessary administrative positions at the district office and increasing accountability for spending. However, pay is just one piece of this puzzle. One of the primary reasons teachers are unhappy is their leadership at the school level. This is why it's important for the board to appoint great principals at our schools to facilitate an exceptional school climate. Our principals have done an excellent job – Daniel



Cyndi  
Russell-Albach



Mac McQuillin

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### What policies will you pursue in regards to school safety and security?

**Cyndi Russell-Albach:** As a public school teacher, I mourn each life lost to school violence, including the teacher who died to protect her students in St Louis on Oct. 24. With the recent events at Philip Simmons High School, school board members can no longer pretend that violence can't happen in our schools. Many Berkeley County schools are not following best practices regarding school safety. Thus, I would upgrade all facilities and improve protocols to hinder the ability of an armed predator to enter our buildings. Second, I would communicate with all stakeholders, regarding the admittedly inconvenient, but needed reforms in the way members of the public interact with our school facilities. Clear and transparent communication is needed to allow parents, students and schools to work together to improve school safety. Finally, I would increase mental health services for students to proactively address a common source of potential school violence.

**Mac McQuillin:** If our children are not safe or do not feel safe, they cannot learn. This is why safety is one of my top priorities. In September, we had an unfortunate incident that affected our Philip Simmons schools. Since this incident, I approved and instituted randomized weapon searches at our schools, which was rolled out in less than a month.

Principal Buchholz and I are also advocating for Philip Simmons High to serve as the pilot school for metal detectors. Our office of Safety and Security regularly monitors our schools to ensure our buildings are secure and that drills are being practiced, followed, and improved. I have also hosted several safety and security meetings to keep parents and students informed. Parents play a major role in keeping our schools safe, and we need to be vigilant with our children. We need to teach our children, "if they see something, say something."

### What one past experience will most likely guide you in your work on the school board?

**Cyndi Russell-Albach:** When I started teaching in 2003, I had refused to be an advocate who wanted to improve schools, but had never taught in a classroom. Now in my 20th year in a Stall High School classroom, my feelings remain unchanged. While I value my Wake Forest Law School training, I recognize that no training is as valuable as teaching a classroom of students when determining educational policy. Teaching is not only lecturing

in front of a class. I spend my days partnering with parents, and even grandparents, to persuade students to undertake the challenge to learn and grow. As a mom, I never forget that every student is someone's precious child. As an active teacher, I can serve as a voice on the real impact of decisions that affect teachers, parents and students.

**Mac McQuillin:** As a parent of two children currently enrolled in our schools and your current school board representative, I have seen firsthand how the board's policies directly affect our children. During the pandemic, I successfully fought for parents and children to keep face-to-face instruction available as an option, instead of closing schools or mandating virtual learning. We are now seeing from the data that closing schools/mandating virtual learning increased learning loss and negatively impacted our students' social and emotional health. I firmly believe that parents know what is best for their child, and I will continue to be a voice for parents on the board and advocate for expanding parental rights and parent collaboration with our schools. As a parent, I will continue to fight for your children, as I do for my own children. On Nov. 8, vote like your children are on the ballot (because they are).

## MEET THE CANDIDATES: SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

*Note: Candidates Lisa Ellis (Alliance/Democrat) and Ellen Weaver (Republican) did not respond to the Q&A.*

### What policies will you pursue in regards to school safety and security?

**Patricia Mickel (Green):** The policies that I plan to pursue will ensure that every school has at least one resource officer to make sure all exit doors are properly locked from the outside, and that every school administrator understands exit plans and detailed drills. Also to look into getting every student clear backpacks.

### What changes, if any, do you propose for funding K-12 education? Why?



Lisa Ellis  
(Alliance/D)

Patricia Mickel  
(Green Party)

Ellen Weaver  
(R)

**Patricia Mickel (Green):** Before I make changes, I will examine with a team all of the budgets and cuts in order to see how money is allocated to the various schools. I will develop a budget along with my financial team that will allow us to allocate money for the best interest of the school(s) system.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR

**What do you believe is the biggest statewide issue affecting the Lowcountry, and how will you use your position as governor to address it?**

**Joe Cunningham (Democrat):** I don't think we can pinpoint one issue that is the most important. Our state has many pressing issues that need to be addressed, but in order to address them we need leaders who are willing to lead. South Carolina's leadership has forgotten the purpose of public office. Instead of serving the will of the people, they cater to their base and the special interests that

fund their campaigns. As governor, I will focus on policies that work for all South Carolinians, not just my base. That means ending the teacher shortage, investing in education, legalizing marijuana and expunging records of low-level offenders, protecting a woman's right to reproductive freedom, and taking bold steps to fight climate change and protect our coastal communities.

**Henry McMaster (Republican):** Over the last six years, we have ushered in a new era of economic prosperity, and we are just getting started. Since 2017, we have announced 66,116 jobs for

citizens across the state, which is welcome news for those squeezed by policies pushed down from Washington, that have driven up inflation and the costs of goods and services.

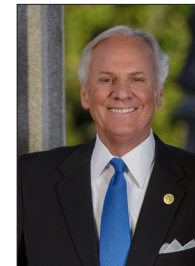
We have made bold investments in our state's infrastructure. We have signed the largest income tax cut in state history, invested heavily in our port system and created Workforce Scholarships for the Future to cover the costs of tuition and fees at our technical colleges, helping us fill the more than 100,000 open jobs in our state. These investments and others like it will make South Carolina a place where business thrives.



**Joe Cunningham (D)**

We must stay laser-focused on the conservative, pro-business policies that are the foundation for continued success. As your governor, that is where my focus and fight will stay.

**Bruce Reeves (Libertarian):** Inflation, like everywhere else,



**Henry McMaster (R)**

is eroding spending power in the Lowcountry. There is also the issue of teacher shortages and roadway gridlock. As governor, I would work on economic opportunity through entrepreneurship, education reform, and a review of the



**Bruce Reeves (Libertarian)**

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR

### SC Governor Race (cont.)

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DOT for planning smart expansion in the Lowcountry. We want kids to make better decisions, so we need to model that.

### What policies will you pursue in regards to women's reproductive rights?

**Joe Cunningham:** The four walls of a doctor's office simply aren't big enough for a woman, her partner, her doctor, and the government. It's not the government's place to tell women what they can do with their bodies or which reproductive choices they can make and I would support legislation that gets politicians out of that decision-

making process. I will fight to protect women's reproductive freedom and I will veto any restrictions on abortion the legislature sends my way.

**Henry McMaster:** I was proud to sign the fetal heartbeat bill into law – which provides exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother – with bipartisan legislative support, a law an overwhelming number of South Carolinians find acceptable and reasonable.

**Bruce Reeves:** It's my position that women should have access to any and all appropriate health care as determined by them and their doctors. I support education for young people to help prevent bad situations.

### What are your ideas on funding

### state government?

**Joe Cunningham:** I believe it's time to modernize South Carolina's economy and bring in new revenue streams. As governor, I will fight to legalize cannabis and sports betting so that they can be regulated, taxed, and that money can be used to fix our roads and pay our teachers more.

**Henry McMaster:** Thanks to our calculated approach to the pandemic, we saw our largest budget surplus in history this year. As a result, we delivered the largest state income tax cut in state history, returning a billion dollars back to taxpayers, and eliminating taxes on our veterans' pensions.

But we have more work ahead of us. While we continue to cut taxes and put money back into the pockets of South Carolinians, we will also continue to invest in pay

raises for teachers, roads, bridges and interstates, broadband access, rural infrastructure, law enforcement and public safety and more. As your governor, I know we have found a formula that works – one where we rein in wasteful spending, cut taxes, and make the right long term investments, all of which create the kind of environment where families and businesses thrive.

**Bruce Reeves:** More people selling (entrepreneurship) and more people buying (consumers) would lead to higher revenue in sales tax. We need to re-manage the state. State operations are overpriced. We need to allocate existing revenue to critical needs. Remove occupational licensing restrictions, make more goods and services available through free markets, and only spend taxpayer money on essential services.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 1

**Should laws pertaining to abortion and reproductive right be codified at a federal level or remain under state control? Explain.**

**Annie Andrews (Democrat):** Laws that protect and expand the reproductive rights afforded to women under the Roe decision should be codified into federal law. The right to privacy and self-determination is a fundamental right that every single person in the Lowcountry and in the nation should have. The bills that are being put forth in statehouses under the current state-by-state framework threaten to criminalize doctors for upholding their Hippocratic oath and offering evidence-based care to their patients. These bills are dangerous for women who are not able to get the care they need.

South Carolina is already facing a shortage of medical staff, and the bills our legislature is currently entertaining would certainly exacerbate this problem. Ultimately, it will be everyday South Carolinians who suffer as a result of these anti-science, unpopular and undemocratic measures.

**Nancy Mace (Republican):** Regardless of whether or not you support Roe V. Wade, even Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg admitted there were serious flaws with the decision. The Dobbs ruling kicks the issue back to the states, but also to Congress. Neither side of the aisle has shown much willingness to find common ground for federal legislation, but I've been very open about building consensus. I've proposed numerous ways to do that in womens' access to contraceptives and prenatal care, looking at gestational limits, fighting for exceptions for women who've been

raped, girls who are victims of incest, life of the mother and fetal abnormalities.

**Joseph Oddo (Alliance):** The idea of control of a woman's right to choose is an embarrassment in modern times. It feels like there is an elite social class that is so fearful of losing their ability to control outcomes, that they drum up artificially moral justifications for exercising control. Then they reach deeper by dictating what books to ban, and which corporate entities are entitled to a greater level of speech. These are campaign manipulations enabled by the Citizens United decision that allows an outsized voice to elite, big-money players. And laws like restricting abortion are distractions from real issues that would address our nation's growing wealth divide and inequality.

Dozens of laws should be brought to a nationwide standard. We should reform elections to create more uniform ballot access. Anyone interested in running for public office should have the opportunity to make the ballot, and be included in public media and debates.

**How, if at all, do partisan politics limit the effectiveness of government and what steps will you take to find common ground with legislators with different party affiliations from your own?**

**Annie Andrews:** Tribalism and hyperpartisanship are the root of why our federal government cannot get anything done. As a pediatrician, I don't have the luxury of walking into a patient's hospital

room and telling them that I can't help them, but I can blame this person or that person. My job is to solve their problem, and that's the approach I'll take in Congress. I will work with whoever I need to in order to tackle the challenges facing Lowcountry families, whether that's bringing down inflation, reducing our sky-high gun violence rate, or protecting our coastline and fighting climate change.

I'm also not trying to become a career politician. I'm running for Congress because I am tired of being represented by people who care more about TV appearances or staying in office than they do about helping the people in the district.

**Nancy Mace:** The problem exists on both sides of the aisle, where they don't want to work on finding solutions. Seems like many politicians prefer to grandstand for Twitter followers and raise money from performing PR stunts. But I promised to be an independent voice, not toeing the party line, and I've lived up to that promise. I've reached across the aisle from day one, willing to work with my colleagues to get things done. All it takes is the willingness to find common ground. This work can be seen in the legislation I've passed out of committee and out of the floor of the House. In fact, one of my latest bills on cybersecurity is being hotlined in the Senate as we speak and will be signed into law before the end of the year.

**Joseph Oddo:** The current political monopoly that acts as two distinct parties are the most effective fundraising organizations on the planet. They collude to ensure no improvements in the electoral system take place in order to continue the status quo where



**Annie Andrews  
(D)**



**Nancy Mace  
(R)**



**Joseph Oddo  
(Alliance)**

the current rules allow them to perpetuate their dominance and reduce competition. Any political actor that does not fit the tightly scripted two-party narrative is ignored by the media – again dictated by the monopoly party rules.

Issues that emanate from the independent perspective like campaign reform, protecting civil liberties, advocating for a cleaner environment, sustainable agriculture or expansion of public and recreational land and waters don't get far in the corporate controlled congress. The media amplifies the monopoly parties' voices as though there is a significant ideological divide. They completely ignore the mountains of cash that really dictates what legislation gets passed.

**What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

**Annie Andrews:** There are many issues impacting the Lowcountry – flooding and sea-level rise from climate change, crumbling infrastructure, and a broken health care system. As a congresswoman, I would support legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act that gives our district the resources to fight climate change and reduces the cost of prescription drugs, laws

like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act that provide funds to fix our infrastructure, and policies that would cap the cost of insulin, reduce the cost of prescription drugs and bring down health care costs for SC-01 families. As a doctor, I know that increasing access to high quality preventative health care reduces costs for all of us. Preventing a stroke or heart attack will always be cheaper than treating one.

Unlike my opponent, I will support legislation and policies that are good for the district, regardless of who sponsors them or who else supports them.

**Nancy Mace:** Inflation is the most important issue because Lowcountry voters are spending more of their paychecks on basic necessities like groceries and gas than ever before. Here in the Lowcountry a three bedroom apartment can cost as high as \$5,000 month to month. That's insane! Failed policies on both sides of the aisle have fueled inflation into overdrive, but the current lack of leadership in the administration is causing even more economic pain. Earlier this year I introduced the Penny Plan, a bipartisan bill to balance the budget. I've also worked hard to bring infrastructure resources back to the Lowcountry, particularly in regards to flooding. I'm also very proud

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: U.S. SENATE 2

*Note: Sen. Tim Scott's campaign spokesperson Joe McKeown responded to The Daniel Island News' request to answer a questionnaire for this election report saying, "We have a long-standing campaign policy that we do not complete questionnaires."*

**Q: Should laws pertaining to abortion and reproductive rights be codified at a federal level or remain under state control? Explain.**

**Krystle Matthews (Democrat):** There

should remain a federal law in relation to reproductive rights. Most candidates support putting into a federal law what Roe guarantees – that a woman has a right to an abortion up to the time when the fetus becomes viable. That way, if states back away from the constitutional protections guaranteed by Roe vs. Wade, at least there would still be a national law protecting the right to an abortion.

**Q: How, if at all, do partisan politics limit the effectiveness of government**

House. I've worked so hard to deliver results for the Lowcountry.

**Joseph Oddo:** I will advocate for broader election reform, including Instant Runoff Voting, also known as Rank Choice Voting. Choosing the order that the voter likes each candidate on the ballot gives voters much



Krystle Matthews (D)



Tim Scott (R)

**and what steps will you take to find common ground with legislators with different party affiliations from your own?**

**Krystle Matthews:** Partisan positions flatten us into neat and tidy boxes that a majority of us don't live in. I plan to continue to work with anyone who is open to creating solutions that work for us all. Focusing on the needs we have and removing barriers that

are unnecessary and only exist to make thriving complicated.

**Q: What else do you think is an issue impacting your constituents and how do you propose to make improvements?**

**Krystle Matthews:** Inflation right now is being driven by an economic mismatch. Consumer demand for goods and services has been chugging along, supply has not kept up as transportation snarls and factory shutdowns combine with labor shortages to slow production, and the clash has allowed companies to charge more for the products they sell. We have to tighten our belt, we can't fix everything at the same time, we need to take a hard look at our spending and priorities so that we can make real strides in cutting down our debt as a country.

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of the fact I had over 1,000 meetings in my first year in office, passed over 20 bills out of committee and 10 out of the floor of the

better alternatives than the lesser of two evils. This would be a boost for the political dialogue - the best way to enliven the discourse and keep it friendlier, less negative. Without such negativity, we would get much more qualified candidates.

We should implement term limits of 12 years on legislators – both state and federal –

and delay their entry into lobbying for up to five years. Make Election Day a holiday and ease voter registration by enacting Same-Day Voter Registration. We should make a push to finally end gerrymandering - we can enact Nonpartisan Redistricting in every state to take effect after the 2030 Census. Reagan wanted to do it after the 1990 Census.

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