

CHRISTALE SPAIN for SCDP CHAIR

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CHRISTALE SPAIN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR SCDP CHAIR



(COLUMBIA, SC)– Feb. 20, 2022 — Christale Spain today announced she will run for Chair of the South Carolina Democratic (SCDP) Party. In a strong show of support, Christale Spain has been endorsed by county party leaders across the state. If elected, Christale Spain will be the first African American woman chair in the history of the state party.

"It is with great excitement that I announce my campaign for Chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party. I got involved in the state party as a volunteer. I was an unemployed single mother frustrated with the lack of employment opportunities and access to public assistance for a young woman with my education and professional

experience. I believed then, and I know now, that the Democratic Party is the Party that advocates for families like mine," said Christale Spain. "That has been the driving force behind my continued involvement with the Democratic Party. I've been to every corner of this great state, working to elect Democrats up and down the ticket that will be a voice for the voiceless. I believe in the South Carolina Democratic Party and what we can be; I am running to continue to move this Party forward in a productive and unified way."

A graduate of W.J. Keenan high school in Columbia, SC, the University of South Carolina Aiken with a B.A. in Sociology, Human Services and Columbia College with a M.A. in Human Behavior and Conflict Management. Christale Spain got involved with the state party as a volunteer in 2012, working her way up to Executive Director in 2016. She has worked under the last three SCDP Chairs: Dick Harpoolitan, Jaime Harrison and Trav Robertson, Jr. In 2018, she founded the SCDP Black Women's Caucus. In 2015, she worked on Sen. Bernie Sanders' first Presidential run as his Political Director. Christale Spain also worked for two years with Congressman James Clyburn in his district office focusing on constituency service and outreach. In 2020, she served as the SC State Director for Sen. Cory Booker's Presidential campaign. Most recently, she worked during the historic 2022 midterm elections as the Senior Advisor of Black Engagement for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC). She is a proud dues paying member of the Teamsters union and was a member of the DCCC's Bargaining Committee. Her involvement led to the organization's first union, making it the largest collective bargaining unit in the Democratic Party. She has over a decade of working on local, statewide, and national campaigns, becoming a decorated national political operative and she will bring that experience to the position of SCDP Chair.

"If I'm elected as the first Black woman to lead our State Democratic Party, I will consider it my professional obligation to strengthen our coalition of voters that reflect the diversity of South Carolina," said Christale Spain.

Christale announces her campaign with endorsements from party leaders from around the state.

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"I am humbled to have grassroots support from Democratic leaders and activists in every part of South Carolina. These folks have always been the heart and soul of this Party. I'm ready to execute a 46-county strategy to win locally, which will eventually propel us to statewide victories." said Spain.

The list of endorsements includes current and former Democratic County Party Chairs, elected officials, DNC Members and County Party leaders. The list includes:

Alycia Albergottie, <i>Richland</i>	Honorable Jim Hodges, <i>Richland</i>	Jennifer Morrow, <i>Beaufort</i>
Rep. Terry Alexander, <i>Florence</i>	Sally Howard, <i>Horry</i>	Marvin Neal, <i>Georgetown</i>
Heyward Bannister, <i>Richland</i>	Sen. Darrell Jackson, <i>Richland</i>	Cynthia Pernell, <i>Dillon</i>
Cedric Blain-Spain, <i>Horry</i>	Honorable Nakita Jackson, <i>York</i>	John Polk, <i>Hampton</i>
Barbara Bowman, <i>Sumter</i>	Councilman Carlton Kinard, <i>Newberry</i>	Auditor Patricia Pringle, <i>Clarendon</i>
Sen. Margie Bright-Matthews, <i>Colleton</i>	Kaye Koonce, <i>Charleston</i>	Brady Quirk Garven, <i>Charleston</i>
Commissioner Erniko Brown, <i>McCormick</i>	John Kraljevich, <i>York</i>	Rosemary Rice, <i>Union</i>
Barbara Carroway, <i>Darlington</i>	Charles Lewis, <i>Greenwood</i>	Joyce Rose Harris, <i>Richland</i>
Honorable Colleen Condon, <i>Charleston</i>	Honorable Steve Love, <i>York</i>	Honorable Bernice Scott, <i>Richland</i>
Honorable Angela Douglas, <i>Chester</i>	Philisea Matthews, <i>Saluda</i>	Deyaska Spencer Sweatman, <i>Richland</i>
Carol Fowler, <i>Richland</i>	Councilman Chaquez McCall, <i>Florence</i>	Jackie Smith, <i>Edgefield</i>
Honorable Gaybriel Gibson, <i>Greenville</i>	Chris McCurry, <i>Lexington</i>	James Starnes, <i>Richland</i>
Mickey Gist, <i>Union</i>	Rep. Anne McDaniel, <i>Fairfield</i>	Auburn Wideman, <i>Lexington</i>
Anthony Hallmon, <i>Orangeburg</i>	Amanda McDougald Scott, <i>Greenville</i>	Issac Wilson, <i>Florence</i>
Rep. Patricia Henegan, <i>Marlboro</i>	Charles Montgomery, <i>Cherokee</i>	Tonya Winbush, <i>Anderson</i>

Additional endorsements will be announced later.

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