

BIO of ARCHIE PARNELL (candidate for the 1st Vice Chair of the SCDP 2023):

Archie was born and educated in South Carolina and, after graduating from USC Law School in Columbia, started his career at the US Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, he was on the staff of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. He left the US Government and went into the business sector with two different US multinational Fortune 100 companies. He has practiced law and taught at law schools in the US (at USC Law in Columbia) and abroad (in India). Throughout, Archie and his family maintained a home in South Carolina near his parents.

Archie ran for Congress in the 5th District of South Carolina as the Democratic Party Nominee in 2017 and 2018, and lost. He also ran the non-partisan race for Mayor of Sumter in 2020 and lost.

More recently, he was the Chair of the Sumter County Bar Association's temporary COVID-19 Help Committee which provided help on a *pro bono* basis on COVID-19 legislation. He was also Treasurer and Member of the Board of Sumter Habitat for Humanity.

Archie wants to help make the SCDP and Democratic candidates in South Carolina competitive again - - at all levels from county council to the top office of the United States. *To do that, we must work hard on the details of democracy in South Carolina.* The Party must develop clear and compelling message that resonates with voters. This message should focus on issues that are important to South Carolinians, including healthcare, education, economic opportunity and social justice. We must not be lazy and focus on "fluff" and instead we must do the hard work on substantive issues to regain the trust of voters.

Archie has the financial, legal and political experience to help the SCDP turn the corner. Archie will work hard for the SCDP, for Democratic candidates in South Carolina and for democracy in South Carolina and the country. Archie can help lead the way forward.