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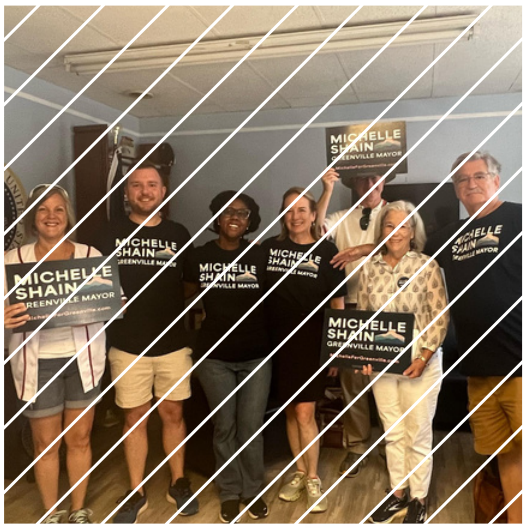

Message from the Chair

By Amanda McDougald Scott
GCDP Chair

Fellow Greenville County Democrats,

It's hot Democrat summer here in Greenville County! The temperatures are record-breaking, but that's not all!

Bad news first: The SC Supreme Court just ruled that abortion bans are constitutional. It has never been more important to elect Democrats in SC. Support our candidates TODAY at this link.

Moving on to the good news.

Future Mayor Michelle Shain's fundraising broke records, feeding the excitement surrounding the campaign to elect her as Greenville's first female mayor. Democrats are already hitting the streets to canvass for her and to re-elect Dorothy Dowe. After meeting fellow Greenvillians, they gather to cool down their body temperatures with icy beverages-but those drinks don't quench our thirst for making sure that we make history here in Greenville this year.

When we elect Michelle Shain as mayor, and re-elect Ken Gibson and Dorothy Dowe to City Council, we will move towards even better progress here in Greenville. That's because we are not here to settle for good. We are striving for achieving great heights as an exemplary city when we take the good work that has been done so far, and amplify that with Michelle as mayor.

When we have a Democrat leading the way, as the face of Greenville, we can formulate, advocate for, and implement innovative solutions to issues facing our city. Affordable housing solutions already spearheaded by City Council can be expanded. I dream of expanding access to housing for child care professionals, victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, teachers, public servants, and more. Curbing my own enthusiasm on the boundless possibilities, let's make this happen.

Electing and reelecting our Democrats is important not just in 2023, but beyond. If we want to extend, nourish, and grow the energy for 2024, we MUST all do our parts to ensure victory for ALL of our Democrats in Greenville this year.

If you have not yet signed up to help one of our candidates, please do so today. For those of you who wish to help both candidates at the same time, starting in August, we will be able to provide those opportunities. Your donations to the GCDP make our mailers and door-hangers possible so that we can support our candidates.

I hope you all enjoy some fun during this hot Dem summer, and give us all something to celebrate as we turn up the heat in these races going into the Fall.

Let's win our City, County, and State back.

Amanda

WITH MICHELLE SHAIN GREENVILLE MAYOR

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF GREENVILLE?

I'm running for mayor because after 28 years, it's time for a change. Accelerated growth has come at a price where a growing lack of affordability is changing the Greenville we love. At the rate we are going now, Greenville is on track to have the traffic of Atlanta, the sprawl of Charlotte and the prices of Charleston. It's time for Greenville to think about where we grow from here.

Neighborhood voices deserve to be heard. Since the 2010 census we have seen neighborhoods left behind, gentrified and decimated of their populations. The rising cost of housing is hurting seniors on fixed incomes, college students who want to work and live here, teachers, firefighters and police who are increasingly unable to live and work in the City they serve, and our small businesses that are struggling under surging rents.

Parking costs, the lack of an adequate transportation system, and a lack of affordable housing options are driving up cost of living for everyone in Greenville. I believe that together, we can do better for our longtime residents who invested in our City early, and for those who want to move here because of the unique charm, history and character you can only find in Greenville. As a former two term City Council Member and Chair of Economic Development, I am proud to have been a part of the revitalization of downtown at a pivotal time in Greenville's history. Those transformational projects included Liberty Bridge and Falls Park, Fluor Field and RiverPlace Development. We need to find balance in our growth so we don't lose what has made Greenville attractive and strong.

We need a mayor who will work with the Democratic majority on City Council to encourage sustainable growth and development, and who will protect what has made Greenville the most livable, unique and economically dynamic city in the Southeast - for generations to come.

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HOW HAVE YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCES LED YOU TO THIS POINT?

My first job was as a Candy Striper at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville. After college, I moved to Greenville and worked for The Greenville News-Piedmont and then started my own business which I ran for over a decade. I know what it means for a small business to make payroll, and what creates a successful environment to keep a business afloat. Small businesses are the foundation of our economy.

I've been recruited and hired to run numerous nonprofits that serve our Greenville community—from the Greenville Community Foundation to OnTrack at United Way. I understand what creates effective partnerships between the private and public sector. I served two-terms as an at-large city council member on the Greenville City Council where one of the very first votes I took was to take down the Camperdown Bridge to make way for the creation of Falls Park and the construction of the Liberty Bridge. In my time on Council, we transformed downtown. We successfully recruited a new baseball team which became the Greenville Drive, a Boston Red Sox Single A affiliate. Rather than have Greenville tax payers foot the bill, we provided the land and they built their own stadium, which helped transform Main Street's West End. I helped lead negotiations of the City's purchase of the Palmetto Exposition Center (now the Greenville Convention Center), and we worked on the RiverPlace development, McBee Station and getting the A.J. Whitenburg School downtown. I understand firsthand how to get things done in City Hall and the impact of the work done there.

Greenville has helped make me who I am. My mother and grandparents raised me in rural Anderson County, Tennessee after my father died. They taught me the importance of a work ethic and to never forget where you are from. Greenville is where Michael, my husband of 45 years, and I raised our three children and where we spend time with our six grandchildren. My career has been about service to Greenville, and I would be honored to continue that service as your next mayor.

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Left: Michelle Shain launch party at Greenville downtown airport on May 23rd.

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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES YOU LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING ON WHEN ELECTED AS MAYOR?

Sustainable Growth: We must strike a balance between progress and preserving our natural resources and ensure that our infrastructure is not overburdened by accelerated growth. I will advocate for environmentally friendly policies that prioritize sustainability and protect the unique character of our city and we will address critical infrastructure needs before we face a crisis.

Affordable Housing: We need to prioritize adequate affordable housing if we want our economic growth to continue. Right now, the rising cost of housing in Greenville is simply unsustainable. We must use every tool in our toolbox to ensure that Greenville does not become unaffordable for our longtime residents. This means building public-private partnerships to increase the housing supply and helping long-time homeowners and folks on fixed incomes whose taxes are going up but incomes aren't.
Economic Development: I am committed to fostering an environment that attracts new businesses, supports local entrepreneurs, and creates high-quality job opportunities for our residents.
Community Engagement: I want to strengthen the sense of community in Greenville, by encouraging dialogue, collaboration, and inclusivity among all residents. I believe in empowering our citizens to be active participants in shaping Greenville's future.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT MICHELLE SHAIN AS A PERSON, NOT JUST A CANDIDATE?

I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and pupmom (Rosie and Ruthie). I am a person of faith and a proud Greenvillian. I grew up on a gravel road in eastern Tennessee, but have spent almost my entire adult life here in Greenville, where my husband was born and raised. Former Greenville Mayor Max Heller and his wife Trude attended our wedding in Knoxville, Tennessee.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE GREATEST ISSUE FACING GREENVILLE TODAY?

Growth without planning will pose a real threat to what makes Greenville so unique and beloved. We can chart a sustainable path forward with affordable housing, supporting our small business economy, and shoring up our infrastructure and green space.

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HOW CAN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CAMPAIGN?

There are so many ways to get involved. We have volunteer opportunities for phone banking, door knocking, and hosting fundraisers and meet-and-greets. You can sign-up to volunteer on our website at **https://www.michelleforgreenville.com/volunteer/**

Folks can also support this campaign through donations
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mfg23

And following and sharing our social media content
Twitter @michelle4gville
Instagram @michelleforgreenville
Facebook Michelle Shain for Mayor of Greenville
Reach out to our team at info@michelleforgreenville.com
With your support, we can build a Greenville that we can all be proud of and feel a part of.

Michelle Shain canvassing

Canvassing for Michelle Shain

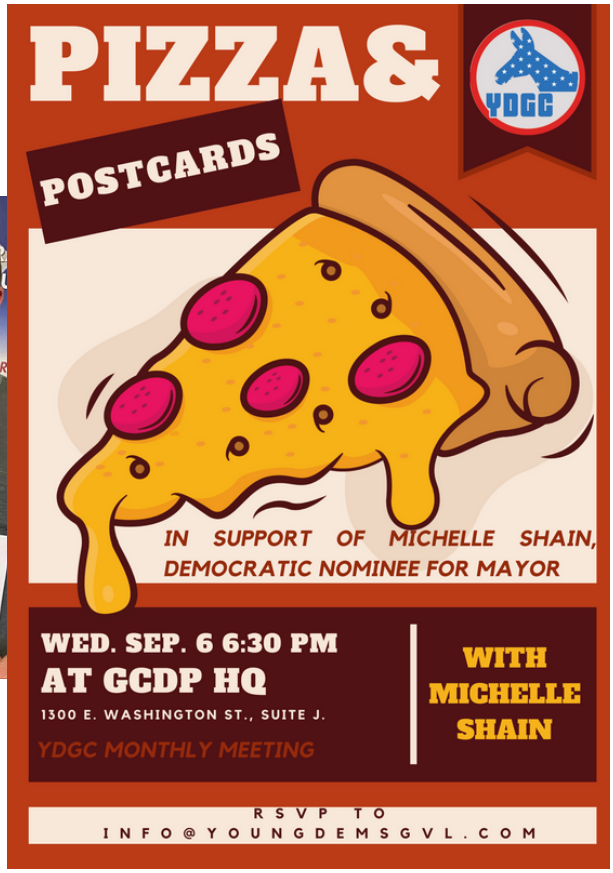
At Upstate Black Pride Festival

YOUNG DEMS UPDATE

The Young Democrats of Greenville County have been busy! Here are some of the highlights of the past couple months:

- We recently finished up a supply drive for the homeless with our nonprofit partner Bright Lights GVL. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- We had a table at Black PRIDE where we handed out 400 bottles of water and informed folks about the municipal elections.
- We had our first joint social with the new Young Democrats of Spartanburg County chapter.
- We sponsored and staffed Rep. Chandra Dillard's Sheroes Brunch where 5 extraordinary women were honored for their positive impact on Greenville.

We are so excited for the rest of the year and all the good trouble we plan to get in.



with RE-ELECT DOROTHY DOWE for CITY COUNCIL

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE RE-ELECTED TO GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL?

I truly love my job on Greenville City Council, and I know that my service is having measurable, positive impact for our city residents and stakeholders. In 2019, I ran on improving access to affordable housing, access to transportation and managing our growth. I have accomplished a lot, and there is still much work to be done to ensure our city thrives while protecting the quality of life that is part of what makes our city a treasured place to live and work.

My voice on council has facilitated significant increases in funding for affordable housing. The city currently allocates $2.5M per year compared with $1M annually that was committed prior to my election. I was also able to secure $7M in additional funds which were solidified as part of the city approval of the County Square development project at University Ridge in 2020. In addition, I actively worked to support the State Senate Bill S.284 which passed in the 2023 session and allowed the city to allocate an additional $900K in the budget using tourism tax revenues to help fund workforce development housing. Going forward, we must continue to identify opportunities to increase our housing supply for a full spectrum of income levels and focus on moving projects forward that are currently planned to provide affordable and workforce housing.

In the area of transportation, I have worked tirelessly to advance the new Greenlink Maintenance and Operations Facility project which will allow us to advance on our public transit goals of increasing services. I championed the Swamp Rabbit Trail (SRT) extension along Laurens Road and have been heavily invested in the larger traffic safety projects such as the Augusta Street Road Diet, Stone Avenue pedestrian/bike safety projects and the planned Wade Hampton Boulevard safety improvements. I look forward to championing the completion of the Greenlink facility by ensuring the needed funding is in place. Additionally, I will advocate for a safe crossing of the SRT extension at Verdae Boulevard, by bridge or tunnel, which will allow us to connect the trail to the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) and eventually to our neighboring cities to the south, beginning with the City of Mauldin.

The City of Greenville GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan and the new Greenville Development Code (GDC) are our greatest tools for managing our growth as Greenville continues to grow. I worked to shepherd these plans throughout the public input stage and ultimately through adoption by Council. In addition,

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I stay involved in the projects supported by our $34M Neighborhood Infrastructure Bond which are designed to improve and protect the quality of life for residents in our established neighborhoods. Going forward, my work will focus on evaluating the efficacy of the GDC to ensure that our assumptions and predictions in the code development are producing the intended results. I view the GDC as a "living document" that we will regularly revisit and revise as needed to appropriately manage our growth and protect our neighborhoods.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AS A COUNCIL MEMBER?

I am most proud of the fact that we did not let successfully managing the big and serious issue of Covid distract us from the values that mattered to us pre-Covid. Our community continued to focus on our need for affordable housing, the priority of keeping green spaces, the pressure of defining responsible growth. We prioritized making our city safer and improving our infrastructure. And that work continues.

Two specific moments that generated equal pride were:

1. Successfully passing a budget amendment in 2020 during Covid to increase our allocation to affordable housing from $500K to $2M. The proposed budget for this item had been cut to hedge against an expected economic downturn due to Covid. At second/final reading of the budget, I was able to restore and increase this funding as one of our top priorities.

2. Passage of the new Greenville Development Code (GDC). This had been an 18-month effort following 2 years of planning as part of the GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan adoption. Implementing this new code required significant public input and consideration of multiple perspectives from our various stakeholder groups (residents, business owners, developers).

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT DOROTHY DOWE AS A PERSON AND NOT JUST A COUNCIL MEMBER?

I am a wife and mother of two grown children who I adore. I am an avid runner and enjoy traveling when I can do so. I was born and raised in New York City (Greenwich Village in Manhattan), but Greenville has been home for my family since 1989. My education is in engineering and business (B.S.
Engineering from Duke; MBA from University of SC), and that perspective has served me very well as a councilmember.

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WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF BEING A COUNCIL MEMBER?

Being a councilmember requires me to dedicate many hours to respond to and communicate with constituents as well as city staff members. In addition, I dedicate time to preparing for council work sessions and formal meetings which take place twice a month. I serve as the council liaison to the Downtown Airport Commission, Visit Greenville and the Greenville Transit Authority and serve as a board member for United Ministries and the Upstate LGBT+ Chamber. I also serve as Vice Mayor Pro Tem for the council which frequently requires attendance and presentations during City events. All these duties are important and require a significant amount of time to ensure I am fully engaged and representing constituents and stakeholders as I was elected to do. My commitment to helping our community stay informed, and listening to my constituents so I can best represent them, requires that I meet for one-on-one discussions with constituents and stakeholders throughout most weeks. Every quarter, I e-mail my newsletter to thousands of subscribers. Each week, I regularly attend public meetings for neighborhood associations, city board and commission meetings and other events that support the city's economic development and/or public-private partnerships that contribute to our thriving city.

Being a member of Greenville City Council is a full-time job for me and that must be balanced with my responsibilities as a small business owner, wife, mother and engaged community member.

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WHAT CAN THE COMMUNITY DO TO ASSIST YOU AS A COUNCIL MEMBER?

Stay engaged and stay informed. The city does a good job of communicating important and relevant news through social media platforms and the City of Greenville website (https://www.greenvillesc.gov).

To stay informed and engaged, people have many channels to help them including signing up for my newsletter using this LINK. People should make their voices heard and stay engaged to keep the dialogue continuing between Greenville stakeholders and their elected representatives.

WHEN RE-ELECTED WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR GREATEST PRIORITY FOR THE UPCOMING TERM?

Protecting quality of life for every Greenvillian is where we need to keep our focus on city council. It should remain at the center of every initiative. Here are some examples of how that looks in action:

Ongoing diligence to monitor our advancement towards our affordable housing goals. I want to continuously evaluate the impact of our Greenville Development Code to help us meet our goals and ensure our annual funding for this priority is supported by City Council. Our GVL2040 Comprehensive Plan has a stated goal of ensuring that at least 10% of all new housing supply in the city is affordable for those earning less than 80% of the area median income. Our annual budget allocation and land contributions made by the city for affordable housing projects, as well as the new development code, are the tools we have to meet this goal and therefore must be part of our continuing focus on council.

Additionally, when the new Greenlink Maintenance and Operations Facility is opened in 2024, I want to ensure we make progress on the Transit Development Plan which aspires to provide public transit service 7 days per week, with routes running on a 30-minute schedule versus the current 60-minute schedule.

Our prioritization of open green spaces and regeneration of our tree canopy is also an essential quality of life issue. Protecting and preserving the green spaces in our city requires budget allocations as well as the fostering of public-private partnerships to support these assets. Going forward, we must continue to assess the needs of maintaining our parks in our

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community. Additionally, the City of Greenville Tree Ordinance that was adopted in 2021 has helped us in our work to preserve our tree canopy where we are able to do so and invest in new plantings to help increase the canopy throughout the city. This ordinance is just one component of our focus on sustainability, which must continue to be a priority for the city council.

People can get involved and support me in multiple ways:

1. Vote for me and encourage known city residents to vote for me as well. Early voting is best and will begin on October 23rd .
2. Follow me on social media: @DoweDorothy on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. It also is very helpful to "share" my posts and "like" them, to show support for my candidacy.
3. Volunteer to phone bank or canvass or both! Phone banking can be done from the comfort of your home provided you have a computer or iPad or similar device.
4. Volunteer to phone bank here. Volunteer to canvass here.
5. Place a bumper sticker on your car regardless of where you live (stickers available at GCDP Headquarters at 1300 E Washington St # J)
6. If you live in the city, place a yard sign at your home or city business beginning September 7th. You can pre-order your sign through this link.
7. Donate to my campaign using this link.

I believe during my first term on Council I built confidence that my re-election is critical to ensuring strong representation for the issues that matter to city residents and stakeholders. I do my homework, study the issues, ask the detailed questions, and listen to my constituents. My campaign headline captures the essence of who I am and how I serve: "She Shows Up, She Stands Up, She Represents Us."

Since I have an opponent in this race, I must run a very strong campaign. To do that, I need volunteer and financial support. I expect that voter turnout for this election will be high due to the competitive ballot for the mayoral race and the potential for a high turnout of straight-ticket Republican voters is very high. Our risk in this election is that we could lose the Democratic majority we currently hold and earned because of my election in 2019. I will continue to my part to work extremely hard as a candidate to WIN on November 7th and I ask that people help my campaign in the ways I have outlined above.
It has been a tremendous honor to serve our community in my first term. I have accomplished a lot.
There continues to be much work ahead to ensure we continue to move our city forward.
I am grateful for everyone's support to allow me to continue the work needed in the next four years.

Calling all of our friends in Greenville 21, the Longview-Cureton neighborhood! Stop on by for a precinct block party on Sunday, August 27 from 3-5pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, see familiar faces, as well as meet with some local municipal candidates on the ballot this fall. Hor d'oerves, drinks, and kid games will be available. RSVP here.

On August 23rd The Supreme Court of South Carolina ruled that S.474, the Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act, is constitutional. This bill prohibits abortions after a fetal heartbeat has been detected. We need to double down our focus on electing Democrats to make sure everyone has rights to their own bodies.

This year's GCDP Annual BBQ will be held at Legacy Park on Saturday September 9th. Sponsorships are still available! Buy your tickets before September 1st for the early bird price of $25. After that tickets will be sold at the door for $30. Purchase tickets and sponsorships here.

The South Carolina High School Democrats are rebuilding and could really use your help! If you know someone who is interested in joining and/or starting a chapter at their high school please email southcarolina@hsdems.org to connect with them. Also, follow them on Instagram @sc.hsd

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And This Guy Went to Law School???

By Billy Webster

In defending Donald Trump in his ongoing string of indictments, William Timmons serves up a Tweet (now called an 'X' post) worthy of My Pillow Guy. Devoid of any accurate facts and expressing a complete misunderstanding of the Rule of Law, Timmons writes; "what is happening to President Trump is what you would see in a banana republic. It does not take a law degree to see that we clearly have a two-tier system of justice in the country."

Where to start to unpack the ignorance here...?

Let's start with the easy stuff.

Countries that are considered high-functioning democracies dedicated to the Rule of Law prosecute wrongdoing, even if the accused is a head of state.

The list of countries that have done so is long:

- France (ex-President Nicholas Sarkozy in 2014 and former President Jacques Chirac in 2011)
- South Korea (ex-Presidents Park Guen-hye and Lee Myung-bak)
- Israel (Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu)
- Italy (former Premier Silvio Berlusconi)

And the list goes on: Portugal, Taiwan, Germany and Spain...countries that would no doubt be offended to be referred to as 'banana republics.' Well, maybe not, considering the source.

As to the two-tiered system of justice Timmons refers to, it is precisely the Rule of Law, with its origins in Aristotelean thought and grounded in the US Constitution that demands that governments and its citizens are equally held accountable to the country's laws. Timmons either skipped Constitutional Law at USC or perhaps opts for the Marjorie Taylor Green Law School version of the Rule of Law: one set of laws applies to Donald Trump and the rest of us be damned.

A common rapist in New York City (the offense that Trump was convicted of) would be in prison for mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 25 years. Convicted rapist Trump received a monetary fine of inconsequential significance given his net worth. More than 1,000 people have been charged with Capitol riot-related crimes. Roughly 500 have been sentenced to imprisonment ranging from 7 days to 14 years. Former President Trump—who incited and inflamed these rioters-pleads not guilty to conspiracy to overthrow the United States government, placing the blame on others. Countless public officials have been successfully prosecuted for misuse of classified material while Trump steals hundreds of national security documents with, as yet, no consequence. A two-tiered system of justice indeed.

As further evidence of his disdain for the rule of law, Timmons has adopted the Green/Bobert/Gaetz (GBG) defense of Trump: it's all a smoke screen to hide the criminality of the Biden family. In his interview

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on WORD radio this week, Timmons was confronted with the litany of Trump's indictable wrongdoings - three that resulted in indictment and two more that are likely to. He went straight to the GBG misdirection.

Let's stipulate here that if the Biden family is shown to have engaged in criminal wrongdoing, the Congress and the courts have every right—and the responsibility—to investigate those activities. However, and not unsurprisingly, the Republicans have offered not one shred of proof of criminal wrongdoing. But the Rule of Law applies to the Bidens just as it applies to Trump and his enterprise. That's the point, after all. No one is above the law and each of us are subject to the same system of justice.

As the indictments pile up, we deserve better than a My Pillow Guy Congressman, mindlessly defending the indefensible Trump. Timmons has already voted to reject the constitutional order of the United States, now he rejects the twin pillars of that order - the rule of law and the rule of facts. That may make for good politics in the 4th Congressional District but it is a dangerous and destructive attack on the foundation of American Democracy.

Unsurprisingly, William Timmons has doubled and tripled down on the defense of now four-times indicted former President Trump. In his latest statement, Timmons calls the indictment "absolutely absurd" and further states that "this DA should be removed from office and criminally prosecuted."

Of course, Timmons cannot be re-elected without the support of the diehard Trump radical right, so he crucifies the Rule of Law on the alter of his hero, Donald Trump.

Putting aside Georgia Republican Governor Kemp's statement that, "the 2020 Georgia election was not stolen;" "elections in Georgia are secure, accessible and fair," we should simply await the verdict of juries in New York, DC, Georgia and Florida.

Ultimately, history will judge harshly the cowardice of politicians like William Timmons. Career before Country will be the epitaph he deserves.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The DNC is hiring for multiple positions! If you're interested or know someone who is check out this link for more details.

Representative Chandra Dillard's District 23 Sheroes Celebration

On Saturday July 29th Representative Chandra Dillard honored five extraordinary women from District 23; Mary Cleveland, Mary Duckett, Felsie Harris, Margaret McJunkin, and Dot Russell.

The Greenville County Democratic Party, Democratic Women of Greenville County, Young Democrats of Greenville County, and the Democratic Black Caucus have teamed up to award a GOTV Democrat of the Month prize each month. We are very excited to have a friendly competition for our volunteers!

GOTV DEMOCRAT OF THE MONTH

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QUALIFICATIONS

Highest number of voter contacts via:

- phone calls
- texts
- literature drop/door knocking
- precinct organizing
- voters registered
- bringing new people to GCDP meetings and events

PRIZES

- Dining gift certificate
- Commemorative certificate
- Social media recognition

July Winner

GOTV DEMOCRAT OF THE MONTH

RON WAXELL

August Winner

GOTV DEMOCRAT OF THE MONTH

GAIL THOMAS

OUR FRAGILE DEMOCRACY

A Three-part Series I August 29, September 6, September 12 I 6:30 p.m.
McAlister Auditorium, Furman University

As the world's oldest democracy, America has long been held up as the standard to which other countries aspire. Yet, the reality is that many observers of democracies across the world do not place the United States among the strongest democracies in existence today; some have characterized it as "deficient" and "flawed." Is it possible that the only form of government America has ever known could fail?

Join us for three engaging and enlightening sessions where we examine trends that brought us to this point, the events of January 6, 2021, and the lingering harm they've inflicted on our democracy, what states are currently doing to make elections freer and fairer—or less so—and how we can move toward a healthier, more successful democracy.

View Speakers & Register **Here**

Apply here

Calendar: What's going on?

August

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Phone Banking for Michelle Shain, 4:00-6:00 PM, GCDP HQ or remote. Sign up here.

Drinking Liberally Weekly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Think Tank Brew Lab, 101 Airport Road, Greenville, 29607. Email greenville@hosts.drinkingliberally.org for more information.

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GCDP monthly breakfast meeting, 9-10 AM, Upstate Circle of Friends, 29 Ridgeway Drive, Greenville, 29605. Register for Zoom at https://bit.ly/gcdp-breakfast

Canvassing for Dorothy Dowe, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Info, location and signup.

Canvassing for Michelle Shain, 10 a.m. Info, location and signup.

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Precinct 21 Block Party, 3-5 PM, for more details or to RSVP go to this link.

Canvassing for Dorothy Dowe, 1 p.m. Info, location and signup.

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Phone banking for Dorothy Dowe, 3-5 PM, GCDP HQ and virtually.

One Voice: A Black History Narrative, 7-8 PM, Centre Stage, 501 River Street, Greenville, 29601. More info and buy tickets here.

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Our Fragile Democracy: A Three Part Series Presented by The Riley Institute at Furman University. Buy tickets here.

September

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Young Democrats of Greenville County monthly meeting, 6:30-8 PM, GCDP HQ and on Zoom. This month's meeting will be a postcard writing party for Michelle Shain and pizza will be served. RSVP at info@youngdemsgvl.com

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South Greenville Democrats - 2nd Friday Lunch, 12:30-1:30 PM, The Warehouse at Vaughn's, 109 West Trade Street, Simpsonville, 29681. For more information email mcazessus@gmail.com

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GCDP Annual BBQ, 11-3 PM, Legacy Park, 336 Rocky Slope Rd., Greenville, 29607. Purchase tickets here.

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Democratic Women of Greenville County monthly lunch, 12-1:30 PM, The Kroc Center, 424 Westfield St., Greenville, 29601. Purchase tickets here.

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District 25 60th Anniversary Community Resource Fair, 11-2 PM, Upstate Circle of Friends, 29 Ridgeway Dr., Greenville, 29605. Connect with wellness resources available in the community.

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Democratic Women of Greenville County book club. 6-7 PM, Spill the Beans, 531 S. Main St., Greenville, 29601. The book is "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. No need to register, just show up. Book reading is optional.

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Precinct 26 & 28 Block Party, 6 PM, 1635 E. North St., Greenville, 29607

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City of Greenville Project Preview Meeting, 4-6 PM, Prisma Health Welcome Center, Unity Park, 111 Welborn St., Greenville, 29601. A chance for the public to view planned developments and provide feedback.

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4th Wednesday Happy Hour at Swamp Rabbit Brewery, 5-7 PM, 26 S. Main Street, Travelers Rest, 29690. Meet with North Greenville Democrats for a social gathering. Email dunleavykat@gmail.com for more info.

October

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Precinct 19 Block Party, 3 PM, Pleasant Valley Community Center, 510 Old Augusta Road, Greenville, 29605.

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Greenville County Legislative Delegation Meeting, 5:30-7 PM, Greenville County Chamber of Commerce, 24 Cleveland St., Greenville, 29601. More information can be located here.

Calendar: What's going on?

Recurring Events

Greenville City Council
Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. 3:30 pm is a work session; 5:30 pm is a formal meeting. Agendas and meeting information available online.

Young Democrats of Greenville County
Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Email info@youngdemsgvl.com for a Zoom link.

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Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Go to Facebook Live! for more information.

Democratic Women of Greenville County
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at noon. Generally but not always for lunch at the Kroc Center. For more information and links to reserve your spot for lunch, visit their webpage.

GCDP Monthly Breakfast
We gather for breakfast at Upstate Circle of Friends, 29 Ridgeway Drive, Greenville, 29605 and via Zoom on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9 am. Join at this link: http://bit.ly/gcdp-breakfast.

Canvassing for Dorothy Dowe
Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Sundays at 1 p.m. For more information or to sign up click here.

Phone Banking for Dorothy Dowe
Mondays from 3-5 PM, at GCDP HQ and virtually. For more information email demwomen@greenvilledemocrats.com

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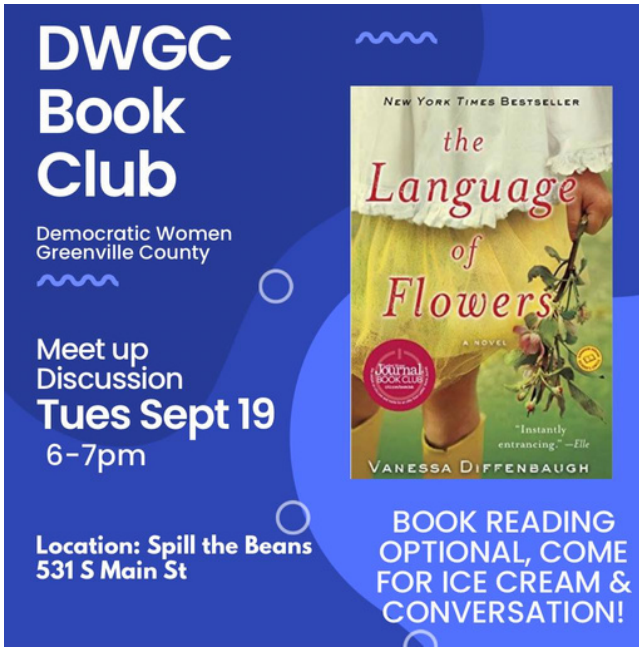

Greenville County Priority Six Campaign

In Greenville County, we have analyzed the data to identify 6 Republican-held districts that we can either win or in which we can make significant progress -- with quality candidates. These districts/races/candidates are included in the Greenville County Priority 6 Campaign. Help us make real progress by contributing to this campaign to start winning right here in Greenville County. You can find the link to donate here. We have $5,000 more to raise to make our 2023 goal for this project.

We also welcome the Ford and Ford Group aboard as they help us coordinate this important campaign.

Thank you to those who have already donated as of July 31st!

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