



# HAPPY BLUE YEAR, Y'ALL!!

WINTER 2024  
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*We are now in the countdown  
for SC's First in the Nation  
Presidential Primary,  
on February 3, 2024!!!*

This month our goal is to call as many Dorchester Democrats as we can and urge them to vote on February 3rd!!

We will need you and everyone in your precinct to do Phone Banking shifts on Saturdays, 2-4 pm at Perkins, on Trolley Road! Let's grow our DCDP membership and get voters out for all of the elections in 2024!

We also need volunteers to send 4000+ texts out the week before the Primary reminding Democrats to Vote.

Join us to **Get Out The Vote** in the most consequential US election year ever!

--Richard Hayes, Chair

### **Why we must show up for Primaries**

If rank and file voters ignore primaries, we are letting the most extreme elements in the parties pick our candidates.

**January Phone Banking  
at Perkins, from 2-4 pm,  
1700 Old Trolley Rd.,  
Summerville.**

**January 6** -- Leader Richard  
Hayes

**January 13** -- Leaders Richard  
Hayes and Debra Whitfield

**January 20** -- Leader Debra  
Whitfield

**January 27** -- Leader ReZsaun  
Lewis



**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP  
AND SOME GREAT  
PHONE BANKING!!**

**WINTER 2024**

To sign up for the January 6th shift, click on the image. For additional shifts, click on the links on the previous page or go to the [Events](#) page on our website. [DorchesterDemocrats.com](http://DorchesterDemocrats.com)

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
FIRST IN THE NATION PRIMARY**

**DORCHESTER DEMOCRATS  
PHONE BANKING**



**Saturday January 6, 2024  
2pm - 4pm**

 **Perkins** 1700 Old Trolley Road, Summerville, SC

**VOTING IN THE FEBRUARY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

**SAMPLE BALLOT - DORCHESTER COUNTY**

**DEMOCRATIC PPP - Democratic**

**President**  
You may vote for One.

Joseph R Biden ( Democratic )

Dean Phillips ( Democratic )

Marianne Williamson ( Democratic )

  

**President Congressional Reporting District 1**  
You may vote for One.

Joseph R Biden ( Democratic )

Dean Phillips ( Democratic )

Marianne Williamson ( Democratic )

Click [here](#) to check and update your Voter Registration, for the most Frequently Asked Questions about Voting in the 2024 Primary and to see your sample ballot, or go to [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov)

*Note: Teenagers who will turn 18 on or before November 5 must be registered online at [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov) by January 3, to vote in the February 3 Primary!*  
*This is all about their futures!*

**Why this Primary matters:**

- Drive Engagement, voter education, and enthusiasm!
- Increase visibility for Dorchester County Democrats!
- Generate earned media in local press with a goal of positive headlines including excitement from the Democratic base, voters of color, and young voters.
- Aggressively engage coalition and political stakeholders to amplify voter education and Democratic accomplishments.
- Capitalize on party building and party infrastructure opportunities!

--Richard Hayes

**Other January Events**

**MLK Parade**

Date: Sunday, January 14

Time: 2:30PM

Location: Lineup will be at Shady Grove Area near Highway 18 West and I-95  
Sponsored by: St. George NAACP  
Click on link or go to our website to sign up.

**“First in the Nation” Bus Tour**

Date: Wednesday, January 31

Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: Hutchinson Square, Summerville  
Leading: Richard Hayes with SCDP reps  
**Join the DCDP to welcome the 2024**

**Presidential Candidates.**

See the [Events](#) page to sign up.

## Upcoming DCDP General

### Monthly Meetings

In-person

**Dates: Thursdays,**

**January 11, February 8  
and March 14**

**Time: 6:30 to 8 PM.**

Open to members and aspiring members. Location: Knightsville United Methodist Church, 1505 Central Ave., Summerville.

**Please bring a few items for the church's food bank.**

Check website for details and signup.

<https://DorchesterDemocrats.com>

## Western Dorchester County Democratic Club (WDCDC)

### Monthly Meetings

In-person

**Dates: Mondays, January 22,  
February 19, March 18**

**Time: 6:30PM**

Open to members and aspiring members.

Masks are welcome.

**Location:** Classy Sassy Salon,  
421 N. Parler Ave., St. George

## New Member Coffee Talks

**Saturdays: January 6,  
February 3 and March 2**

**Time: 10 AM**

**Location:** Luxe Espresso and Wine Bar, 1430 Central Ave., Summerville  
Coffee is on us! Established members are invited as well!

Sign up on the [Events](#) page online, or contact **John Ptolemy**--  
[ptolemy@hotmail.com](mailto:ptolemy@hotmail.com)

*WINTER 2024*

## *A LOOK AHEAD AT THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN COLUMBIA*

Four members of your Dorchester County Democratic Party (Linda Buchanan, Aniya Cohen, Steve Nida, and David Rubin) examined 250 pieces of legislation that were pre-filed by the middle of December, 2023. These bills provide clues to what the Republican-dominated Legislature has in store for the rest of us in 2024.

Below are some topics of greatest interest. We will be exploring these issues and others in depth in the next few months with postings to the DCDP website.

**Control of School Libraries and Librarians.** Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver has made it a priority to create a state-approved list of books suitable for the education of South Carolina students, thereby sidelining school librarians and their expertise. She is working with Republican allies in the Legislature. Their bills target so-called "obscene" content, books dealing with gender issues, and sexual education.

**Transgender Culture Wars.** These bills provide a legislative "solution" to the Republican fear of encountering a transgendered person in a locker room, dorm room, or dressing room. Others will limit what physicians can do to offer gender transition procedures to minors.

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**DEMOCRATIC  
CANDIDATES  
FOR SC  
HOUSE  
DISTRICT 109**

**WINTER 2024**



**Eduardo Curry II | State House 109**

My name is Eduardo Curry II. As State...

[eduardocurryii.com](http://eduardocurryii.com)

Click the image for Tiffany's website. Click [here](#) for Eduardo's.

**SPECIAL PRIMARY FOR  
SC DISTRICT 109 REPRESENTATIVE**

**Voter registration deadline:** December 31, 2023 (mail-in registration forms will be accepted if postmarked by Tuesday, January 2, 2024)

**Early voting period:** January 16 - January 26 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed weekends and state holidays)

**Day of Primary:** January 30, 2024

**Runoff early voting period (if needed):** February 7 - 9 (Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

**Day of Runoff (if needed):** February 13, 2024

**Special Election**

**Voter registration deadline:** March 3 (mail-in registration forms will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, March 4)

**Early voting period:** March 18 - March 29 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

**Day of Special Election:** April 2, 2024

**A LOOK AHEAD (FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE)**

Selecting Judges. Republicans have not yet filed bills to fix the corrupt manner in which the Legislature chooses judges. However, one good reform bill has been filed by Independent Senator Mia McLeod. The real action will come if and when Republicans start making specific proposals.

Not all is bleak. Some bills will increase teacher salaries, with one focusing on salaries for special education teachers.

On abortion, one bill would provide young people with easier access to birth control medications obtained directly from pharmacists. Two Assembly Democrats have introduced an amendment to the state constitution to protect a woman's right to reproductive freedom. If passed, this would put abortion on the ballot in South Carolina, something Republicans greatly fear.

Finally, a number of bills take note of the crisis in affordable housing and propose modest solutions.

The session starts January 9 and extends to May 9. Stay tuned.

--David Rubin

# BIDEN WINS

**12 million new jobs** since taking office

**Unemployment rate** near **historic lows**

**Signed the Inflation Reduction Act** into law

**Capped the cost** of insulin for seniors at **\$35 a month**

Once-in-a-generation **infrastructure investments**

**Signed CHIPS and Science Act** into law  
to bring back manufacturing jobs

**Signed PACT Act into law** for veterans

**First major gun safety legislation** in decades

**Largest investment to combat climate change** in U.S. history

Confirmation of **Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson**

**Rallied our allies** in support of **Ukraine**

**Record enrollment** in the **Affordable Care Act**

**Enshrined marriage equality protections** into federal law

**BIDEN  
HARRIS**



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**"You might ignore politics, but politics will not ignore you!"**

**--John Hannett, Leader of Shop Workers' Union, UK, 2018**

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