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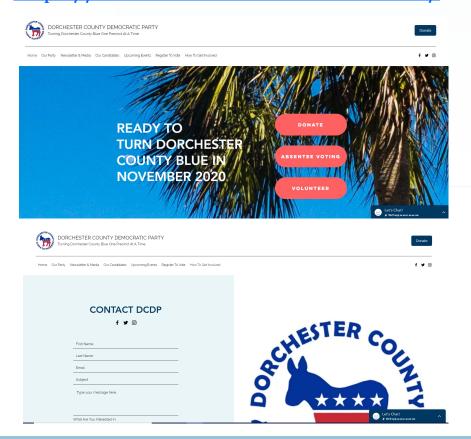
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ANNOUNCING DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEW WEBSITE

https://www.DorchesterDemocrats.com/



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ DCDP Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom and phone—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
 - ⇒Tues. Aug 11th
 - ⇒Tues. Sept 8th
 - ⇒Tues. Oct 13th
 - ⇒Tues. Nov 10th
 - ⇒Tues. Dec 8th
- ◆ Election Day—Tuesday, November 3, 2020

YOUR GUIDE TO DORCHESTER COUNTY 2020 CANDIDATES

Register to Vote: https://info.scvotes.sc.gov/eng/ovr/start.aspx

Last day to register/update information: October 3, 2020

Joseph Biden President



https://joebiden.com/

Jaime Harrison US Senate



jaimeharrison.com/

Joe Cunningham
US House - District 01



www.joecunninghamfor congress.com/

James E. Clyburn US House - District 06



<u>clyburnforcongress.com/</u>

Trumaine MoorerCounty Sheriff



trumainemoorerforsheriff.com/

John Lowe State Senate - District 38



Vernon Stephens State Senate - District 39



Facebook.com Webpage

Sam Skardon State Senate - District 41



https://samskardon.com/

Marlon Kimpson State Senate - District 42



marlonkimpson.com

Debbie Bryant State Senate - District 44



debbieforsenate.com

Patricia Cannon
State House - District 94



cannonforstatehouse.com/

Ronee DeCanio
State House - District 97



.roneeforstatehouse.com

Joe H. Jefferson State House - District 102



Facebook.com Webpage

Deon Tedder State House - District 109



/www.deontedder.com

Marvin Pendarvis State House - District 113



marvinpendarvis.com/

Ed Sutton
State House - District 114



https://suttonforsc.com/

David M. PascoeSolicitor Circuit 1



https://scsolicitor1.org/

Check out DCDP's website for continued updates

www.dorchesterd emocrats.com/

Are you a School Board Candidate?

If so, please reach out to us so we can include you in our newsletter.



DCDP Chair's Corner By Tim Lewis

dtd 7/12/2020 ### Greetings,

During a recent virtual townhall, U.S. Rep. James Clyburn (SC-06) said, "the 2020 National Election is the most consequential election of our lifetime."

With Congressman Clyburn's distinguished reach from Washington, DC to Columbia, SC to Dorchester County, his words are profound. Every election is important, but there are those elections (for example, Washington, Lincoln, F. Roosevelt, Kennedy, and Obama) that have shaped our democracy for generations. I believe that because of the tectonic shifts in the demographics of Dorchester County, as Dorchester goes in 2020, so goes the state and the nation.

The consequences of Dorchester County Democratic Party (DCDP) efforts to turn out the vote in November will affect our children and their children. By electing local, state, and national democrats and turning Dorchester **Blue** in November, we will affect public safety and services, healthcare, jobs with a livable wage, protecting the environment, economic development, and how we live together in a diverse, multi-cultural community.

Given the situation and consequences, the mission for DCDP, albeit challenging (but not impossible) is simple — Turn Dorchester **Blue** in November! In order to accomplish this mission, the DCDP Officers, committee chairs, members, and volunteers are successfully working towards the following goals and objectives.

- 1.Embrace servant leadership principles as we engage voters, members, and volunteers
- 2.Identify **400** volunteers, county-wide, by August 30th to support our voter registration, absentee voting, Get Out the Vote, and voter protection efforts
- 3. Upgrade our social media, website, digital, and virtual engagement technologies
- 4. Support and coordinate with national, state, and local democratic candidates and resources
- 5. Engage (county-wide) our diverse populations and organizations for their support
- 6. Promote and educate voters on voter registration and absentee voting
- 7. Facilitate and enhance our fundraising efforts

My heartfelt thank you goes to all the DCDP Officers, committee chairs, precinct leaders, volunteers, and members for your dedicated service, teamwork, and leadership. I sincerely appreciate your time, efforts, and financial contributions. Without your talents, abilities, and professionalism, DCDP won't be able to turn Dorchester blue in November and bend the ark of our collective history towards a more just, equitable, and democratic community.

Call to action: We need YOU to volunteer at <u>DorchesterDemocrats.com</u>. Even if you volunteer to bake cakes, place a yard sign in your yard, help friends and family register to vote, help with a candidate's campaign or with a DCDP committees, be a pole watcher, or make a financial contribution to DCDP — **We need you!** The consequences of the 2020 elections are too important to sit this one out.

In closing, COVID-19 has affected many of us personally. My aunt recently passed because of it. My prayer is that we all take care, stay healthy, and continue to use personal protective equipment religiously.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (843) 560-9210, <u>DorchesterDemocrats.com</u>, or via email at <u>dordems@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Tim Lewis, Chair, Dorchester County Democratic Party

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Get involved in South Carolina Democratic Party Caucuses



Black Caucus Chair Johnnie Cordero & Jennifer Reed



Black Women Caucus Co-Chairs Mattle Thomas & Jennifer Brown-Morrow



Business Caucus Chair Carlton B. Dallas



College Democrats President: Ashley Harrington (UofSC)



Disability Caucus Co-Chairs Dr. Anthony Thompson & Peggy Butler



Education Caucus Co-Chairs Carol Tempel & Sandra Raye



Environmental Caucus Chair Stewart Weinberg



Faith Caucus Chair John Wright



Health Care Caucus Chair Carlton Boyd



Hispanic Caucus Co-Chairs Evelyn Lugo & Ellas Valentin II



Labor/Progressive Caucus Chair Michele Horne



LGBT Caucus Co-Chairs Ann Willbrand & Jim Thompson



Rural Caucus Chair Tangee Jacobs



Senior Citizens Caucus

Co-Chairs Ann Stevens-Brown & Jerome Brown



Single Parent Caucus

Chair - Bridget Deline



Veterans Caucus

The South Carolina Democratic Party has an array of caucuses to get involved in across the state. Each caucus is currently working redevelopment of their bylaws and structure. Jeni, our 1st Vice Chair is working hard on ensuring Dorchester County is involved in the caucuses. Most are listed here however, there are a few more caucuses that are part of SCDP such as the South Carolina Democratic Women's Council and the Young **Democrats of South** Carolina, Contact Jeni to get linked to the different caucuses or visit

https://scdp.org/ourparty/scdp-caucuses/



¿Porqué es importante salir a Votar?

Una de las frases más comunes que escucho decir en la comunidad Latina es: "Yo no me meto en la política."

Muchas veces esto se ve como algo positivo pero en realidad, es uno de los errores más peligrosos que está cometiendo la comunidad Hispana.

Hay un dicho famoso que dice: "Si no tienes un asiento en la mesa, entonces estás en el menú." Es simple, si no estás en la mesa donde se están haciendo las decisiones, otros están haciendo las decisiones por ti.

Es necesario, entonces, que nuestra comunidad esté lista para poner nuestra voz.

¿Porqué entonces, salir a votar?

Tu voto es tu voz. Las protestas son efectivas y necesarias, pero si las protestas están cayendo en los mismos oídos, entonces ya no serán efectivas.

Ejercer tu derecho al voto es la única manera de efectuar un cambio verdadero. Votar no es solamente tu voz, también es la voz y el futuro de tus hijos que son muy jóvenes para votar y para los inmigrantes indocumentados que no pueden votar.

Eres la voz de los que no tienen voz.

Eres la voz de Vanessa Guillén, eres la voz de George Floyd, eres la voz de las familias inmigrantes que han sido separadas y encarceladas.

Debes votar porque es una responsabilidad pero también es un privilegio. Si tienes la habilidad de votar, es porque eres parte "del club de ciudadanos". Es el mayor honor y la mayor responsabilidad de ser ciudadano Americano. Si no votas, es como si fueras miembro de un club, en el cual pagas pero nunca usas los beneficios.

Debes votar porque puedes cambiar el Mundo.

Al presente nuestra comunidad está sufriendo el Coronavirus en mayores números que otros grupos étnicos en los Estados Unidos, esto en gran parte porque nuestra comunidad tiene necesidades que han sido ignoradas por nuestros líderes a nivel local, estatal y nacional.

Hispanos en Carolina del Sur: Hoy te invito a que tomes tu asiento en la mesa y salgas a votar en Noviembre 3.

En los próximos meses estaré compartiendo información de cómo votar por correo, cómo registrarse para votar y cómo protegerse de los que están tratando de limitar el voto de las minorías.

Julio Caceres, DCDP Communications Committee Chair

https://www.dorchesterdemocrats.com/

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 10, 2020 Press Contact: Lauren Brown, SCDP Communications Director lauren@scdp.org



Joe Wilson: Consistently on the Wrong Side of History

The fifth anniversary of the Legislature's decision to remove the Confederate Battle flag from the Statehouse grounds shows how much South Carolinians can accomplish when we come together.

The South Carolina of today, is not the South Carolina of five years ago and sadly we have elected officials who are stuck in the last century. Like Congressman, Joe Wilson who has consistently been on the wrong side of history.

Congressman Joe Wilson, who as a State Senator, proudly voted to keep the Confederate flag flying, is facing a tough Democratic challenger in Adair Ford Burroughs who has consistently outraised him.

In 2000, Joe Wilson voted against the Heritage Act stating "I disagree with the compromise. "I feel very strongly about the wonderful and positive heritage of the people of South Carolina. Another concern that I've had is the divisions between the races in South Carolina." He then went on to become one of only seven South Carolina Senators who voted in favor of keeping the Confederate flag flying over the Statehouse.

SCDP Chair, Trav Robertson: "A quick glance of Joe Wilson's votes over the past two decades reveal how unaligned he is with the values of today's South Carolina voters. Wilson voted against the ACA and unabashedly supports Lindsey Graham and Donald Trump's foolhardy efforts to repeal healthcare from millions of Americans during the global coronavirus pandemic."





ABSENTEE VOTING

WHAT IS ABSENTEE VOTING?

It's a method of voting that doesn't require you to actually go to the polling site on voting day. You primarily have 2 options such as being able to vote in-person early ahead of voting day or getting your ballot in the mail and then mailing it back to be counted.

VOTE

In the state of South Carolina you typically need a reason for why you require an absentee ballot. Some examples can be due to working that day, physical disability, out-of-state students, being the age of 65 or older, etc. Basically there are a number of reasons you can use to justify your need of an absentee and still have your vote counted.

HOW DO I DO IT?

You must first already be registered to vote then you request an application from your county voter registration office either in person, by phone, by mail, or email.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING

Visit https://www.scvotes.gov/absentee-voting or contact DCDP's Voter Outreach Director, Debbie Lodge 843-513-9587



COLUMBIA, SC (June 30, 2020) – As of today, the State Election Commission's voter education website has a new address: scvOTES.gov. The switch to the .gov domain name was made to help maintain the public's trust in the information and services provided through the site.

Before the change, scVOTES.gov was scVOTES.org. Having the .gov extension will help voters easily recognize the site as a trusted source of information. Domain names using the .gov extension are regulated by the federal General Services Administration (GSA) meaning only verified federal, state and local governments can use a .gov address. Voters will know when they see "scVOTES.gov," they have arrived at the official website of the S.C. State Election Commission.

The old .org domain extension will continue to exist indefinitely, and visitors will be automatically redirected to the new scVOTES.gov address. The SEC encourages anyone using an scVOTES.org link on their website or other materials to update those links to scVOTES.gov.

Poll Managers Needed for November 3rd General Election

State and county election officials know many of our long-serving and dedicated poll managers, particularly those that fall into high-risk categories, have decided that working the polls in November is not worth the associated risk to their health. The SEC understands and respects each and every poll manager's decision on whether to serve in this challenging time. We thank you for your service. Our sincere hope is that as our situation improves, you can continue serving in the future.



If you are willing and able to serve, South Carolina needs you. The fact is we must have poll managers to have elections. Unless new poll managers step up to serve, we expect counties will have to close and consolidate polling places, which can cause large crowds and longer lines for voters.

The SEC and county election officials are taking steps to help make polling places as safe as possible for voters and poll managers, including: providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and disposable cotton swabs for making touchscreen selections. We will also provide online training when possible and small-group, socially-distanced training when necessary.

Interested in Joining a DCDP Committee? Newsletter Candidate Ways & Meanscommunications/PR Voter Registration Social Events GOTY Office/Head Committee?

Visit to https://tinyurl.com/DCDPCommittees sign up or contact us at DorDems@gmail.com to let us know

Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm for the monthly DCDP Executive Committee Meeting Register via the website

https://www.dorchesterdemocrats.com/

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