



# Voter Guide

## 2024

### General Election

# November 5

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Realtors are encouraged to study the candidates before voting. Equally important, Realtors are encouraged to...

**VOTE**





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## Voting—What You Need to Know

In Person Voting: November 5

Polls Open: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

[Click here to find your polling place](#)

Early Voting: October 21—November 2

(Monday—Saturday)

Polls Open: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Early Voting Locations (click link):

[Anderson County](#)

[Oconee County](#)

[Pickens County](#)





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## REALTOR® Party Recommendations: Our Process

**Step 1:** Realtor Candidate Screening Teams interview the candidates, review their questionnaires, and make recommendations.

**Step 2:** The Board of Directors review Candidate Screening Team recommendations.

**Step 3:** The RPAC Trustees review recommendations for financial support from RPAC.

Recommendations are based on an evaluation of the candidate's position on REALTOR® Party issues and their voting record, if applicable. The Candidate Screening Team is aware of each candidate's party affiliation, but party is not a consideration in their recommendation.



## REALTOR® Party Recommendation:

***RPAC Recommended:*** The candidate understands and supports the REALTOR® Party Agenda and is qualified for the office they seek. ***RPAC Recommended*** candidates also received, or were offered but did not accept, a campaign contribution from RPAC.





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## REALTOR® Party Agenda:

1. Protect Private Property Rights.
2. Ensure Fair Housing Opportunities for all.
3. Advocate for housing affordability and attainability for families in our community.
4. Maintain a vibrant and open market for real estate.





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## Recommended Candidates

These candidates are recommended by RPAC. Click the candidate's name for more information about them.

### US House District 3

Western Upstate  
Open Seat

[Sheri Biggs](#)



### SC Senate District 1

Oconee County  
Incumbent

[Sen. Thomas Alexander](#)

President, SC Senate



### SC Senate District 4

Anderson/Abbeville/Greenwood  
counties—Incumbent

[Sen. Michael Gambrell](#)





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# Recommended Candidates

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## SC House District 1

Oconee/Pickens counties  
Incumbent

[Rep. William Whitmire](#)



## SC House District 8

Northwestern Anderson County  
Incumbent

[Rep. Don Chapman](#)



## SC House District 9

Pelzer/West Pelzer/Williamston  
Open Seat

[Blake Sanders](#)





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### SC House District 10

Powdersville Area  
Incumbent

[Rep. Thomas Beach](#)

REALTOR®



### SC House District 11

Abbeville/Anderson/Laurens counties  
Incumbent

[Craig Gagnon](#)



### Anderson County Council District 4

Pendleton Area—Incumbent

[Councilman Brett Sanders](#)

Vice Chairman





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## Recommended Candidates

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### Anderson County Council District 5

West Anderson—Incumbent

[Cm. Tommy Dunn](#)

Chairman



### Oconee County Council District 2

Walhalla/Mountain Rest—Incumbent

[Cm. Matthew Durham](#)

Chairman



### Oconee County Council District 5

Fair Play/Townville—Incumbent

[Councilman Glenn Hart](#)

Chairman Pro Tem





## ***Candidates for...***

# **President/Vice President of the United States**

Listed in the order they will appear on the ballot in South Carolina. Click on the candidate's name for more information about them.

[Randall Terry/Stephen Broden](#)—Constitution Party

[Cornel West/Melina Abdullah](#)—United Citizens Party

[Jill Stein/Rudolph Butch Ware](#)—Green Party

[Donald J. Trump/J.D. Vance](#)—Republican Party

[Chase Oliver/Chase ter Maat](#)—Libertarian Party

[Kamala Harris/Tim Walz](#)—Democratic Party

[Claudia De La Cruz/Karina Garcia](#)—Workers Party

RPAC and your Association of REALTORS® do not make a recommendation on the office of President of the United States. We provide this information to help you decide how you will vote.



***Candidates for...***

## **U.S. House of Representatives—District 3**

Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties. Also, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenville (part), Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda counties. Congressman Jeff Duncan did not seek reelection.

Sheri Biggs, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***

Michael Edwin Bedenbaugh, Alliance Party

Byron L. Best, Democratic Party

## **Solicitor, District 10**

Anderson and Oconee counties. Solicitor David Wagner did not seek reelection.

Micah Black, Republican Party



***Candidates for...***

## **SC Senate**

**District 1**—Oconee and Pickens (Clemson area) counties.

Sen. Thomas Alexander, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***

Senator Alexander is President of the SC Senate.

**District 3**—Northern Anderson County.

Sen. Richard Cash, Republican Party

Jessicka Spearman, Democratic Party

**District 4**—Southern Anderson County. Also, Eastern Abbeville and Northwestern Greenwood counties.

Sen. Michael Gambrell, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***



***Candidates for...***

## **SC House**

**District 1**—Northern Oconee and Northwest Pickens counties.

Rep. Bill Whitmire, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 2**—Southern Oconee County. Adam Duncan defeated Rep. Bill Sandifer in the Republican Primary in June.

Adam Duncan, Republican Party

**District 3**—Clemson area. Phillip Bowers defeated Rep. Jerry Carter in the Republican Primary in June.

Phillip Bowers, Republican Party

Eunice Lehmacher, Democratic Party



***Candidates for...***

## **SC House**

**District 6**—Northeast Anderson County.

Rep. April Cromer, Republican Party

Tony Wagoner, Democratic Party (Realtor)

**District 7**—Southeast Anderson County. Lee Gilreath defeated Rep. Jay West in the Republican Primary in June.

Lee Gilreath, Republican Party

Hunter Savirino, Libertarian Party

**District 8**—Northwest Anderson County.

Rep. Don Chapman, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***

Jackie Todd, Alliance Party



***Candidates for...***

## **SC House**

**District 9**—Eastern Anderson, Williamston, West Pelzer and Pelzer. Rep. Anne Thayer did not seek reelection.

Blake Sanders, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 10**—Powdersville and Piedmont areas of Northeast Anderson, Southeast Pickens, and Western Greenville counties.

Rep. Thomas Beach, Republican Party (REALTOR®)—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 11**—Southwest Anderson County. Also, Abbeville and Northeast Laurens counties.

Rep. Craig Gagnon, Republican Party—***RPAC Recommended***



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***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson County**

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Chad McBride, Republican Party

### **Clerk of Court**

Clerk of Court C. Reena Thomason, Republican Party

### **Coroner**

Coroner Greg L. Shore, Republican Party

### **Auditor**

Auditor John Benca, Republican Party (REALTOR®)

### **Treasurer**

Treasurer Jason P. Phillips, Republican Party



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson County Council**

**District 1**—Northeast Anderson. Councilman John Wright, Jr., did not seek reelection.

Chris Sullivan, Republican Party

**District 2**—Southeast Anderson.

Councilman Glenn Davis, Democratic Party

**District 3**—South central and southwest Anderson County.

Councilman Greg Elgin, Republican Party

**District 4**—North central and northwest Anderson County.

Councilman Brett Sanders, Republican Party (Vice Chairman)—***RPAC Recommended***



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson County Council**

**District 5**—West central Anderson County.

Councilman Tommy Dunn, Republican Party (Chairman)—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 6**—Powdersville and Piedmont areas.

Councilman Jimmy Davis, Republican Party

**District 7**—East central and southeast Anderson County

Councilwoman M. Cindy Wilson, Republican Party (REALTOR®)



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson County Board of Education**

In addition to the five district school boards, Anderson County voters also elect a countywide board of Education that has oversight of several countywide public-school programs and budgets. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a Board of Education seat map, [click here](#).

### **District 2**

Mike S. Upton, incumbent (Chairman)

### **District 7**

Mark Williamson

### **District 8**

Dr. Vaughn D. Parfitt, incumbent

### **District 9**

David E. Blanding, incumbent



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson School District 1 Trustees**

Powdersville and Williamston area. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a countywide school board seat map, [click here](#).

### **Area 2**

Michael S. Wilson, incumbent

### **Area 3**

John "JC" Neel

David "Moochie" Merritt Jr., incumbent, Secretary

### **Area 6**

Brenda Ellison, incumbent, Vice Chairwoman



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson School District 2 Trustees**

Southeast Anderson County. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a school board seat map, [click here](#).

### **Area 2**

Dr. Mason Gary, incumbent

### **Area 5**

Phillip S. Ashley, incumbent, Vice Chair

### **Area 6**

DuPre Keys



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson School District 3 Trustees**

Southwest Anderson County. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a countywide school board seat map, [click here](#).

### **Area 2**

[Tripp Bouknight](#), incumbent

[Michael R. "Mike" Callahan](#)

### **Area 3**

Incumbent Danny Owens, Chairman, withdrew after filing.

[Justin Burdette](#)



***Candidates for...***

## **Anderson School District 4 Trustees**

Northwest Anderson County. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a school board seat map, [click here](#).

### **Area 1**

Incumbent Dr. Tom Dobbins did not seek reelection. Scott E. Davis withdrew after filing.

Waylon H. Priester

### **Area 3**

Dr. Charles V. Privette



## ***Candidates for...***

# **Anderson School District 5 Trustees**

Anderson area. School board races are nonpartisan. To view a school board seat map, [click here](#).

## **Area 1**

[Troy L. Haguewood](#)

[Julie Usherwood](#), incumbent

## **Area 3**

[Eddie D. Mattison](#)

[Tommy Price](#), incumbent, Chairman

## **Area 4**

[Paul Zugg](#), incumbent

## **Area 7**

[William “Tripp” Dukes](#)

[John P. Griffith](#), incumbent, Secretary

## **At-Large**

[Kristy Harrell Huskey](#)

[Ernest E. Mackins](#)

[Andy Patrick](#), Incumbent

[Bill Thompson](#)



## ***Candidates for...***

# **Williamston City Council**

Nonpartisan. Williamston is one of three city councils in the Western Upstate that hold elections in even years (Anderson in April and Williamston and Clemson in November). Seats are at-large, but candidates run for a specific ward.

## **Mayor**

Mayor Rocky Burgess

## **Ward 3**

Councilwoman Tabitha Austin

David Rogers

## **Ward 4**

Councilman Chris Alexander



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***Candidates for...***

## **Oconee County**

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Mike Crenshaw, Republican Party

### **Clerk of Court**

Clerk of Court Melissa C. “Lisa” Burton, Republican Party

### **Coroner**

Coroner Karl E. Addis, Republican Party

### **Auditor**

Auditor Christy W. Hubbard, Republican Party

### **Treasurer**

Incumbent Gregory Newell did not seek reelection.

Gena Acree, Republican Party



***Candidates for...***

## **Oconee County Council**

View interactive council district map by [clicking here](#).

**District 2**—North Central Oconee County.

[Councilman Matthew Durham](#), Republican Party, Chairman—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 4**—Northeast Oconee County.

Thomas James defeated incumbent Councilman Julian Davis in the Primary in June.

[Thomas James](#), Republican Party

**District 5**—Southern Oconee County.

[Councilman Glenn Hart](#), Republican Party, Chairman Pro Tem—***RPAC Recommended***



***Candidates for...***

## **Oconee County School District Trustees**

School board races are nonpartisan. Districts are the same as county council, [click here](#) to view the map.

### **District 2**—North Central Oconee County.

Dr. Meghan Ketterman, incumbent, Vice Chairwoman

Vicky Smith

### **District 4**—Northeast Oconee County.

Q. Sawyer Gambrell

Denise McCormick, incumbent, Chairwoman

### **District 5**—Southern Oconee County.

Buddy Herring did not seek reelection.

Keith Johnson

Terry Swain



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***Candidates for...***

## **Pickens County**

### **Sheriff**

Sheriff Rick Clark did not seek reelection.

Tommy Blankenship, Republican Party

### **Clerk of Court**

Clerk of Court Harold Pat Welborn, Republican Party

### **Coroner**

Coroner Kandy Kelley did not seek reelection.

Andrew Wilson, Republican Party

### **Auditor**

Auditor Brent Suddeth, Republican Party

### **Treasurer**

Treasurer Dale Looper, Republican Party



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***Candidates for...***

## **Pickens County Council**

View the map council districts by [clicking here](#).

**District 3**—Central and Northern Pickens County.

[Councilman Alex Saitta](#), Republican Party

**District 4**—South Central Pickens County.

Scott Lang defeated incumbent Councilman Roy Costner in the Primary in June.

[Scott Lang](#), Republican Party

**District 5**—Easley are.

[Councilman Chris Bowers](#), Republican Party, Chairman—***RPAC Recommended***

**District 6**—Southeastern Pickens County.

Dale Holloway defeated incumbent Councilman Henry Wilson in the Primary in June.

[Dale Holloway](#), Republican Party



***Candidates for...***

## **Pickens County School District Trustees**

School board races are nonpartisan. Districts are the same as county council, [click here](#) to view the map.

**District 1**—Clemson area.

Betty Bagley, incumbent

**District 3**—Pickens area.

Shannon Haskett, incumbent

**District 5**—Easley area.

Betty Garrison, incumbent, Vice Chairwoman



## *Candidates for...*

# Clemson City Council

Nonpartisan. Clemson is one of three city councils in the Western Upstate that hold elections in even years (Anderson in April and Clemson and Williamston in November). All seats are at-large.

## Mayor

Mayor Robert Halfacre

Councilwoman Catherine Watt

**At-Large**—Voters choose 3 candidates for 3 seats.

Councilwoman Catherine Watt is running for Mayor. Councilman John Ducworth did not seek reelection.

Councilman Bob Brookover

John Crolley

Nanda Edgerton

Alma Evans

Adam Jones

Windsor Sherrill



# Ballot Questions

Our government representatives sometimes ask voters questions when they vote. Several are on the ballot this year. This statewide questions has been asked by the SC General Assembly.

## Statewide Constitutional Amendment

Must Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of this State, relating to voter qualifications, be amended so as to provide that only a citizen of the United States and of this State of the age of eighteen and upwards who is properly registered is entitled to vote as provided by law?

Yes, In Favor of the Question

No, Opposed to the Question

The effect of this question is to amend the SC Constitution to limit the right to vote in to citizens of the United States and the State of South Carolina who are properly registered and entitled to vote. The state constitution is currently silent on voter registration, although state law requires a person to register to vote to be entitled to vote.



# Ballot Questions

Our government representatives sometimes ask voters questions when they vote. Several are on the ballot this year. These countywide questions have been asked by Anderson County Council.

## Anderson County Transportation Sales Tax Questions

**Question 1:** Approve an additional local 1% sales tax to fund road and bridge projects ([read the full question here](#)).

If approved, an additional penny sale tax will be imposed beginning in May 2025 that will last for 7 years or until \$366 million is raised, whichever occurs first. The sales tax does not apply to groceries.

**Question 2:** Approve issuing \$15 million in general obligation bonds to be repaid from the proceeds of the sales tax in Question 1 ([read the full question here](#)).

[Click here](#) to view the full list of road and bridge projects to be funded by the sales tax proposed by Anderson County Council.



## Ballot Questions

Our government representatives sometimes ask voters questions when they vote. Several are on the ballot this year. This question has been asked of voters in the Corinth-Shiloh fire district by Oconee County Council.

### **Corinth-Shiloh (Oconee County) Special Tax District**

Do the voters favor the creation of a special tax district for the purpose of providing fire protection services in the district. If the question is approved, the district will be created and a special election will be held to elect five district commissioners. Also, if the question is approved, the voters will authorize a maximum tax levy of 25 mills.

Corinth-Shiloh fire district is currently a volunteer fire district.

[Click here to read the full question.](#)



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## Realtor/Voter Resources

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