

Evert's Electables

Republican Primary

June 14, 2016

PLEASE NOTE—

- For candidates already in an office, I have been able to check voting records. My comments reflect their voting records over the course of their tenure.
- For those who have never run for office before, and who *claim* a position, I will state their claim, but understand I have nothing by which to verify that claim.
- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A photo ID is required to vote in South Carolina.

This year there are two important dynamics running in the primaries: 1) Democrats **will** be voting in Republican primaries; 2) Many of the social conservatives and Tea Party conservatives have opposition. Many of them have been targeted by the Chamber and other business interests. Nationally, the Chamber of Commerce has targeted Tea Party and non-establishment Republicans for not supporting amnesty. The Chamber and the big-business interests wish to use immigrants to drive wages down. They know immigrants will be willing to accept one-third of the pay a citizen will accept and they'd like to make that wage the new standard. They are also very upset with the Tea Party for removing Boehner and for not cooperating with the president on a host of legislation, like ObamaCare and the Pacific trade pact. Lastly, they are upset with states that wish to protect the religious liberties of their citizens. So understand that the Chamber of Commerce may not support or endorse someone who has a pro-business voting background if that candidate is a social or a Tea Party conservative. Also understand that in the last election cycle many outsiders and Tea Party candidates were elected. The establishment has decided to take those people on, especially in the Upstate. And as such, these groups have the full backing of the State Chamber of Commerce as well as state liberal interest groups and Democrats in several counties.

GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF

Bruce Cannon

<http://CannonForSheriff.com/>

Started in Greenwood in 1978; joined Greenville County Sheriff's department in 1985, working his way up to the rank of Captain. He then accepted a position in the private sector in charge of security for the Michelin corporation. He is now their international security official. Of all the candidates running to replace Sheriff Loftis, maybe even including Sheriff Loftis, Mr. Cannon has probably the highest qualifications for the job. It might even be a step down for him. If you go to his website and read the depth of information that he understands about policing, it is incredible. In the Greenville News' endorsement of Loftis, they even stated that Cannon would be the most able to step into the role of leadership. I think it's a rarity to have someone this qualified to run for a specific position. Cannon has been the most forceful in the forums criticizing the status of the current sheriff's office, wanting to take the service to a higher level. He is very blunt and plain spoken, he's direct and to the point. He's respectful, but he's a no-nonsense guy and would be a no-nonsense sheriff.

Hobart Lewis

<http://HobartForSheriff.com/>

Born in the Poe Mill community, graduated from Travelers Rest High School, then joined the U.S. Army. Joined the Greenville County Sheriff's Department in 1986 under Sheriff Johnny Mack Brown. Served for 10 years in the Greer police department as a sergeant. He has seven points he wants to address: response time (how long you wait for an officer to arrive), visibility (how often you see an officer patrolling), drugs/gangs, securing our elementary schools, community outreach program, customer/citizen service (receiving quality service), constitutional rights (being confident your fundamental rights are the department's priority). Hobart Lewis has also criticized the sheriff's office on wait times and morale issues—he's not just following Cannon's lead, he seems to truly understand what's going on and be able to articulate problems that are going on inside the sheriff's office and is able to articulate solutions to those problems.

William Lewis<http://WillLewisSC.com/>

Former deputy in the Sheriff's department who is now doing consulting work. He graduated from Liberty University with degrees in Criminal Justice, Theology and Aviation. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He has served at two city police forces and two county police forces. When he left the sheriff's department he was a deputy. He currently runs a consulting company where I believe he does work for defense attorneys. I do not believe he has held leadership positions in any of the previous police forces or military. He has brought some very interesting ideas to the forefront on how to deal with gangs and some other issues.

Steve Loftis INCUMBENT<http://www.Loftis4Sheriff.com/>

Current sheriff. He started with Greenville County Sheriff's department in 1976. He has worked his way up in the department. He took over after Sam Simmons died while in office. He was recruited by former Sheriff Sam Simmons. He has been reelected four times, serving 14 years so far. Last time, there was one person running against him; most of the other times he was reelected without opposition. In the past I have supported Sheriff Loftis. But for me, the first red flag was when one of his inner circle was indicted and then convicted of informing illegal gambling interests prior to raids. I believe the sheriff is a good man and from what I've been told, I think he was sincerely surprised when one of his inner circle was found to be corrupt. I don't know whether Loftis didn't see his friend because his friend was so good at hiding it, or if he chose not to see it because of the friendship. Either way, it is a concern. The second red flag was when four former deputies filed to run against him this time. The fact that four people put down almost \$6,500.00 to file for this position, most of them former deputies, screams that there are problems within the sheriff's department. Two deputies resigned or retired so they could run. Greenville County Sheriff's Department is one of the largest in the state and so we need a very efficient and able and nimble leadership team. It has to be forward thinking, not reactive. There are issues with wait times and perceived public communication and transparency. He has been endorsed by Greenville News. One of the things the Greenville News mentioned in their endorsement was that with three of the challengers, there were legitimate critiques and concerns about the sheriff's office. I would agree with that assessment. In the forums (half of which the sheriff has skipped), I would not say the sheriff was open to those criticisms; he was very defensive, which for me is concerning. If I thought he would take the criticisms to heart, change and improve the office, I might give him another shot at the job, but it seems he's attacking the messengers and ignoring the problems.

Sam Manley<http://Sam4Sheriff.com/>

Former deputy of the Sheriff's Department. His platform seems to be very conservative and he has appealed to many in the Tea Party/conservative side of the party. He's held no leadership positions in the Sheriff's Departments or in other policing departments. He also has the distinction of having been fired by the Greenville County Sheriff's Department twice "for cause", falsifying time cards (stating he was on duty when he wasn't). There have been other allegations as well but the two firings "for cause" are enough to disqualify him. He would not have the respect or stature to lead the department.

Evert: I do not consider Manley to be an option. Beyond that, I think most people will have to make a decision—is it time for a change in the sheriff's office. I'm a very loyal person, especially to those who have served us in our law enforcement communities. Six months ago I would have automatically supported the current sheriff. Today, I'm every increasingly moving towards voting for someone other than the current sheriff. I have not currently made a final decision myself. I will say this: as I stated above, the credentials that Bruce Cannon brings to the table are incredible and the fact that he's even willing to run for this position says a lot. Hobart Lewis obviously is very intuitive and has some very good leadership skills. I'm surprised those skills haven't been fully utilized before now. I like where Will Lewis is on a lot of the issues, but he's very young on the force; and I think it's too far of a stretch for him right now. So for me, the choice would be between Cannon and Hobart Lewis. My wife is all-in for Cannon at the moment.

S.C. SENATE (4 YEARS)

STATE SENATE DISTRICT #3 – ANDERSON/PICKENS CO.

Kevin Bryant <http://www.KevinBryant.com/>

Incumbent. Pro-Life. Strong defender of the 2nd Amendment. Reformer and strong social and Fiscal conservative, One of only 10 state senators who voted against spending the Stimulus money back in 2009. Received the highest ranking from the Club for Growth 2008-2012, 95 in 2013 -2014 and B for last year. Staunch defender of and advocate for traditional marriage and the Right to Life. Received the Friend of the Taxpayers Award in 2012. He was a supporter of Ted Cruz for President in 2016. Endorsed by SC Life PAC, Endorsed by NRA with A Rating, 3rd Cong Jeff Duncan, Tea party supporter. Kevin Bryant has voted in favor of Road Bills but only when they restructured the DOT and did not include a gas tax.

Carol Burdette <http://CarolBurdette.org/>

From her website you would think she is a conservative Republican. She claims to be Pro-Life and a supporter of the 2nd Amendment. On several blogs from conservatives it was openly being discussed how they consider her to be a moderate Democrat. They expected her to run, just not as a Republican. She is the Democrat party's candidate (a Moderate Democrat) in the GOP primary. The only donation not to herself that I have found was to a Dem running for State House several years ago. She was in favor of consolidating the Anderson County Schools. She was the mayor of Pendleton from 1997 to 2009 and currently serves as the CEO of The United Way in Anderson Co. One of the criticisms toward her is that she eliminated the City police force in Pendleton when she was mayor. At one of the forums she stated that the DOT needed to be restructured and fully funded, which in layman's terms means, I'm going to vote to raise your taxes.

In this race, Kevin Bryant is the true conservative voice and vote in the State Senate and deserves to be re-elected. Kevin is one of the strongest and most effective voices we have in the State Senate. His opponent is not a conservative Republican!!

Evert: I would vote for Kevin Bryant.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT # 5

Tom Corbin INCUMBENT www.SenatorCorbin.com

Local small businessman. Lifetime member of the NRA; endorsed by NRA with an A rating. Endorsed by SC Citizens for Life. Definitely a social conservative; a fiscal conservative as well; he has been an advocate of several reforms to help everyday citizens, rather than specific business interests. Made it easier to deal with agencies and reduced paperwork. Strong advocate of the Second Amendment. He is an "everyday" citizen, not a polished trial attorney in the state senate. As such, he has not been as articulate or as careful in his verbiage as he could have been, but those slip-ups are not a reflection on his character. His opponent has accused him of not showing up for work; however, he has a 100% attendance record for this past year. His attendance record has never been below 93%.

Endorsements: Julie Hershey, Bridget Lane, Deborah Batson, Doris Blackman, Lila Vaughn, Kelli Rogers, Karen Martin, Lisa Van Riper, Marlene Dowd, Betty Poe, Anne Garland, Debbie Spaugh, Karen Mims, former Senator Lewis Vaughn, Robert A Willis, Leland Burch, Dr. James Barnett, Joe Dill, Greater Greenville Association of Realtors, Rep. Mike Burns, Doug Wavle, Sid Cates, Tommy Stringer, Bill Chumley, Eric Beddingfield, Garry Smith and Kelly Rowe.

John B Whitewww.JohnWhiteSC.com

Trial and Defense attorney from Spartanburg; his law firm is known for handling DUI cases. His family owned the Beacon restaurant in Spartanburg for years and sold it several years ago.

A prolific donor to candidates, not specifically to Republicans; in fact, he's given money to Sen. Glen Reese (Dem from Spartanburg), Jim Hodges for Gov., Gilda Cobb Hunter, Sen. Brad Hutto, and Sen. Marlon Kimson (who has proposed multiple bills to take away your gun rights). A lot of other Dems have also gotten a check from John White. I got through only a third of his donations—probably 60% were to Republicans, but that leaves about 40% to Democrats. His donations are not based on ideology from what I can see, so I doubt his votes would be based on ideology either. His donation to Brad Hutto is particularly disturbing because Hutto is not only a liberal but also a very effective advocate for liberal progressivism and an ardent enemy of conservative values. How **any** Republican could give money to Brad Hutto blows my mind.

Supported and endorsed Lindsey Graham for President. Wants to increase funding to schools. White is very much a "good ole boy" establishment politician. Rather than blocking Democrats in the Senate, White would have no problem reaching across the aisle and helping them. He did not answer the NRA questionnaire, so I wouldn't trust him on 2nd Amendment issues. For those who care about gun rights, you'd be going from someone who aggressively protects and defends our 2nd Amendment rights to someone who doesn't care about them and has funded someone trying to take those rights away. I firmly believe that Mr. White (who's been involved in SC politics for a very long time) will say and do whatever he thinks he has to say or do to win an election. I do not believe his promises will bind his voting if elected. He has accused Corbin of not showing up for work, yet Corbin has a 100% attendance record this last term. I find it disappointing that candidates will lie about something so easily disproven. If they're that bold in a lie, why would we trust them on anything?

Evert: Tom Corbin has proven to be a conservative voice and vote in the state senate. He's not a perfect man but I believe he's a good man and deserves to be reelected. I would enthusiastically vote for him if I lived in the district.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT # 6

Mike Fair INCUMBENTwww.ElectMikeFairForSenate.com

Stalwart supporter for Pro-Life and Pro-Family traditional values for years. For example, he fought to keep abstinence education and was a pro-life leader on the ultra-sound bill (requiring an ultra-sound prior to an abortion). You've heard the expression "if you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen"—on many issues (education, Right to Life, traditional marriage) he was the only one in the kitchen for many years. One of the original sponsors of school choice and registration by party. Signed the "No New Taxes Pledge." Earned the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award in the past and the Legislator of the Year Award from the SC Citizens for Life. The only tax he supported increasing, has been on vices (cigarettes and alcohol). Because of his seniority and leadership positions in the Senate, he was able to bring School Choice to a vote in the committee; he was practically alone in his fight against the imposition of Common Core on our education system (the federal government is seeking to impose its will on the states). Voted to fund new roads and bridges without raising gas taxes. He has used his seniority to help get conservative pieces of legislation passed through committee votes and floor votes. "Endorsed by Life PAC (100% rating), NRA ("A" rating), Dr. Bob Jones III, David Wilkins, Randy Page, and Doug Wavle.

Johnny Edwardswww.JohnnyForSC.com

U.S. Navy veteran; member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest, where he served in leadership; married to Carolyn H. Edwards for forty-five years. This is his first run for elected office. Johnny Edwards is a native of Greenville County. He has lived and worked in State Senate District 6 all of his adult life.

Both he and Senator Fair are about the same age. From his website and literature he's running as a social and fiscal conservative. Also one that would be supportive of law enforcement and a supporter of 2nd Amendment rights. I find it odd that as a life member of the NRA and a proponent of gun rights that he didn't answer the NRA's questionnaire. I don't know if that was intentional on his part or not. Former SLED Constable. His website says he's in favor of term limits. From everything I see, I think he's a good man. He'd be a freshman senator with no seniority to get anything done. I don't see the benefit in voting for him over Senator Fair.

William Timmonswww.VoteTimmons.com

A former prosecutor in the Solicitor's office. His campaign is based on a fresh new face and a slogan that "Columbia's broken". He is very articulate and smart. He claims to be pro-life, but until the last 9 months I've never seen him at a pro-life function, unlike Senator Fair. He's hired a political consultant who was Marco Rubio's consultant for President and he has endorsed Marco Rubio for President. He is much more of an establishment type candidate; not an outsider or Tea Party type. He would be much more of a country club/Chamber of Commerce candidate. He may vote the right way on social issues because he has to, but he's not going to fight on behalf of those issues. "B-" from the NRA, which says a lot in my opinion. This is based just on what he *tells* the NRA—not even on a voting record. If what he tells them up front is a "B-," what will it be when/if he gets to office? In looking at most of his political donations, they come mostly from downtown Greenville and/or his Furman connections. I see very few donations from inside the district.

Evert: To give full disclosure on this race, I am on Senator Fair's steering committee. By no means would I consider myself to be a neutral party. Senator Fair has been a longtime friend and supporter of many of the issues that I care deeply about. I haven't always agreed with his tactics or even some of his votes; but with his seniority in the Senate and his past history (his fiscal conservative votes have improved over the years), I will continue to support him. I will enthusiastically vote for Senator Fair.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT # 12**Lee Bright INCUMBENT**www.BrightForSenate.com

Senator Bright endorsed Ted Cruz for president this cycle. On fiscal and social issues Senator Bright has a very good conservative voting record. However, through his personality or through his tactics, he has the ability to tick off both his friends and his opponents. He's always been a scrapper and a fighter against the system, even if he's fighting with his own side. It is in this race that the State Chamber of Commerce has openly come out to get Senator Bright un-elected. (They're doing this also in other races, just not openly.)

Endorsed by SC Citizens for Life PAC. Definitely a social conservative; a rock solid fiscal conservative as well! Strong advocate of the Second Amendment. A+ Ranking and the NRA endorsement. Voted to reform government at almost every level, although he has not prevailed in all those votes. Supported restructuring of the DOT, how we elect judges, adding school choice as an option for parents. A consistent reform candidate.

Scott Talleywww.ScottTalleyForSenate.com

Attorney who graduated from Wofford College. Former House member. He has been on the judiciary committee in the House. Had a good pro-life voting record. Had a "B-" from the NRA. As a House member, voted against School Choice. He's very much somebody who can work well within the caucus; he's also someone who can work well across the aisle. He's much more of an establishment type of candidate. Of the three competitors, Scott Talley would be the most likely person to gather more votes than anyone else. He's been elected to office before. He's well-known in the Spartanburg community and generally well-liked. He supports an increase in the gas tax. If he were to get elected, his voting record on social issues and the right to life would be fine, but on gun rights you would have to ride him to make sure he votes the right way. That might be an important issue in the next cycle if Hillary Clinton wins the presidency. He agrees with the Chamber of Commerce that we don't need to deal with the trans-gender bathroom-use issue. He says the trans-gender issue that Lee Bright brought up was "unnecessary".

David McCrawwww.McCrawForSenate.com

He is a US Air Force veteran and graduated from USC Upstate. Restaurant owner and businessman. He owns Palmetto Restaurant & Ale-House. He was the driving force behind the attempt in Greenville County to allow alcohol sales on Sunday. His petition did not get enough signatures, so that failed. I do not believe he has made up his mind on whether he is pro-life or not. I also don't believe that social issues will matter to him. His most important issue is how to make money and he would be your typical Chamber of Commerce guy (money first and everything else last). At the Greer forum he made it abundantly clear that the driving force for him for running for office is about money and funding state government. He did not return the NRA questionnaire, so I have no confidence that the 2nd Amendment is that important to him. He has been the harshest critic of Lee Bright. He also believes and has stated that the trans-gender bathroom issue is unimportant.

Lisa Scott

www.LisaCooleyScott.com

Currently the mayor of Duncan. She got an undergrad degree in Psychology from Clemson and a masters in Social Work work from USC. In her financial contributions, she has given to Rita Allison and the Democrat who ran against Lee Bright last time so I have serious doubts as to her Republican credentials. Did not answer the NRA's questionnaire. Says she's in favor of a gas tax increase. In reference to trans-gender use of bathrooms, Lisa Scott said "we don't want to do *anything* that would jeopardize economic growth".

Evert: This is an extremely difficult race. First rule in politics is "never embarrass your supporters." On the issues, Bright has been a tremendous advocate for the 2nd Amendment, the right to life, restructuring of government, conservative government in general. But his temperament and tactics have reduced him to the point that he's completely unable to wield influence in the senate other than through his actual vote. There's no other candidate running who's even close to him on the issues, specifically gun rights or government reform. I would not vote for David McCraw or Lisa Scott. I don't live in the district so this is easy for me to say, but I would probably vote for Senator Bright, though I completely understand why people are tired of his antics and want new representation.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT #22

Wendy Nanney INCUMBENT

www.WendyNanney.com

BJU grad. Endorsed Ted Cruz for President in 2016. Received an A rating from Palmetto Family Alliance, the NRA, SC Citizens for Life PAC, the SC Chamber of Small Business. Has a 92% Attendance Record in the SC House. Lead sponsor and advocate for the Pain Capable Bill -- the bill that outlaws abortion after 20 weeks based on the viability of the child in the womb. As such, she took a lot of abuse and has been targeted by those in the Pro-Choice/Planned Parenthood enclaves in the state. She has been a stalwart and effective advocate for pro-family and pro-life legislation in the House. She has the distinction of a very good pro-business, anti-tax voting record in the House. It is somewhat amazing that the local Chamber of Commerce doesn't find a pro-business record good enough—now you must also adhere to their progressive social agenda to garner their support. She also helped get the voter ID passed in the House. This is one of the races where Democrats **will be** voting in our GOP Primary. They don't have a candidate in Nov., nor do they have a county-wide primary; so many are being encouraged to vote in the Republican primaries. Part of this district is in down-town Greenville and the Democrats in this part of the district obviously don't like someone as conservative and effective as Wendy Nanney.

Her opponent has criticized her for missing about 50 votes this term. He claims she missed close to 50% of the votes. I find this charge to be laughable at best. Knowing what I know about the legislature, there are *hundreds* of votes in a legislative session (some years it's over a thousand). Missing 50 votes out of a thousand is not terribly bad. Also, one should understand that not every vote carries the same stakes. There are laudatory bills (meant to be congratulatory or to make a statement in support of a cause or group) on occasion. All these votes are recorded. For example, had my representative missed the congratulatory vote for the Clemson Tigers making it to the championship game, I'm not going to be upset. Now, if they're missing a vote on a tax increase or the roads bill or a bill that is actually substantive, that would be more of a problem. Most votes she has been criticized over have been the laudatory/congratulatory type. She missed the vote commending the church in Charleston where the shooting was and missed a vote on a Greenville-specific biking issue. Also, Wendy Nanney is the delegation chairman for the Greenville County delegation. As such, she has responsibilities to try to make sure that legislation affecting Greenville County passes both the House and the Senate. This means she sometimes goes in between those two bodies and may miss some votes in the process. I would rather she not miss votes, yet she's still doing her job as delegation chairman. Again, her attendance record is at 92%.

Endorsed by her father(Dr. Bob Taylor), Dan Hamilton, Jay Lucas, Eric Beddingfield, Tommy Pope, Donna Hicks, Phyllis Henderson, Shannon Erickson, Scott Case, Garry Smith, County Councilman Willis Meadows, County Councilman Butch Kirvin, County Councilman Lynn Ballard, State Senator Ross Turner, Rita Allison, Greg Delaney, Joshua Putnam, Joe Dill, Senator Danny Verdin and Julie Hershey.

Jason Elliott

www.VoteJasonElliott.com

Former staffer of Senator Jim DeMint. He endorsed Jeb Bush for President in 2016. He is an attorney in town. Has been involved in politics locally for a long time. I have no doubt that he is a fiscal conservative. He is running to be a “change” agent, stating we need new representation in District 22. He has made the charge that Wendy is not showing up for votes. He made this charge at a local Chamber of Commerce forum event where he claimed that she had missed up to 50% of the votes. I’m not sure where he got his numbers but in order for her to miss 50% of the votes she wouldn’t have a 92% attendance ranking or she would have missed close to 400 votes through the term.

He got an “Aq” from the NRA so he would be a good vote on gun rights. He is pro-life but I would not consider him to be a social conservative or a pro-family conservative. He left his wife, and then divorced her, I do not know if the person he is currently in a relationship with is the person he left his wife for; but he did leave his wife and then divorced her.

Again, this is a candidate who puts economic issues first. He’s donated almost exclusively to Republicans and to some very conservative ones, in fact. Most of them, if not all, have either worked for or have been associated with Senator Jim DeMint in some way. He will not be an advocate for social issues, though he may vote conservatively. As I mentioned before, there **will** be Democrats voting in this election. He is their choice—not because he’s a Democrat (he’s not) but because he’d be a less effective and less conservative representative than Nanney would be. Understand, this is essentially *their* general election. So, if you want Republican voices to pick the Republican candidate, be sure to get out and vote and get your friends to get out and vote. Don’t let the Democrats and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce pick your candidate!

Evert: I would vote for Wendy Nanney. Wendy has been an effective leader who helped guide and get the most substantive pro-life legislation in years become law. She has been equally as effective in her support of small business and a pro-family, pro-business, small government approach to legislation. This is one of the reasons she was elected as the delegation chair for Greenville County.

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT #18

Mike Barnes

He ran 4 years ago for this seat and beat Baldwin. But because of the SC Supreme Court and some paperwork getting lost, even though Barnes won the balloting, the State Supreme Court negated the votes and threw out the elections. This was part of the balloting fiasco a few years ago where hundreds of candidates were thrown off the ballots. He is running as a fiscal conservative for County Council. He’s a local businessman. He’s actually shown up at GOP meetings in the past.

Joseph Baldwin INCUMBENT

His voting record has been mixed. Sometimes he votes for tax increases, other times he doesn’t. He’s an attorney. Prior to his election to County Council, he was a member of the Greer City Council. He is an established – and I would consider to be an *establishment* – candidate. He’s very tied in with the Greer Chamber of Commerce which, like its Greenville counterpart, is not a conservative organization. It has a very progressive/liberal attitude, especially on social issues, although they have no problem with higher taxes as long as there’s money to be made.

Evert: I would vote for Mike Barnes

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT #21

Lance Byars

<https://www.facebook.com/lancebyars21/>

Commercial real estate broker. He received his masters in real estate development from Clemson University. He deals with clients needing to know growth patterns, traffic patterns, many of the things County Council would deal with. He reiterated the fact the state is not following through when it comes to road issues. He serves on the board of advisors for the Salvation Army in the upstate and teaches faith-based classes to men in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. He is at the very least a Republican, he is a member of the Greenville county executive committee. From what I can see of him on the issues, a conservative on fiscal issues. He would believe in the party platform of small government, limited regulations, lower taxes.

Stacy Kuper

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She is the director of sales for Net 3 Technology. She graduated from Leadership Greenville and is on the Greenville County Economic Advisory Board. The Greenville Chamber of Commerce is a huge backer for her, but as I've said before, this is not a conservative organization. The incumbent (Jim Burns), a fiscal liberal who has **led** almost every single tax *increase* fight on County Council, has not only endorsed her but is working for her campaign. In 2003 she lived in Florida where she was registered as and voted as a Democrat. She then moved to Virginia and in Virginia in 2008 she voted in the Democrat primary. Which means she voted for either Barack Obama or Hilary Clinton. But since we don't have registration by party in South Carolina and the Republicans are so strong, she's running as a Republican, not a Democrat. One probably does need to ask the question, did she voted for Hilary in 2008 or not, and if so, is she going to do it again? With the endorsement of the previous incumbent, the backing of the Chamber, and the Greenville News cheerleading on behalf of Kuper, I think she's likely to be the lead vote-getter.

Rick Roberts

www.RickRobertsForCountyCouncil.com

Local businessman. President of KMC Benefits. He grew up in the Greenville area. Graduated from Mauldin High and then Clemson University. He wants to keep taxes down and spend tax dollars wisely. He wants to bring a businessman's perspective to County Council. He wants new and improved roads. He wants to enhance and expand green spaces. He wants to listen to residents on what's needed in their individual neighborhoods. Looking at voting records, he's not been an active voter until he decided to run for this office. Based on an incident that happened at Thornblade, I think there are some temperament issues.

Evert: I would vote for Lance Byars who is at least a Republican and I think he's also a conservative.

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Evert has been involved with politics since 1989, both at state and local levels. He considers himself to be a Reagan conservative (conservative on social, economic, and national security issues). His first issue is always the Right to Life (without that right, which is endowed by our Creator, none of the other rights even exists). His second issue is always the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms) because this right guarantees the ability of individuals and states to defend the other rights. His third issue is always the First Amendment (freedom of religion, speech and assembly). His fourth issue is the defense of capitalism and the defeat of Socialism/Marxism/Fascism, along with the protection of private property rights. On the national level, we are printing too much money, spending too much money, and borrowing too much money. The federal government is trying to usurp and infringe upon the rights reserved to the states and to the individuals.

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