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**From:** Burns, James  
**Sent:** Friday, January 2, 2015 5:34 PM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki; Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Cc:** Patel, Swati  
**Subject:** RE: Interim Appointments for Chester & Fairfield Vacancies

No issues. This looks good to me.

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**From:** Haley, Nikki  
**Sent:** Friday, January 02, 2015 5:23 PM  
**To:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Cc:** Burns, James; Patel, Swati  
**Subject:** Re: Interim Appointments for Chester & Fairfield Vacancies

Thomas and Branham unless any of you see issues. Goal is to stay out of the politics of these races so that they can have clean elections.

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 2, 2015, at 1:54 PM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Governor,

The current office holders for the two county seats whose elections were overturned expire on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Recall that state law permits you, as governor, to fill vacancies in county offices until they be filled by election. Therefore, should you still choose to exercise your authority, then we recommend making the interim appointments prior to next Tuesday. Your interim appointments would be made by executive order and would serve January 6<sup>th</sup> until after the March 3<sup>rd</sup> elections.

Here are the recommendations for you to consider:

**For Fairfield County District 3**, we have only received one recommendation. The Fairfield County GOP Chair, Kevin Thomas, and Representative Mary Gail Douglas made the following recommendation:

- Recommendation: Melvin Thomas, retiree, retired engineer and ordained minister – Note that Thomas is NOT a candidate in the upcoming election.

**For Chester County Supervisor**, Secretary Hitt made three recommendations. However one of the recommendations, Linda Short (D-former Senator) is Chairman of the Chester County Natural Gas Authority, and therefore, she cannot serve as interim-Supervisor as it would be in violation of the State Constitution's dual office holding prohibition. This leaves you with the following two recommendations:

- Recommendation: Carlisle Roddey, current Chester County Supervisor – Hitt said that he has been there for so long and gets along well with the local businesses that it would be fine to leave him in the office. \*\*\*Carlisle Roddey is the incumbent-candidate in the upcoming election.

- Recommendation: Joe Branham, retiree, current Vice-Chairman of Chester County Council – Hitt said he is a safe, solid choice and a very earnest man. Hitt also reports he heard that Carlisle Roddey (current officeholder; candidate for re-election) wanted Joe Branham to be his successor at some point in the future. Note that Branham is NOT a candidate in the upcoming election.

Please let us know if you would like more information. If you let us know your decisions, then we will prepare the orders for your signature on Monday.

Thank you,

Rebecca