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### Governor Nikki Haley Wins Re-election:

**Associated Press:** Nikki Haley wins a second term as SC governor

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Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has handily defeated Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen to win a second term. The 42-year-old daughter of Indian immigrants, who grew up in rural Bamberg, said Tuesday's results prove again that "there are no boundaries for any little girl or any little boy in the state of South Carolina."

**Note:** Haley also thanked voters for electing Henry McMaster as lieutenant governor, saying the two will be a "team that will make you proud."

**Note:** "This is about to get fun," Haley said. "We're going to prove to the rest of the country we're the best in South Carolina."

**Associated Press:** Nikki Haley pledges 2nd term focus on job training

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fUtxvg3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fUtxvg3)

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley pledged to focus her second term on efforts to ensure students entering the workforce and adults looking for a new career are trained for available jobs.

**Note:** "We are on fire in South Carolina when it comes to jobs, but ... we still have too many people out there who need them and we have too many people out there who aren't trained to do these amazing jobs," she told supporters in her victory speech late Tuesday.

**Note:** "We're going to focus on opportunities, making sure every person in South Carolina, if they feel capped, if they feel stuck, or they've been let go, we're going to make sure we do something so they have an out."

**Greenville News:** Haley wins re-election bid in match with Sheheen

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/04/nikki-haley-wins-second-term-sc-governor/18490343/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley has won re-election in her rematch with Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen with a margin of victory more than three times her win in 2010, according to unofficial returns. Haley collected 55.9 percent of the vote to Sheheen's 41.3 percent, according to unofficial returns posted this morning by the State Election Commission.

**Note:** "Do I have say it? It's a great day," Haley told an exuberant crowd gathered in Columbia shortly after 10 p.m.

**Note:** Haley thanked the state for taking "a chance on me" in 2010 and promised "we're just getting started."

**Note:** In a reference to ethics reform, Haley said, "This is the year we will clean up Columbia. This is the year we will make sure you will trust your government again."

**WIS:** FOUR MORE YEARS: Gov. Nikki Haley easily wins re-election

<http://www.wistv.com/story/27258751/four-more-years-gov-nikki-haley-easily-wins-re-election>

Jeremy Turnage

The projection from the AP came just one minute after the polls closed statewide. While only 60,000+ votes separated Sheheen and Haley in 2010, the difference was stark this time with Haley trouncing Sheheen by 170,000+ votes and 56 percent of the vote with 99 percent of precincts reporting.

**Note:** "We're going to make sure that we continue our focus on those children in South Carolina regardless of what rural county they're from, regardless of what corner they were raised to make sure every child can build a plane or a car or a tire or whatever they want to because this is South Carolina and this is where



we're going to continue to take care of our children and educate them."

**Post and Courier:** Nikki Haley wins a second term as SC governor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109734>

Cynthia Roldan, Jeremy Borden

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley soundly thumped Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen Tuesday, significantly bolstering her political capital going into a second term. Haley, 42, the daughter of Indian immigrants, had a sometimes contentious path to a second term. But her focus on jobs - branding herself the "jobs governor" - combined with signs of an improving economy helped push her to an easy victory.

**Associated Press:** SC Exit polls: Nikki Haley strong with GOP base

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Fv9PSA34](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Fv9PSA34)

Mitch Weiss

For years, South Carolina has been a reliably red state with Republicans holding the top political offices. Results from exit polling conducted for The Associated Press and television networks on Tuesday in the state show the trend will continue. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott won their respective races by attracting a lion's share of the traditional party base.

**Seneca Journal:** Good night for SC incumbents

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/11/good-night-for-sc-incumbents/>

Norman Cannada

Election night was a good night to be an incumbent in South Carolina. Led by Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, all eight incumbents facing opposition in re-election to state or national posts representing the local area won easy victories.

**Note:** Haley won re-election to a second term as governor, defeating a crowd led by Democratic State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, who she also defeated four years ago.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** Light voter turnout produces few surprises

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141104/ARTICLES/141109840/0/search>

Jason Spencer

Tuesday's Republican sweep brought few surprises in South Carolina – and it also brought fewer people to the polls than election officials and political observers had hoped. As midnight approached, statewide turnout hovered at about 41.5 percent. In 2010, the last time the Palmetto State picked a governor, about 52 percent of registered voters showed up.

**Note:** At press time, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley enjoyed a double-digit lead over her rival, Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen.

**Note:** Haley beat Sheheen by more than 2-to-1 in Spartanburg – which, along with Greenville and Lexington, is a key Republican county.

**Charlotte Observer:** South Carolina: Haley, Graham re-elected; Scott to finish term

[http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/11/04/5290830/south-carolina-haley-graham-re.html#.VFo49\\_nF91Y](http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/11/04/5290830/south-carolina-haley-graham-re.html#.VFo49_nF91Y)

Jonathan McFadden

Nikki Haley easily won a second term Tuesday as South Carolina's governor, again defeating Democrat Vincent Sheheen. Voters also awarded a third six-year term to Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham. Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, who was appointed by Haley to serve when Jim DeMint resigned in 2012 to head the Heritage Foundation, was elected to finish the term.

**Wall Street Journal:** Indian-American Winners in the U.S. Election

<http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2014/11/05/indian-american-winners-in-the-u-s-election/>

Vibhuti Agarwal

**1. Nikki Haley** – Ms. Haley, the first woman governor of the state of South Carolina, won a second consecutive term in the U.S. mid-term elections Wednesday. She was contesting against Democrat candidate Vincent Sheheen, an American attorney and politician. Ms. Haley, 42, is the second Indian-American governor in the United States, the other being Republican Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.

**New York Times:** Republicans Hold the Top 2 Prizes in Governor Races

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/05/us/ohio-and-pennsylvania-governors-meet-different-fates-with-rust-belt-voters.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/05/us/ohio-and-pennsylvania-governors-meet-different-fates-with-rust-belt-voters.html?_r=0)



Trip Gabriel

Republicans won the two most intensely followed, high-stakes governor's races of the year as Rick Scott of Florida and Scott Walker of Wisconsin won re-election on Tuesday in states that both parties are looking to as a gauge of voter sentiment in the run-up to the 2016 presidential campaign.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley, who won decisive re-election in South Carolina; and Nathan Deal, who beat back a challenge from Jason Carter, a grandson of former President Jimmy Carter.

**Fox News:** Republicans sweep to victory in key gubernatorial races

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/11/04/south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-wins-reelection/>

Republican candidates swept key gubernatorial races across the country Tuesday, with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker fending off a Democratic challenger and a GOP businessman pulling off a stunning upset in deeply blue Maryland.

**Note:** In South Carolina, GOP Gov. Nikki Haley won re-election in a race that pitted her against Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen.

**The State:** Now, SC Gov. Haley faces choices

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/04/3790436\\_now-sc-gov-haley-faces-choices.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/04/3790436_now-sc-gov-haley-faces-choices.html?rh=1)

Andrew Shain

By winning re-election Tuesday, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley became just the fourth S.C. governor elected to a second term in office. But as the 42-year-old former Lexington legislator prepares to push workforce training and road-repair plans when the General Assembly reconvenes in January, political observers and allies wonder if Haley will finish her final four-year go-around.

### **Henry McMaster Wins Bid for Lt. Governor:**

**The State:** McMaster wins SC's final lieutenant governor's race

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791427/mcmaster-wins-scs-final-lieutenant.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican Henry McMaster made history Tuesday by winning South Carolina's last stand-alone race for lieutenant governor. The former state attorney general defeated Democrat Bakari Sellers in a race that pitted the 67-year-old GOP stalwart against a 30-year-old state representative.

**Note:** Haley celebrated her new "partner" in McMaster. "If you thought we were great the first four years, wait until you see me with Henry McMaster as my partner and lieutenant governor," she said.

**Associated Press:** McMaster returns to elected office as SC Lt Gov

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GUVhA7pY](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GUVhA7pY)

Republican Henry McMaster has returned to elected office in South Carolina as the state's lieutenant governor. With most precincts reporting, McMaster won more than 60 percent in Tuesday's general election. Democratic State Rep. Bakari Sellers took nearly 40 percent.

**Greenville News:** McMaster leads Sellers in lieutenant governor race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/04/mcmaster-leads-sellers-lieutenant-governor-race/18497895/>

Tim Smith

Former State Attorney General Henry McMaster is leading Democratic Rep. Bakari Sellers by 24 percent with almost 20 percent of precincts reporting in the last independent race for lieutenant governor. With 431 precincts, or 19 percent, reporting, McMaster has 62 percent of the vote to Sellers' 38 percent, according to the Associated Press.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation Election Results:**

**Associated Press:** SC sends Scott and Graham back to US Senate

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3B6JZF8b](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3B6JZF8b)

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina voters returned both Republicans to the U.S. Senate and made history on Tuesday when they elected the first black candidate to a statewide seat since Reconstruction. Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham both won convincingly. Graham was elected to a third term, while Scott will now serve the remaining two years of former Sen. Jim DeMint's term.



**Aiken Standard:** Graham, Scott head back to the Senate

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141105/AIK0104/141109737/1004>

Michael Ulmer

Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott will head back to the U.S. Senate after successfully navigating races that involved multiple opponents. Scott was elected to his first full-term after being appointed by S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley when former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint resigned in 2012.

**Post and Courier:** Graham leading sweep by state's D.C. incumbents

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109737>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham appeared to have easily won a third term in the U.S. Senate, leading an Election Day sweep by the state's nine Washington incumbents. Graham, though, had it tougher than the rest of the D.C. delegation, facing six challengers in the June GOP primary before facing three more foes on Tuesday.

**Post and Courier:** Black Republican Scott making history with landslide win

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109735>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott was headed toward a landslide win Tuesday, making history as the first black candidate elected to statewide office since Reconstruction and the first black member of the Senate elected from South Carolina. "I think it speaks volumes for South Carolina and the progress we have made in the state," Scott said in evaluating the meaning of his victory.

**Greenville News:** Tim Scott wins historic Senate election

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/04/tim-scott-wins-historic-senate-election/18490375/>

David Dykes

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott on Tuesday became the first African-American elected to the Senate from South Carolina and the first black elected to a statewide office since Reconstruction. Scott, a Republican, defeated his black Democratic challenger, Joyce Dickerson of Columbia, and Tega Cay's Jill Bossi, a candidate in the newly formed American Party, according to The Associated Press.

**The State:** Scott makes history: SC elects first African American to Senate

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/04/3790447/scott-makes-history-sc-elects.html>

Jamie Self

Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott cruised to victory Tuesday in a historic win as South Carolina's first African American elected to the U.S. Senate and the first black elected to statewide office since Reconstruction. The win ensures a place in the GOP firmament for rising star Scott – a North Charleston native appointed to the Senate seat in 2012 when conservative icon Jim DeMint resigned.

**The State:** Graham, S.C. incumbents win

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791454/graham-sc-incumbents-win.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham easily won a third term to the Senate Tuesday – adding three more vanquished challengers to the half-dozen Republicans he defeated in the June GOP primary. Graham's challengers tried to paint him as, alternately, a warmonger or too moderate.

**Associated Press:** Gowdy easily defeats Libertarian in 4th District

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wBLTO6VWw](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wBLTO6VWw)

Republican Trey Gowdy has been re-elected to a third term in Congress from South Carolina's 4th District, easily defeating his Libertarian opponent. In early returns, Gowdy had about 84 percent of the vote in his race against Curtis McLaughlin in the Greenville-Spartanburg area district.

**Associated Press:** Duncan re-elected in SC's 3rd District

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vx520rU4](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vx520rU4)

Republican Jeff Duncan is returning to Congress from South Carolina's 3rd District in the northwestern corner of the state. Duncan on Tuesday easily defeated Democrat Barbara Jo Wroblewski-Mullis, a retired chemistry teacher from Townville. Duncan had about 67 percent of the vote in early returns to 33 percent for his opponent.



**Anderson Independent:** Duncan wins third term in U.S. House

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/duncan-wins-third-term-in-us-house\\_90508339](http://www.independentmail.com/news/duncan-wins-third-term-in-us-house_90508339)

Kirk Brown

Anderson - U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan won a third term Tuesday by easily defeating Barbara Jo Mullis in the 3rd Congressional District race. The Associated Press called the race for Duncan shortly after 8 p.m. With three of 10 counties reporting late Tuesday, the Republican from Laurens had 82,123 votes, or 73 percent, compared to 30,533 votes, or 27 percent for his Democratic challenger.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Mulvaney wins third term in Congress

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/04/6493792\\_mulvaney-wins-third-term-in-congress.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/04/6493792_mulvaney-wins-third-term-in-congress.html?rh=1)

Andrew Dys

U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, soundly defeated Democratic challenger Tom Adams Tuesday to keep his Fifth Congressional District seat and remain a national figure in conservative opposition to President Barack Obama and national Democrats. All other incumbent South Carolina congressman also easily won re-election on Tuesday.

**Associated Press:** Mulvaney wins another term in SC's 5th District

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3TrUw81F](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3TrUw81F)

Republican Mick Mulvaney has been re-elected to Congress representing South Carolina's 5th District. In early returns, Mulvaney had 61 percent of the vote to 39 percent for his Democratic opponent, Fort Mill town councilman Tom Adams. The district reaches from the Rock Hill area southeast to the Pee Dee.

**Associated Press:** Democrat Jim Clyburn re-elected to 12th term

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zxI81YhQ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zxI81YhQ)

Incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, South Carolina's first black congressman since Reconstruction, has easily won a 12th term. In early returns Clyburn ran up 74 percent of the vote to about 25 percent for Republican Anthony Culler, a Kingstree banker, in 6th District reaching along the Interstate 95 corridor and into Columbia and Charleston.

**Sun News:** Rep. Tom Rice declared victor in bid for 7th District

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791502/rep-tom-rice-declared-victor-in.html>

Steve Jones

Just moments after the Associated Press declared U.S. Rep. Tom Rice the winner of South Carolina's 7th Congressional District race, he gave credit to his supporters and wife, Wrenzie, for the victory -- a repeat of the 2010 vote when Rice became the first representative in the newly-created seat that spans eight counties in the northeastern corner of the state.

## **S.C. Election Results:**

**Associated Press:** SC elects Wilson to 2nd term as top prosecutor

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zb1OTPaX](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zb1OTPaX)

South Carolina voters have elected Alan Wilson to a second term as the state's top prosecutor. The Republican won Tuesday's general election with 64 percent of the vote with about half the state's precincts reporting. He defeated Democrat Parnell Diggs, a blind Myrtle Beach attorney who garnered 36 percent.

**Greenville News:** Alan Wilson wins SC attorney general race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/04/alan-wilson-wins-sc-attorney-general-race/18502349/>

Lillia Callum-Penso

Alan Wilson won the race for South Carolina attorney general, beating out challenger Parnell Diggs in Tuesday's general election. The Republican incumbent won with 64 percent of the vote with about half the state's precincts reporting. Democrat Parnell Diggs won 36 percent.

**Greenville News:** Spearman wins S.C. Education Superintendent race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/11/04/spearman-wins-sc-education-superintendent-race/18504957/>

Nathaniel Cary

Republican Molly Spearman won the three-way race to become South Carolina's next Superintendent of Education Tuesday. With more than 800,000 votes counted, Spearman had secured 57 percent of the vote.



Spearman defeated Democrat Tom Thompson, who received 38 percent of the vote, and American Party candidate Ed Murray, who received 4 percent.

**Associated Press:** Hammond wins 4th term as SC secretary of state

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k6pc8oss](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k6pc8oss)

South Carolina voters have again selected Republican Mark Hammond as their secretary of state. With about half of all precincts reporting, Hammond won Tuesday's election with 64 percent of the vote. Democrat Ginny Deerin won nearly 36 percent.

**Greenville News:** Mark Hammond reelected Secretary of State

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/04/mark-hammond-reelected-secretary-state/18500813/>

Amy Clarke Burns

Mark Hammond has won reelection as South Carolina's Secretary of State. The Associated Press called the race for the Spartanburg resident, who had garnered more than 60 percent of the vote in early returns. Hammond has served in the post for 12 years, where he touted his efforts at bringing the agency into the 21st century.

**Associated Press:** Unopposed Loftis to serve 2nd term as SC treasurer

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CT7oe7DX](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CT7oe7DX)

Curtis Loftis has been elected to a second term as South Carolina's treasurer. As in 2010, no Democrat or third-party candidate sought to serve as South Carolina's chief financial officer, and Loftis was unopposed in Tuesday's election. He bested political newcomer Brian Adams in the June GOP primary with 62 percent of the vote.

**Associated Press:** Livingston is SC's last elected adjutant general

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cjZ7rWVy5](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cjZ7rWVy5)

With no opposition, Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Bob Livingston Jr. will serve another term overseeing the state's Military Department. And with the passage of a constitutional amendment, he'll be the last person elected to that role. Livingston was unopposed in Tuesday's general election.

**The State:** Finlay beats McCulloch for Richland House seat

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791356/finlay-beats-mcculloch-for-richland.html>

Cassie Cope

State Rep. Kirkman Finlay III, a Richland County restaurant owner and farmer, beat Democratic challenger Joe McCulloch Tuesday in a rematch of their 2012 race for the District 75 seat in the S.C. House. The race was close but not as close as 2012 when only 308 votes separated Finlay and McCulloch.

**Sun News:** Goldfinch holds off challenger to retain S.C. House seat in District 108

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/04/4584889/election-2014-goldfinch-holds.html?sp=99/134/142/#storylink=cpy>

Charles Perry

Stephen Goldfinch held off challenger Vida Miller Tuesday to keep his District 108 seat in the State House. The 31-year-old lawyer won reelection by taking 61 percent of the votes cast, according to unofficial results. Miller, a 64-year-old Pawleys Island businesswoman, received 39 percent of the vote.

**Anderson Independent:** Gagnon wins second term in S.C. House District 11

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/gagnon-wins-second-term-in-sc-house-district-11\\_61261271](http://www.independentmail.com/news/gagnon-wins-second-term-in-sc-house-district-11_61261271)

Kirk Brown

Republican state Rep. Craig Gagnon won a second term Tuesday in the South Carolina House of Representatives District 11, fending off a well-funded challenge by Democrat Tombo Hite. With 22 of 23 precincts reporting late Tuesday, Gagnon had 4,518 votes, or 55 percent, compared to 3,690 votes, or 45 percent, for Hite.

**Aiken Standard:** Unopposed representatives cruise back into office

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141105/AIK0104/141109720/1004>

DeDe Biles

Tuesday's election wasn't suspenseful for William "Bill" Clyburn, Bill Taylor, Don Wells and Bill Hixon. The four South Carolina representatives were incumbents who ran unopposed. In results that were reported as



of 10 p.m. yesterday, each received nearly 100 percent of the votes cast in his race.

**Post and Courier:** 8 Statehouse incumbents returned to office

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109704>

Prentiss Findlay

It appears that eight area Statehouse incumbents were re-elected by comfortable margins in Tuesday's voting with most precincts reporting, according to unofficial results. In House District 15, challenger Marian Redish had 44 percent of the vote to 56 percent for incumbent Samuel Rivers.

**Post and Courier:** Tinkler wins disputed District 114 race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109720>

Bo Petersen

Nothing stopped anybody from putting a check next to Bobby Harrell's name on the House District 114 ballot Tuesday. And more than 2,000 people did even though the votes didn't count. Democrat Mary Tinkler easily beat Green Party candidate Sue Edward. Tinkler had 80 percent of the eligible vote with all 16 Charleston County and Dorchester County precincts reporting, according to unofficial polling returns.

**Anderson Independent:** Republican wins S.C. House District 3 seat

[http://www.independentmail.com/news/republican-wins-sc-house-district-3-seat\\_05008607](http://www.independentmail.com/news/republican-wins-sc-house-district-3-seat_05008607)

Vince Jackson

Republican Gary Clary won the election Tuesday to replace retiring State Senator B.R. Skelton in House District 3 Pickens County. Clary got 5,107 votes to defeat Travis McCurry, a Libertarian, who got 978 votes, according to unofficial vote totals. Vote totals will be certified Friday, officials said Tuesday. State House District 3 covers Six Mile, Central and Norris. Both candidates reside in Central.

**Associated Press:** Weathers re-elected as South Carolina's top farmer

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xgnfgyZ3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xgnfgyZ3)

Republican Hugh Weathers has defeated two challengers to win another term as South Carolina's agriculture commissioner. The Republican won Tuesday's general election with about 83 percent of the vote in early returns. He faced no Democratic opposition but did have two third-party challengers.

**Greenville News:** Weathers re-elected Agriculture Commissioner

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/04/weathers-re-elected-agriculture-commissioner/18498443/>

Tonya Maxwell

Weathers, of Bowman, had spearheaded initiatives such as Certified SC Grown during his ten years in office. A co-owner of family farms with his brother, he had said his top issue in the race was managing the state's agriculture potential with the preservation of natural resources.

**Greenville News:** Eckstrom re-elected as comptroller general

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/04/eckstrom-re-elected-comptroller-general/18512009/>

Angelia Davis

Incumbent Richard Eckstrom was re-elected to the state accountant in Tuesday's unofficial vote count. Eckstrom, a Republican, has been the state comptroller since 2002. He had 619,811 late Tuesday for the win in the state comptroller seat race, according to the SC Election Commission.

**Associated Press:** SC elects comptroller general Eckstrom to 4th term

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rjCgGCe5](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rjCgGCe5)

Republican Richard Eckstrom has been elected to a fourth term as South Carolina's comptroller general. Eckstrom defeated Kyle Herbert with 62 percent of the vote. Herbert, a Lexington accountant, won 38 percent. Eckstrom was first elected comptroller in 2002. He served as state treasurer from 1995 to 1999.

**Anderson Independent:** Voter turnout slightly smaller than expected

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/voter-turnout-slightly-smaller-than-expected>

Kirk Brown, Mike Ellis

Voter turnout was a little lower than expected Tuesday in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. By late Tuesday night, officials were reporting that 94,037 voters had cast ballots in the three counties. About 45 percent of voters went to the polls in Oconee County. The turnout was about 44 percent in Pickens



County and nearly 43 percent in Anderson County.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** Scott's inspiring triumph

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141105/PC1002/141109701>

Editorial

Tim Scott made history again Tuesday by becoming the first black person elected to the U.S. Senate from the South since Reconstruction. No, his landslide victory was not a surprise from a 2014 political perspective.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** SC voters want adjutant general appointed position

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WyL8M51G](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WyL8M51G)

South Carolina voters think the state's top military officer should be appointed, not elected. With most precincts reporting, 57 percent of voters said Tuesday that the governor should pick the state's adjutant general, starting in 2018. Forty-three percent wanted to keep the position an elected one.

**Associated Press:** South Carolina voters approve charity raffles

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cnkct8DI](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Cnkct8DI)

Charity raffles will soon be legal in South Carolina. With about half of all precincts reporting, a constitutional amendment making the change was approved Tuesday night with 83 percent of the vote. State lawmakers must ratify the amendment in their next legislative session.

### **Local News:**

**Island Packet:** Laughlin, Bennett head to runoff in Hilton Head mayor's race

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/04/3413170\\_laughlin-bennett-head-to-runoff.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/04/3413170_laughlin-bennett-head-to-runoff.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1)

Dan Burley

In a hotly contested Hilton Head Island mayoral race, incumbent Drew Laughlin failed to win enough votes Tuesday to avoid a runoff with challenger David Bennett. Voters will go back to the polls Nov. 18 to decide which candidate will serve a four-year term as mayor.

**Post and Courier:** Voters give nods to roads, schools, library referendums

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109710>

Brenda Rindge

Lowcountry voters decided Tuesday to open up their pocketbooks to pay for schools, roads, libraries and beaches. In Charleston County, voters approved continuing the 1 percent sales tax to build and improve schools by a vote of 68 percent to 32 percent in unofficial results with all 182 precincts reporting.

**The State:** Lexington County penny sales tax crushed

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/04/3791185/lexington-county-penny-sales-tax.html>

Tim Flach

Lexington County voters closed their wallets Tuesday to a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax mainly for road improvements but opened the way to buy beer by the six-pack and wine by the bottle on Sundays. The tax increase was crushed 2-1 despite support from community and business leaders who called it vital to keep pace with steady growth.

**Greenville News:** County voters bury sales tax plan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/04/county-voters-bury-sales-tax-plan/18502641/>

Greenville County voters on Tuesday decisively rejected a 1 percent sales tax to pay for road improvements, leaving no clear plan for improving the county's deteriorating transportation infrastructure. With 79 percent of precincts reporting at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday night, the sales tax plan was losing 65 percent to 35 percent.

**Sun News:** Georgetown voters overwhelmingly approve tax increase

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791497/georgetown-voters-overwhelmingly.html>

Zane Wilson



Voters in Georgetown County gave solid approval Tuesday to an extra penny of sales tax to help pay for port and inlet dredging, fire stations and road improvements. In complete but unofficial returns, the measure passed 11,710 to 8,118 or 59 percent to 41 percent.

**The State:** Voters change Richland 2 board's racial makeup

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/05/3791354/two-incumbents-ousted-in-richland.html>

Carolyn Click

In one of the most-watched Midlands elections, incumbent James Manning and newcomers Cheryl Caution-Parker, Amelia McKie and Craig Plank were elected Tuesday to the Richland 2 School Board. Incumbents Melinda Anderson and Barbara Specter lost their re-election bids in a 12-way race that exposed racial fault lines in the district.

## **National News:**

**McClatchy D.C.:** Republicans seize Senate, set up clash with Obama

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/04/3790253/republicans-poised-for-gains-in.html>

David Lightman

Republicans seized control of the U.S. Senate Tuesday, mobilizing voter discontent with President Barack Obama across the country and setting up partisan economic and foreign policy showdowns over the final two years of his presidency.

**Associated Press:** GOP edges to hold House majority at historic level

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109697>

Donna Cassata

Republicans held a commanding edge in the House on Tuesday, on track to pad their majority at near historic levels after knocking out the last white Southern Democrats and claiming two seats in President Barack Obama's home state of Illinois.

**Associated Press:** GOP wins Senate control, ready to confront Obama

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141104/PC1603/141109696>

Charles Babington

Republicans claimed the Senate majority Tuesday for the first time in eight years, riding President Barack Obama's unpopularity to victories in every part of the country. Republican challengers ousted Democratic senators in Arkansas, Colorado and North Carolina, and took seats from retiring Democrats in four other states.

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