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**Gov. Mikki Haley was voted both Best and Worst Local Politician. Photo by John Carlos**

Title: **WORST LOCAL POLITICIAN Gov. Nikki Haley**

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**WORST LOCAL POLITICIAN**  
**Gov. Nikki Haley**

Runner-up: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham

When you manage to win both the "best" and "worst" in the same category, you must be a busy person. And while Gov. Haley did some notable things this year, she also continues to struggle with transparency, and her policies — like opposing Medicaid expansion — continue to hurt South Carolinians.

Meanwhile, despite her principled stand against Donald Trump, she still plans to vote for him this fall.

Title: **BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN Gov. Nikki Haley**

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**BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN**  
**Gov. Nikki Haley**

Runner-up: Mayor Steve Benjamin

Gov. Nikki Haley had quite a year, whether it was giving the official Republican response to President Obama's State of the Union, criticizing Donald Trump's "irresponsible talk," or leading the state through its recovery from October's flood. Here at home, the state legislature finally passed a few of Haley's long-term priorities, most notably ethics reform — and the economic development wins just keep coming.

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## **WORST ROAD All Of Them**

Runner-up: Malfunction Junction (I-20 & I-26)

Even if you would describe the quality of our city streets as “decent,” take a few minutes to explore the roads less traveled, and you too can experience the torment that ails us all. Fortunately, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill earlier this year that would allow up to \$2.2 billion to be used for improvements to road infrastructure. Godspeed.

Title: **BIGGEST LOCAL ZERO' Gov. Nikki Haley**

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**BIGGEST LOCAL 'ZERO'**  
**Gov. Nikki Haley**

Runner-up: S.C. Sen. Lee Bright

As they have since she took office in 2011, *Free Times* readers sure do dislike Nikki Haley.