

June 1, 2016

Dear Mayor Summey, County Chairman Summey, Governor Hayley and all officials from each board,

My name is Kerri Middleton and I lived in the city of Charleston all my life, but as of right now I am highly upset with some current situations going on at the moment like: homelessness, teacher and daycare workers being underpaid, vacant Shipwatch Square lot, the Cosgrove overpass. About 2 weeks ago, I saw 4 homeless women 2 going Downtown on the bus to the shelter, 1 woman old enough to be my grandmother setting up camp to lay down off Rivers Ave., 1 woman living in a tent near Ashley Phosphate. Also, I saw a man this past Saturday with a cart of his personal items camping out inside the bus stop awning during all that rain. Please tell me why the city of North Charleston does not have a shelter or shelters for the homeless??!!! Especially when the weather gets bad like that they should have a place to go where they have a roof over their head, clean clothes, a warm bed to lay on and NOT THE CONCRETE and a HOT meal to eat and NOT OUT THE DUMPSTER. City of Charleston is doing something for the people of Tent City and what plans do you have in this area?

I currently work in the daycare field and I'm going to advance my career to become a teacher then a child counselor and I love working with children, but all that we go through the pay is not worth it. Once the children come into our care, we are their parents to take care of their every need. We deal with different behaviors, personalities, situations from home, etc., but all that we do and go through does not show on our paychecks. Mayor Summey you are proposing for a minimum wage hike to \$15 for city workers. It's a shame that the sanitation

workers make more than teachers and daycare workers. Step into our shoes and see what we are going through and you will understand.

The old Shipwatch Square vacant lot...what else is there to say it has been vacant for 5 years, grass and weeds have been growing, I hear more plans for the old Naval hospital across the street and the combined bus and train terminal than the lot itself. When are we going to see some kind of development on the lot?? West Ashley is planning to put a Harris Teeter on Sam Rittenberg by 2017. When are we getting a grocery store, pharmacy, bank, etc out there? People like myself don't have transportation at the moment; have to travel far to get groceries, medicine, personal items, etc. Something needs to be done since it was your decision Mayor Summey to tear it down!

Finally, when the reconstruction of the Cosgrove Avenue Bridge will be done? People are driving on one side of the bridge and Meeting Street being blocked off has been going on for too long, but the county is raving about other different projects for interstates, new schools, tax hikes, etc. Handle what has already been started and then work on new projects.

Mrs. Tiffany Price and I would like to thank Mr. Sherman Brown from the North Charleston Sanitation Department for stopping by our job on April 7, 2016 to speak to our classes about trash and recycling as well bringing some souvenirs for the children. We appreciate what he did!

Thanking You In Advance,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerri Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kerri Middleton