

**From:** Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>  
**To:** Catherine McNicollCatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov  
**Date:** 8/15/2017 8:37:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Writing a story on pro-Confederate politics and will mention SC gov candidates

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We didn't respond to his call. He called TB also.

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**From:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 4:31 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** RE: Writing a story on pro-Confederate politics and will mention SC gov candidates

*This is what I was calling about, Was that a question or a statement?*

*Best Regards,  
Catherine McNicoll  
Director of Legal & Legislative Affairs  
Lieutenant Governor's Office  
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**From:** Danny Varat  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Subject:** Re: Writing a story on pro-Confederate politics and will mention SC gov candidates

There was no response

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**From:** Catherine McNicoll  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Writing a story on pro-Confederate politics and will mention SC gov candidates

This came in on Saturday, it looks like the deadline was yesterday.

*Best Regards,  
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**From:** Henry Gomez [<mailto:henry.gomez@buzzfeed.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:44 PM  
**To:** Lt. Governor's Office <[LtGov@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:LtGov@scstatehouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** Writing a story on pro-Confederate politics and will mention SC gov candidates  
Dear Lt. Gov. Bryant and/or staff —

I'll be writing again this weekend on the Confederate issue, in light of what's happening in Charlottesville. Wanted to give you another opportunity to weigh in here.

For starters, what is the lieutenant governor's position on the removal of Confederate flags, statues, monuments and other symbols from public spaces?

Does the fact that Nazis embraced these Confederate symbols this weekend and that the demonstrations descended into violence cause the lieutenant governor to think differently about the issue? Is this a sign that these symbols really are a rallying point for hate and racism?

Any other thoughts are welcome. My deadline is noon EST Sunday. Thank you.

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