

December 6, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Honorable Haley,

I am Brenda Coates, a clerk of the Laurens County Auditor's Office in Laurens, South Carolina. I was wondering if you would consider anyone that presently works at the Auditor's Office to finish out the term of Sally Lancaster.

I have been there since October 2010, before then I worked for Cynthia Burke in the Treasurer's Office from 2008 to 2010. Mrs. Sally Lancaster asked me to come to work with her and I agreed. I left the Treasurer's office because I asked Mrs. Burke for a raise which I was doing highly confidential work, getting the program set up for getting state refunds back for taxes from taxpayers using their social security numbers, which I was getting paid part time pay for a full time pay job. But she laughed in my face, which I didn't appreciate. So that's why I am in the Auditor's office now. I presently am part time which I have been full time before too. If Jewel Hollingsworth had gotten the job as auditor, she was wanting me back full time anyway.

Some of my background: I graduated from Laurens High School in 1969, graduated from Cecil's Business College from Greenville in 1971. I worked for Greenville County Planning Commission for some time and then went to work for PRTC in 1973 in Laurens and retired September 2006. I was the bookkeeper there for many years. Sharon O'bryant is the HR representative and would be my reference.

I know Jim Coleman, Betty Walsh, Ernie Segars and several on the County Council.

I have worked along side of Jewel and Sally Lancaster. You could call Sally Lancaster for reference as well.

I have lived a respectful life, member of New Prospect Baptist Church, abide by the law, and have good credit. I do have a concealed weapons permit which I have been checked by sled for my background.

I would like for you to consider me for this appointment or Barbara Connelly in the same office. She is a graduate from Clemson but I don't know here degree.

Please consider us for this position.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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