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The Nerve Exposes Serious Local Corruption

Guns in 2016

If you missed our run-down of legislation coming in the new legislation – and especially if you care about your Second Amendment rights – don't miss it. [read more>>](#)

Non-Disclosure and Its Consequences

"South Carolina's income disclosure laws for politicians are deliberately weak," says SCPC president Ashley Landess in *The State*. "Even when they are caught, no one enforces the law and, thus, there are no consequences."
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Even if you don't live in Richland County, this is a big deal. For some time, *The Nerve's* Ron Aiken has been digging into the Richland County Council's "penny tax" initiative, and he's found some [pretty incredible stuff](#). This week, the scandal reached a new level when *The Nerve* [reported](#) – before any other media outlet – that a former councilman closely associated with the initiative planned to turn himself in for arrest. (That happened later in the day.)

The latest? One of the private-sector businessmen put in charge of assigning contracts [gave a lucrative one](#) to a company of which *he is a co-owner*.

As you know, *The Nerve* doesn't often concentrate on local corruption stories. We simply don't have the resources. But what if we did? What if we could hire three or four reporters to cover local waste and abuse in the Upstate, in the Lowcountry, and in the Midlands – and several more to cover the State House and state agencies?

We would like nothing more. And if that's what you'd like to see, too, don't forget: You can help make it happen. [Here's how.](#)

Why Is There a Roundabout Here?

You'll have to ask your lawmaker. Good luck with that. [read more>>](#)

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