

Voter Guide

2026 Primary

Elections

June 9, 2026

Realtors are encouraged to study the candidates before voting. Equally important, Realtors are encouraged to...

VOTE





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About this Voter Guide

The primary elections on June 9 are how the Democratic and Republican parties choose the candidates who will represent their parties in the November General Election. Other parties choose the candidates at party conventions during the summer.





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Voting—What You Need to Know

In Person Primary Voting: June 9, 2026

Polling Hours: 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Early Voting: May 26—June 5

Polling Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.
(at most locations)

[Click here to find out where to **VOTE**](#)



REALTOR® Party Recommendations:

Our process

Step 1: Realtors meet with the candidates, review their questionnaires, and make recommendations.

Step 2: The Board of Directors review their recommendations.

Step 3: The RPAC Trustees review recommendations for financial support from RPAC.

Recommendations are based on an evaluation of the candidate's position on REALTOR® Party issues and their voting record, if applicable. The Candidate Screening Team is aware of each candidate's party affiliation, but party affiliation is not a consideration in their recommendation. If candidates completed our questionnaire, we have linked to it.





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REALTOR® Party Recommendations:

Our ratings

Recommended: The candidate understands and supports the REALTOR® Party Agenda.

Qualified: The candidate is qualified for the office they seek but may not understand or support the REALTOR® Party Agenda.

Not Qualified: The Candidate is not qualified for the office they seek.

Did Not Participate: The candidate did not participate in candidate screening.





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REALTOR® Party Agenda:

What we consider

1. Protect Private Property Rights.
2. Ensure Fair Housing Opportunities for all.
3. Advocate for housing affordability and attainability for families in our community.
4. Maintain a vibrant and open market for real estate.





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Recommended Candidates

The next section lists only the candidates who have been recommended by your REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC). RPAC is federally-regulated and funded by voluntary contributions from REALTORS®.





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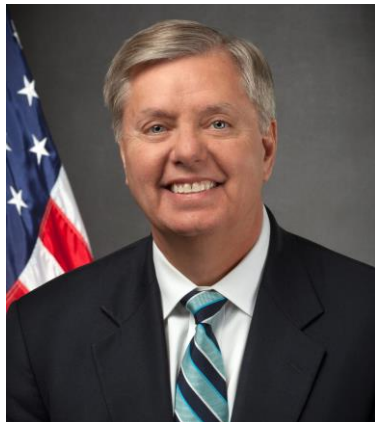
Recommended Candidates

These candidates are recommended by your association and may also have received a campaign contribution from RPAC.
Click the candidate's name for their campaign site.

US Senate

South Carolina
Incumbent

[Senator Lindsay Graham](#)



US House District 3

Multiple Counties
Incumbent

[Rep. Sheri Biggs](#)



SC Attorney General

South Carolina

[Sen. Stephen Goldfinch](#)



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SC House District 1

Oconee/Pickens counties

Incumbent

[Rep. Bill Whitmire](#)



SC House District 2

Oconee County

Incumbent

[Rep. Adam Duncan](#)



SC House District 6

Anderson County

Challenger

[Kyle White](#)



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SC House District 8

Anderson County
Incumbent

[Rep. Don Chapman](#)

Questionnaire



SC House District 9

Anderson County
Incumbent

[Blake Sanders](#)

Questionnaire



SC House District 10

Anderson/Greenville/Pickens counties
Incumbent

[Rep. Thomas Beach](#)

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SC House District 11

Abbeville/Anderson/Laurens counties

Incumbent

[Rep. Craig Gagnon](#)





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All Candidates

The next section lists all candidates competing in the Democratic and Republican primaries on June 9, including the RPAC recommended candidates. Candidates competing in “third parties” are noted, but do not appear on the primary ballots.





Governor and Lt. Governor

Republican Primary Candidates:

Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette

Sen. Joshua Kimbrell

US Rep. Nancy Mace

US Rep. Ralph Norman

Rom Reddy

Attorney General Alan Wilson

Democratic Primary Candidates:

SC Rep. Jermaine Johnson

Mullins McLeod

Billy Webster

Governor Henry McMaster is term limited and not running for reelection. Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette is running for Governor.

United Citizen Party candidate Michael Addison, Green Party candidate Walid Hakim, and Workers Party candidate Gary Votour have filed. These parties will choose their candidates at their party conventions this summer.

Jacqueline Hicks DuBose has been disqualified by the SC Republican Party but will still appear on the Republican Primary ballot.



Secretary of State

Republican Primary Candidates:

Secretary of State Mark Hammond
Incumbent

Democratic Primary Candidates:

Jason Belton
Edwina Winter

Treasurer

Republican Candidates:

Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Incumbent

Democratic Candidates:

Vincent Coe
Trav Robertson Jr.



Attorney General

Republican Primary Candidates:

David Pascoe

Sen. Stephen Goldfinch

David Stumbo

Democratic Primary Candidates:

Richard Hricik

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Comptroller General

Republican Candidates:

Mike Burkhold

Democratic Candidates:

Tiffany Boozer

Bruce K. Cole

Attorney General Alan Wilson is running for Governor.

Comptroller General Brian Gaines was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom, who resigned. Gaines is not running for election.



Superintendent of Education

Republican Candidates:

Superintendent of Education Ellen Weaver, Incumbent

Democratic Candidates:

Sylvia Wright
Lisa Ellis

United Citizen Party candidate Baba Amin Ojuok has filed. That party will choose their candidate at their party convention this summer.



Commissioner of Agriculture

Republican Candidates:

Jeremy B. Cannon
Danny Ford II
Cody Simpson
Fred West

Democratic Candidates:

DeShawn Blanding

Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers is not seeking reelection.

United Citizen Party candidate Chris Nellum and Libertarian Party candidate Michael Sullens have filed. Those parties will choose their candidate at their party conventions this summer.



U.S. Senate

Republican Candidates:

Calvin Cowen

Paul Dans

Thomas Keith Dismukes

Senator Lindsay Graham, Incumbent

Pat Herrmann

Mark Lynch

Darius L. Mitchell

Democratic Candidates:

Annie Andrews

Kyle Freeman

Brandon Brown

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Libertarian Party candidates Jason Elliott Brenkus and Kasie Whitener, and Constitution Party candidate Mark Hackett have filed. Those parties will choose their candidates at their party conventions this summer.

U.S. House District 3

Abbeville/Anderson/Edgefield/Greenville/Greenwood/Laurens/McCormick/
Newberry/Oconee/Pickens/Saluda Counties

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Sheri Biggs, Incumbent

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Democratic Candidates:

Eunice Lehmacher

Ernest E. Mackins



SC 13th District Solicitor

Greenville/Pickens/Laurens Counties

Republican Candidates:

Solicitor Cindy Crick, Incumbent

Solicitor Cindy Crick was appointed in 2025 to fill the unexpired term of former Solicitor Walt Wilkins, who resigned. She is seeking election to a full term.

SC House District 1

Oconee/Pickens counties

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Bill Whitmire
Incumbent

Craig A. Diem

Democratic Candidates:

Juni Lynch

Jasmine Williams

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SC House District 2

Oconee County

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Adam Duncan
Incumbent

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Democratic Candidates:

Candace Schutt

SC House District 3

Pickens County

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Phillip Bowers, Incumbent
Joe Burgett

Democratic Candidates:

Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill



SC House District 6

Anderson County

Republican Candidates:

Rep. April Cromer, Incumbent

Kyle White

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Democratic Candidates:

Jennifer Bachner



SC House District 7

Abbeville/Anderson/Greenville Counties

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Lee Gilreath, Incumbent

Democratic Candidates:

Elizabeth W. Cooley



SC House District 8

Anderson County

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Don Chapman

Incumbent

Sherry Hodges

Patric Orr

Democratic Candidates:

Demetrius Carson

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Questionnaire

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SC House District 9

Anderson County

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Blake Sanders

Incumbent

Democratic Candidates:

Johnny Estrich

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Questionnaire



SC House District 10

Anderson/Greenville/Pickens Counties

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Thomas Beach

Incumbent

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Stewart Watson

Democratic Candidates:

Craig Holcombe

Thomas Stewart

SC House District 11

Abbeville/Anderson/Laurens Counties

Republican Candidates:

Rep. Craig Gagnon

Incumbent

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Jesse Turner

Democratic Candidates:

Jessica Beasley

United Citizen Party candidate E.T. Stone has filed. That party will choose their candidate at their party convention this summer.



Anderson County Council

District 1

Anderson

Republican Candidates:

Councilman Chris Sullivan, Incumbent

Kelly Koonce

District 2

Anderson

Republican Candidates:

James Hayes

Democratic Candidates:

Councilman Glenn Davis, Incumbent

All seven members of Anderson County Council run for two-year terms.



Anderson County Council

District 3

Honea Path/Starr/Iva

Republican Candidates:

Councilman Greg Elgin, Incumbent

District 4

Pendleton

Republican Candidates:

Dave Shalaby

Samuel Whatley



Vice Chairman Brett Sanders did not seek reelection.



Anderson County Council

District 5

Anderson

Republican Candidates:

Chairman Tommy Dunn, Incumbent

Joshua Mann

District 6

Powdersville

Republican Candidates:

Ryan Cowsert

Councilman Jimmy Davis

Incumbent

[Questionnaire](#)



Anderson County Council

District 7

Pelzer/West Pelzer/Williamston

Republican Candidates:

Collin Alexander

Councilwoman Cindy Wilson

Incumbent



Anderson County Probate Judge

Republican Candidates:

Judge J.T. Foster, Incumbent



Oconee County Council

District 1

Lake Keowee

Republican Candidates:

Bill Bull

Democratic Candidates:

John J.B. Brubacher

District 3

Seneca

Republican Candidates:

Vice Chairman Don Mize, Incumbent

Landon Lyle

Democratic Candidates:

Devin Clay

Lee Shehan

Councilman John Elliott did not seek reelection.



Oconee County

Probate Judge

Republican Candidates:

Judge Danny Singleton, Incumbent



Pickens County Council

District 1

Central

Republican Candidates:

Vice Chairman Chris Lollis, Incumbent

Democratic Candidates:

Russell Oglesby

District 3

Clemson

Republican Candidates:

Vice Chairman Don Mize, Incumbent

Landon Lyle

Democratic Candidates:

Erin Goss



Pickens County

Probate Judge

Republican Candidates:

Judge David Allison, Incumbent



Ballot Questions

Voters in the Republican Primary will find two advisory questions on their ballot.

Question 1: Should people have the right to register with the political party of their choice when they register to vote? Yes/No.

Explanation: Some have argued that voters in primaries should declare affiliation with that party when they register to vote. Most states require party affiliation, including North Carolina. Currently, South Carolina's primaries are open to any voter; the only restriction is that if you vote in a party's primary, you may only vote in that party's primary runoff.

Question 2: Should candidates for local school boards be able to run as a candidate of the political party of their choice, just like candidates for other elected offices? Yes/No.

Explanation: Nearly all school boards in South Carolina are nonpartisan, which means the candidates do not declare a party affiliation when they run for those offices. Most city councils are nonpartisan as well.



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