

June 19, 2023

The Honorable Mike Barnes **Greenville County Council** 301 University Ridge, Suite 2400 Greenville SC 29601

RE: June 20, 2023, Greenville County Council Budget Vote

Dear Councilman Barnes:

As Greenville County Republican Party (GCRP) county & precinct leaders representing all the voting precincts in your district, we have many questions about the expansive 2023-25 biennial budget up for third reading on Tuesday, June 20th. There is substantial confusion among voters in the district and all across Greenville County as to specifics surrounding the budget appropriations, the process and who had input in that process, and the need for a tax increase during these tough economic times. This current budget and tax increase appears purposefully rushed to avoid transparency and public input.

The majority of our fellow District voters are a "NO" for any tax increases without substantial transparency as to the need for such an increase. If you are unable to find a solution to the budget (with no tax increases), we would respectfully request for the vote on the budget on Tuesday to be (#1) appropriately delayed / tabled for six months and (#2) to have public hearings for reviewing the budget needs prior to another vote. We would also like to ask county administrator, Joe Kernell, to personally present and answer questions in these public hearings as to the budget and any tax increases.

"Yes" votes by Republican Councilmen Tuesday which includes a millage increase, will lead to:

- 1) Censure by the Precincts in your District as well as the full Greenville County Republican Party,
- 2) Securing and supporting primary candidates willing to support the SC Republican Platform.

Thank you for all you do for the great State of South Carolina as we pray for God to fill you with wisdom and guide your steps.

Sincerely,

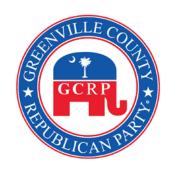
Yvonne Julian, Chairman

GCRP

Joe Dill, 1st Vice Chair **GCRP**

Jeff Davis, State EC **GCRP**

Page 1 of 2



Terri Wicker, **EC** Suber Mill Precinct 864-906-6523 (cell) wickt0512hotmail.com Sam Manley, **President**Suber Mill Precinct
samuelamanley@yahoo.com

Adrian Macerola, 1st Vice Suber Mill Precinct macerola04@gmail.com

Judi Becker, **Secretary**Suber Mill Precinct
becker_judi@yahoo.com

Jennifer Wiles, **EC**, **President**Riverside Precinct
jenniferwiles10@gmail.com

Victoria Cobert, **EC**Trade Precinct
elohimyah8@gmail.com

Tramaine Booker, **President**Trade Precinct
dtb4152@gmail.com

Keith Jones, EC Locust Hill Precinct keith.jones9747@gmail.com Joana Jones, **President**Locust Hill Precinct
jbjonesster@gmail.com

Ron Duffalla, **EC** Fox Chase Precinct ronduffala@aol.com

Tony Gilliard, **President**Fox Chase Precinct
mrcm.tgilliard@gmail.com

Kelly Long, 1st Vice Fox Chase Precinct longfamily22@charter.net

Kayli Gravley, **Secretary** Fox Chase Precinct kbgravley3@gmail.com

Liz Liokumovich, **EC**Tyger River Precinct
liz.liokumovich@protonmail.com

Christine Wright, **President**Tyger River Precinct
christine.wright1964@gmail.com

Mark Bristol, **EC**Stone Valley Precinct mcbristol@gmail.com

Julie Ogorzalek, EC
Laurel Ridge Precinct
Julieoeclaurelridge@gmail.com

Tim Schuyler, **EC**Taylors Precinct
breakawaysportsllc@gmail.com

Emily Tsesmeloglou, **President** Maple Creek Precinct emily.tses@gmail.com