



RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCILMEN FOR FOLLOWING THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM, RESPONDING TO THE WISHES OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND FIGHTING FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY BUDGETING PROCESS

Whereas, Benton Blount (District 19), Rick Bradley (District 26), Steve Shaw (District 20), and Stan Tzouvelekas (District 22) were elected as **Republicans** to represent the voters in their districts; and

Whereas, Low Taxes are a fundamental principle of the Republican Party Platform and on the issue of **Tax Policy** our platform states “We are the party of opportunity and support a tax policy designed to help the economy grow, not stunt the taxpayer or punish achievement.”; and

Whereas, voters expect elected officials to take into account nationwide economic conditions that will impact their constituents and we are living with high inflation and the highest interest rates in over 20 years ; and

Whereas, the aforementioned Councilmen voted against the millage increases in the Greenville County 2024 and 2025 budgets which, along with nationwide inflation and the Greenville County Schools tax hike, will further diminish taxpayer's wealth and spending ability." taxpayers; and

Whereas, Councilmen Benton Blount (District 19), Rick Bradley (District 26), Steve Shaw (District 20), and Stan Tzouvelekas (District 22) all proposed amendments and process changes that took into consideration the needs of all stakeholders, not just Democrat special interest groups and county employees, and would have resulted in a true compromise; and

Whereas, Councilman Tzouvelekas was told by County Administrators that a 5 mill increase would have avoided any cuts to County Staff;

Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Greenville County Republican Party issues this Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation to the following County Councilmen:

Benton Blount (District 19)

Rick Bradley (District 26)

Steve Shaw (District 20)

Stan Tzouvelekas (District 22)

On this 7th day of August, 2023