

# DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES GUIDE 2022

## From the Chair.....

**The time is NOW!!!!** And we need you in this final push to get every Democrat in Dorchester County out to VOTE on November 8th!!! We need volunteers for phone banking, canvassing, driving people to the polls, Poll Watching – the time to stop talking and start campaigning for votes is NOW!!!

## November 8

We have very important South Carolina races, including for Governor (Joe Cunningham), for US Senator (Krystle Matthews), and US Congress (James Clyburn and Dr. Annie Andrews), along with some critical Dorchester County races: Tim Lewis and Carlisle Harrison for County Council; and Michelle Brandt, Ilene Davis, ReZsaun Lewis, Sydney Clinton, and Joe Jefferson for state legislature!!

The issues are on our side! The Dobbs decision has greatly motivated women and concerned men about Reproductive Justice! The Biden administration has an amazing legislative record! (Did you know that the Recovery Bill cut the number of children in poverty in half!!!) Find your place, volunteer, work hard and **let's turn Dorchester County BLUE!!! Thank You!!!**

*Richard hayes*



# DORCHESTER COUNTY STATE AND US DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



Joe Cunningham  
SC Governor

<https://www.joeforsouthcarolina.com>



Rosemounda Peggy Butler  
SC Secretary of State  
<https://peggyforsc.com>



Lisa Ellis  
SC Superintendent of Education  
<https://www.lisaforsc.com>



SC Rep. Krystle Matthews  
US Senate

<https://matthewsforsenate.com>



Dr. Annie Andrews  
US Congress, District 1  
<https://www.drannieandrews.com>



Congressman James Clyburn  
US Congress, District 6

<https://clyburnforcongress.com>

# DORCHESTER COUNTY STATE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



Ilene Davis  
SC House 94  
<https://www.davisforsc.com>



Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter  
SC House 95  
<https://twitter.com/GCobbHunter>



ReZsaun Lewis  
SC House 97  
<https://www.rezsaunforsc.com>



Sydney Clinton  
SC House 98  
<https://www.scforsc.com>



SC Rep. Joe Jefferson  
SC House 102  
<https://jefferson102.com>



SC Rep. Deon Tedder  
SC District 109  
<https://www.deontedder.com>

# DORCHESTER COUNTY STATE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE BIOS

## **Ilene Davis House District 94**

*"I have devoted 35 years to public service as an accountant for the Federal Government. I know how to manage tax dollars. I am married to an Air Force veteran and am familiar with veterans issues. I have two sons--one a lawyer and the other an Army veteran."--ID*

### **Three key issues have impelled Ilene to run against the incumbent**

Protect a woman's right to privacy and to control her reproductive health.

Protect the quality and integrity of public education.  
Improve the condition of our roads and bridges because 30 years of Republican control/neglect has resulted in a nightmare.

## **ReZsaun Lewis House District 97**

ReZsaun has used his experience as a veteran of the US Army to become a leader and serve his community in many ways, holding various roles and titles throughout his life. Since 2019, he has served as the Executive Director of Lowcountry Youth Services. He resides in Summerville with his wife and their five children.

### **His priorities are**

Youth development programs and not-for-profit organizations.  
Public education, supporting teachers, students and parents.  
Protecting a woman's right to choose and reproductive healthcare.

## **Sydney Clinton House District 98**

Sydney is the daughter of two military veterans and a product of South Carolina Public Schools. She's currently a college student and at 21, she's one of the youngest candidates in SC and the US!

### **Her priorities are**

Close the "Charleston loophole" on gun purchases.  
Expand technical school programs in public high schools.

Enact automatic voter registration for all US citizens when acquiring a state identification card.

(Click [here](#) for *The State* article about Sydney and another College Student running in SC.)

# DORCHESTER COUNTY STATE AND LOCAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES



Michelle Brandt  
SC House 114  
<https://michelleforsc.com>



Tim Lewis  
County Council District 1  
<https://www.votetimlewis.com>



Carlisle Harrison  
County Council District 3  
<http://harrisoncountycouncil.com>

## GETTING READY TO VOTE

ARE YOU SURE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS  
ARE UP TO DATE?

If you've moved within your county or changed your name recently, update your information prior to election day to help ensure a smoother voting process. Visit [SCVOTES.gov](http://SCVOTES.gov) to check your registration. It only takes two minutes and will help ensure a smooth process when it comes time to cast your ballot. Click [here](#) to check.

## Watch the SC Governor's Race Debate

McMaster vs Cunningham,  
At 7 PM, on October 26, on SCETV.

**Dr Rubin's insightful and unrelenting blogs** supporting our candidates and exposing the malice and ineptitude of their opponents, are [here](#).

To see SCDP's powerful advertisement **VOTE THEM OUT!** go to [SCDP.org/faces/](http://SCDP.org/faces/) or click [here](#).

# DORCHESTER COUNTY STATE AND LOCAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE BIOS

## **Michelle Brandt House District 114**

In 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, Michelle volunteered with Charleston Hope and became passionate about serving her community. She was appointed Commissioner of Charleston County Parks and Recreation in 2021. Michelle has a BA from Towson U. and experience working in environmental health and safety. She resides in Charleston with her husband and their two small children.

### **Her priorities are**

Longterm solutions for transit and flooding.  
Affordable housing and renters tax credit.  
Smaller class sizes and living wages for teachers.  
Increase access to health care and require transparent pricing.

## **Tim Lewis County Council District 1**

Tim grew up in Harleyville and has resided there since 2016; he is a veteran Marine Corps officer, a businessman, an entrepreneur and a training and development consultant. He was chairman of the Dorchester County Democratic Party for 2 years, from 2020.

### **His priorities are**

Smart growth and development  
A-rated and safe schools  
Fund public safety and services  
Proper care for seniors and veterans

## **Carlisle Harrison County Council District 3**

Carlisle is a retired Air Force Colonel. Proven leader of nonprofit boards and local and international organizations with a national certification in Board Governance. Immediate past chairman of the Fetter Health Care Network board. Carlisle and his wife Flora have two children and seven grands.

### **He will Focus on**

Improving local infrastructure and easing traffic congestion  
Modernizing county services  
Supporting our teachers, parents, students and public schools  
Supporting creative and innovative ways to help improve access to healthcare services  
Protecting and maintaining our natural resources and local beauty

# DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC VOTING GUIDE 2022

## EARLY VOTING

### 2022 General Election Early Voting Period

Monday, October 24 – Saturday, November 5  
(closed Sunday, October 30).  
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

#### Dorchester County Early Voting Places

Rollins Edwards Community Center: 301 N Hickory  
Street, Summerville, SC 29483

St. George Civic Center: 303 Ridge Street, St.  
George, SC 29477

Wescott Park: 9006 Dorchester Road, North  
Charleston, SC 29420

### Be prepared

Due to redistricting, some House Districts have changed since the June Primaries. Go to [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov) (or click [here](#)), put in your name and address to learn your district number and view your Sample Ballot so you can make an informed decision.

**Two amendments to the SC Constitution are on the ballot.**

Both deserve a **YES** vote.

Here's why.

Together the amendments will permit the State to put more money into two reserve funds. These funds are tapped in times of economic downturn, if the State budget is under pressure. It's quite likely that such a downturn is coming, given current conditions.

**These amendments do not add to the tax burden in any way.** Indeed, if the State can put more revenues into these two "rainy day" funds, it's less likely that the State would need to raise taxes if there are shortfalls.

If passed, the amendments would raise the total amount that could be put into the two funds from 7% to 10%. (The national average amongst the states is 12%.)

**In short, passing these amendments will lead to better fiscal governance.**

# UPCOMING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE EVENTS



Saturday, October 22

12 – 4pm EDT

**Jenkins Youth and Family Village**

3923 Azalea Dr

North Charleston, SC 29405

Tickets are \$30, click [here](#) to purchase.

## **This year's jamboree features:**

- Unforgettable speakers
- Live music throughout the day
- Charleston's top rated food trucks
- Our acclaimed Blue Jam Village
- Unique 2022 shopping
- Stunning views of the Ashley River

To volunteer for an hour or two at the  
Dorchester County Table, email  
[debra1whitfield@gmail.com](mailto:debra1whitfield@gmail.com)

## **DCDP GOTV Pep Rally**

**Oak Road Brewery**

108 E 3rd N St

Summerville, SC 29483

Tuesday, Nov 1

5:30 PM to 8 PM

The DCDP invites you, your fiends and family to join us to celebrate our **Get Out the Vote** accomplishments and prepare for **Election Day**. If you haven't met our candidates, now is your chance! Sign up [here](#).

The first 100 people through the door will get a free beer, or non-alcoholic drink, *sponsored by David Pascoe, Esq.* There will be food trucks on location, a DJ will spin music, tables with candidate info and swag and opportunities to volunteer!

### **Candidates speaking at the Pep Rally:**

Carlisle Harrison and Tim Lewis for County Council, Michelle Brandt, Sydney Clinton, Ilene Davis, Joe Jefferson, and ReZsaun Lewis for State Legislature.

### **Also invited:**

Joe Cunningham for Governor with Talley Casey for Lt. Governor, Dr. Annie Andrews and Hon. James Clyburn for Congress, Krystle Matthews for Senate.