



DCDP BLUE NOTE

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NO KINGS, NO MASTERS

The forecast: stormy weather. Some of us might feel like we're already in a hurricane! Mr. Rogers always reminded us to, "Look for the helpers." That's US, our friends and neighbors, our organizations and affiliations. There are many more of US than of them! Let's not quake in fear, for that's just what tyrants (and wannabe tyrants) want. We have agency and resources.

In that spirit, Indivisible, the sponsor of NO KINGS, is launching **One Million Rising**—a national effort to train one million people in the strategic logic and practice of non-cooperation, as well as the basics of community organizing and campaign design. This is how to build people power that can't be ignored. You're invited to participate. Let's build a force bigger than fear and louder than hate. Together we can send authoritarians packing!

ONE MILLION RISING
STRATEGIC NON-COOPERATION TO FIGHT AUTHORITARIANISM

FOUNDATIONS	★	TRAIN-THE-TRAINER	★	CAMPAIGN DESIGN
JULY 16		JULY 30		AUGUST 13
THE MOMENT & YOUR MISSION		HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN		WHAT NOW? ORGANIZING ACTION

From **Indivisible**, attend these Virtual Events, 8-9:30 EDT. You can sign up for all three dates!

Click [here](#) to register.



From the "The Spirit of '76" NO KINGS Rally, in North Charleston, on Independence Day, 2025.

DCDP MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In-Person and Zoom

August 9 and September 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

New Bethel Sounds of Praise

351 Greyback Rd,
Summerville, SC 29483

Please sign up on the website at
dorchesterdemocrats.com

We meet on the 2nd Saturday
of each month.



At the WDCDC June meeting, guest speaker [Rep. Dr. Jermaine Johnson](#), discussed why he's exploring a run for Governor.

WESTERN DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING

In-person

4th Mondays: July 28,

August 25 and September 22

Time: 6:30 PM

Open to members and aspiring members.

Classy Sassy Salon,
421 N. Parler Ave., St. George

Contact *Tim Lewis* for scheduled speakers,
email timlewis75@gmail.com

CIVICS NIGHT WITH THE YOUNG DEMS

(ages 14 - 39)

Let's talk Civic:

Wings, Wisdom & Democracy

July 24, 2025

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Buffalo Wild Wings

117 N. Creek Dr. Unit A
Summerville, SC 29486

*Stay engaged, learn how your voice
shapes your community.*

Candidate Recruitment

Are you tired of watching decisions get made without your voice at the table? The Dorchester County Democratic Party is actively recruiting bold, community-rooted leaders to run for local and state office in 2026. This election will shape the future of Dorchester County, and we need candidates who truly understand the people, the challenges, and the possibilities that lie ahead. From County Council to the State House, we're looking for individuals who care deeply about equity, opportunity, and creating a better quality of life for all. If you've ever thought, "Someone needs to step up"—that someone might be you.

Right now, we're also working on a strategic recruitment plan—and we need everyone's help. If you attend public forums, board meetings, or community events and witness someone whose leadership style or advocacy work impresses you, let us know so we can reach out and connect with them. We're also reaching out to civic leadership programs to identify potential candidates who live right here in Dorchester County. And don't worry, no one runs alone. As your 2nd Vice Chair, I'm committed to supporting and walking with our candidates every step of the way. If you or someone you know is ready to lead, reach out to me, **Rita Adkins**, at **843-270-8814** or ritaadkins41@gmail.com. Let's identify the leaders, build the bench, and win together.

Nationally, a higher percentage of black women have lost their jobs than any other demographic, due to anti-Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies. Who's helping these families at a time when federal funds to food banks have also been cut?

Please support our local Food Pantries. See a directory [here](#).

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STATEHOUSE FLYOVER

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This is the first year of the two-year LEGISLATIVE term (2025-26). Bills that were not passed this year, could be taken up next January. See Emily Havener's excellent blog, "SC Legislative Wrap-up," on the **DCDP** website, [here](#)

One of the most regressive bills we'll still be watching next year is the controversial, and possibly economically devastating, **DEI* Ban for State Agencies and Schools (H 3927)**, which was passed by the SC House, and is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This latest bill includes hiring practices and spending at every state agency, public school district, city and county statewide.

It says race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation cannot be a consideration when making employment decisions, and a person cannot receive "special benefits" based on those factors.

Contractors and subcontractors who want to do business with any of those government entities must first "certify that they do not operate any programs that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion." This would quickly become a nightmare for any school or governmental agency that wants to do literally anything in South Carolina!

*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Watch Rep. Jermaine Johnson's viral video [here](#).

Read more and write to your lawmaker** [here](#).

New Members, go to our website and fill out the [Contact/Join Us](#) form.

**Email Emily Havener at emilyhavener@gmail.com if you would like a list of specific studies to reference on DEI.

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

One Big Ugly Bill

The Trump Budget was passed by the Republican House majority on July 4th. Not one Democrat voted for it. It will result in millions losing Medicaid and SNAP benefits. Nonpartisan analysts told "Statehouse Report" that South Carolinians should expect to see major economic impacts as its provisions begin to take effect. Click [here](#) to read more.

Trump's war on renewable energy

"Around the country and in South Carolina specifically, we'll see higher electric bills and a lot of job losses," Moore said, noting that renewables are the state's fastest-growing power source. "But the even bigger damage is the attempt to rewind history and go backward while the rest of the world keeps moving forward on energy policy."

- Higher electric bills, fewer high-paying EV jobs
- Fewer rural hospitals and nursing homes — and fewer insured
- Less food assistance, 'more hungry people'

ICE collaboration in South Carolina

The second Trump administration has been quietly building a network of local collaborators to carry out its mass deportation agenda. In the new budget, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) gets \$170 billion; this is more than most countries' militaries!

Under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, ICE can train and authorize local law enforcement officers to identify, arrest, and detain people for potential deportation.

The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office (Warrant Service Officer) signed a 287(g) agreement with ICE on 6/12/2025. Read ACLU article [here](#).

PARTING SHOTS

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SOME PRO-DEMOCRACY ALLIES IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)--The newly elected President of Summerville NAACP, Denyise Lincoln, says their goal is to get registered voters to the polls. They meet at the Doty Park Depot, in Summerville, at 6 PM, on third Thursdays. The next meeting will be on August 21.

INDIVISIBLE sponsors the **No KINGS Rallies**, and the **One Million**

Rising leadership training, for strategic non-cooperation to fight authoritarianism (see first page).

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) defends civil rights in the courts, supports [fReadom to Read SC](#), informs the public about legislation and issues. Subscribe to their "State House Dispatch" [here](#). Follow their podcast, "While I Breathe" [here](#), or wherever you get your podcasts. Sign the [petition](#), STOP Alligator Alcatraz!

The **League of Women Voters, Charleston (LWV)** is non-partisan and pro-voting rights. It promotes civic education and engagement, and works for fair districting (no gerrymandering!). The LWV is offering a free screening of the documentary, **Banned Together: the Fight Against Censorship**, at Queen Street Playhouse, 20 Queen St., Charleston, on July 27th. Register [here](#). A Talkback will follow the viewing.

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BACK TO SCHOOL P Saxmore Foundation Presents:

Dorchester's 16th Back to School Bash

Saturday, August 2, 2025
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Dorchester Farmer's Market
218 Delee Circle
Dorchester, SC 29437

FREE
School Supplies, Community Give Away,
Jumpers, Horse Back Riding and Food
While Supplies Last!

Performance by the
WHS Marching Wolverines

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AND Brown & Son Funeral Home
Community Resources Depot

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