

2024Oct09 - Chairman's Update

OCRP Members,

Hello everyone. There are several items that I want to provide an update on.

Presidential Election: Wow! November 5th is almost here. I know that many of us plan to "Bank the Vote" early starting Oct. 20th. Most of you may also be aware that due to the impact of Hurricane Helene, Circuit Court Judge Daniel Coble ruled last week to extend South Carolina's voter registration deadline for all forms of registration until October 14th. Some bemoan this as a party issue, since the suit was brought by the SCDP, but that's not the case. The court simply followed a precedent set after Hurricane Florence in 2018, when Attorney General Alan Wilson filed a similar suit to extend the voter registration deadline. The point is: We have equal opportunity to get additional voters registered, so let's get that done. The Trump-Vance ticket is a must win for America in 2024!!

Hurricane Helene: The far-reaching effects and devastation that accompanied hurricane Helene will be lengthy to recover from. Most of Oconee County was fortunate to avoid severe loss. Many of us experienced property damage, loss of power, and water – but we must consider this a mere inconvenience in comparison to those who lost everything to the storm. I want to thank everyone who has sought to help their neighbor in whatever way possible.

"Get Out the Vote" VFD Fund Raisers:

The hurricane adversely impacted organizing these events. The bottom line is that we're adjusting the plans as needed to partner and support our local VFD communities in whatever way we can, which includes making donations withing the approved \$3500 budget and providing meals "free of charge". We will advise of dates and locations ASAP.

SDOC Candidate Forums:

It remains to be seen if we will successfully get any of these across the goal line prior to Nov. 5th

Oct 19th CXC Meeting Cancelled!

We will forego meeting this month due to many members being personally impacted and experiencing damage from the storm.

"November 5th Election Watch Party at *313 Café, Seneca"

Leslie and her staff will host the event. She'll have a buffet similar to past events and individuals can purchase whatever they like to drink. Put the date on your calendars. More details to come.

Thank you to everyone who's working hard to send Pres. Trump back to the White House! Jim Mann, OCRP Chairman