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### RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RICHLAND VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE.

The Richland County Legislative Delegation believes a **well-supported** Elections Office will yield a **well-ran** election, this November.

COLUMBIA, SC, August 23, 2022. The Richland Legislative Delegation met with members of the Richland Voters Registration and Election Board and the Deputy Director of the Elections Office, Terry Graham, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Chairman Leon Howard called the special meeting to inquire of the plans in place to ensure voters in Richland County will experience a well-ran election process in November. The concern arose from the resignation of key employees in the Richland Election Office.

Delegation members proposed serious concerns about the desire for citizens to serve as poll workers, the actions taken by staff and board to guarantee poll workers are compensated in a timely manner and the support received from the South Carolina Elections Commission. Mr. Graham noted that strong efforts are being made to recruit poll workers, secure polling locations, complete the absentee application process and motivate staff to get this done by SC Election Commission's deadlines. The two members of the Voters Registration and Election Board, in attendance, noted that they are in talks with SC Elections Office staff to obtain the necessary resources for a successful Election Day on November 8, 2022.

The delegation went into executive session and discussed personnel matters. Chairman Howard expressed that the delegation was briefed sufficiently. Mr. Graham shared that he would rescind his resignation given to the board and stay on until January 2023 to make sure the Election moves forward successfully. Chairman Howard exclaimed that the Delegation will support Mr. Graham and the election staff in their efforts.

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