

BLUE NOTE 2.0



A SHOUT OUT TO MOMS

and to all who comfort, encourage and sustain us.

THANK YOU!

Protect every mother's child, urge the US Senate to pass **HR 1280**, the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**, which would ban chokeholds, police profiling, and no-knock warrants. It would also make sure police officers who break the law can be held accountable and stop the rampant militarization of many police departments. [Read more.](#)

Note: the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) has proposed a more far-reaching omnibus bill, the [Breathe Act](#), which they believe addresses today's needs better.

MAY 2021

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Happy Mother's Day!
DCDP General Meeting
CRC Food Bank
New Member Chats
Western County Club
Book Club
June 1st Election
State Convention
Bad Bills
Bills We Support
SC Online Bill Search
Our Legislators
Census Turnout
SC 2022 Candidates
LWV Critical Issues
LWV Good Governance
Noteworthy Media
Memorial Day
Contributors



DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWS

MAY 2021



Dorchester Dems distribute food in April at the Community Resource Center, Summerville. CRC holds the food give-away each Monday at the YMCA in Summerville. Volunteers are needed 10 AM to 3 PM. Call for information 843-499-9822.

DCDP has a new process for welcoming new members!

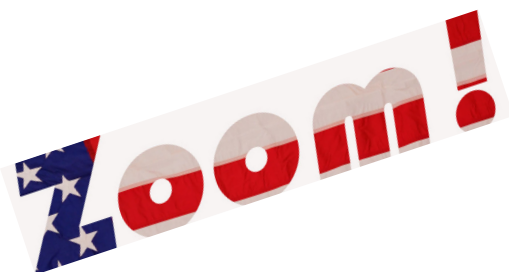
It all starts with our website's "[Contact Us](#)" button! Or, if you know someone who'd like to participate in DCDP but does not have an email address, you can have them call 843-560-9210. Our Welcome Committee will contact them by phone.

Existing DCDP members are also requested to use "Contact Us" to update their information.

Our monthly virtual meetings feature inspiring speakers!

Our regular meetings have been revised. The Monthly General Meeting is open to the public and now features informative and inspiring speakers, with time for Q&A and discussion. The business of DCDP is handled separately in an Executive Committee meeting held at a different time.

**THE NEXT
DCDP GENERAL MEETING
MAY 11, 7 PM
CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP.**



NEW MEMBERS MEET

**DorDems Coffee Talk
May 8 and 15, 10 AM**

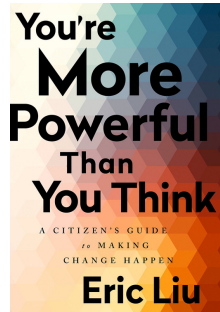
Have questions about the Dorchester County Democratic Party? Want to know how to get involved? Bring your favorite drink and join us virtually on Tuesday or Saturday for our New Members chat with members of the DCDP Welcome Committee. Invite your friends! Go to our interactive [Events Calendar](#) to sign up.

MAY 2021

WESTERN DORCHESTER CLUB MEETING

Will be in person with masks and social distancing, on May 24th, at 7:00 PM, at Classy Sassy, 421 N. Parlor Ave., in St. George, 29477. Sign up [here](#). For location details, e-mail info@DorchesterDemocrats.com.

DCDP BOOK CLUB



7 PM, May 27th, click [here](#) to sign up for our Zoom discussion.

Click on the cover for a presentation by the author about this book.

We are in an age of epic political turbulence and upheaval in America. Old hierarchies and institutions are collapsing and people across the country and across the political spectrum are reclaiming power.

Listen to Eric Liu speak on "[How to revive your belief in democracy](#)." (15 minutes).



"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on." Thurgood Marshall, as quoted by Kristen Clarke at the beginning of her Senate hearing, for head of the DOJ's Civil Rights Division. [Click here](#) for videos of her responses to the attacks of Republican Senators.



UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Town of St. George Special Election

June 1, 2021 for vacant Town Council seat, District 6.

Normal municipal elections are scheduled for November 2, 2021 for St. George Town Council Districts 2, 4 and 6. The filing period for candidates is 8/4 through 8/18/21.



[Sign up](#) for SCDP's daily "Press Clips."

BAD BILLS IN THE SC STATEHOUSE

MAY 2021

H. 4162 Require Photo ID for Absentee Ballots. At present, South Carolina requires identification for in person voting, but not for absentee. Democrats believe this is an obvious voter suppression tactic that will ultimately impact the disabled, elderly and rural voters, and anyone who may have difficulty physically accessing the polls in person.

H.4150 Prevent Vote by Mail would greatly reduce the reasons that a voter could cast an absentee ballot.

H.3094 Open Carry would allow anyone who possesses a concealed weapons permit to openly carry.

H.3096 Constitutional Carry would eliminate gun permits and allow anyone to carry a gun so long as they are not prohibited by law. This bill passed in the House and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

H.4153 Save Women's Sports Act is back and will ban participation of trans youth on girls' athletic teams. **DEFEATED!!**

S.133 Convention of States calls for a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution, with the goal of limiting the powers of the federal government to tax and regulate. This will be taken up in the Fall session.

WE SUPPORT THESE SC BILLS

H.3822 Voting Rights Bill, sponsored by Democrats, would be the most sweeping expansion of voting rights in South Carolina history. Republicans are trying to quietly kill this bill by not giving it a vote in the House Judiciary Subcommittee. You can take action by calling the House Judiciary Committee at (803) 734-3120 to ask if H.3822 will be on the agenda soon and when you can testify.

S.628 Pharmacy Access Act would give pharmacists the ability to prescribe contraceptives and eliminate the need for a separate doctor's appointment to obtain a prescription. It has passed in the Senate and will go to the House.

H.3319 This bill will ensure that the same school lunch options will be available to free and reduced-price meal recipients as to private payers. This will end school lunch shaming in SC.

S.533 Prevent Subminimum Wages for Disabled Individuals would prevent companies from paying workers with disabilities below the minimum wage.

H.3560 Paid Family Leave would give full-time state employees 12 weeks of paid time off when they welcome a newborn or adopted child to their family.

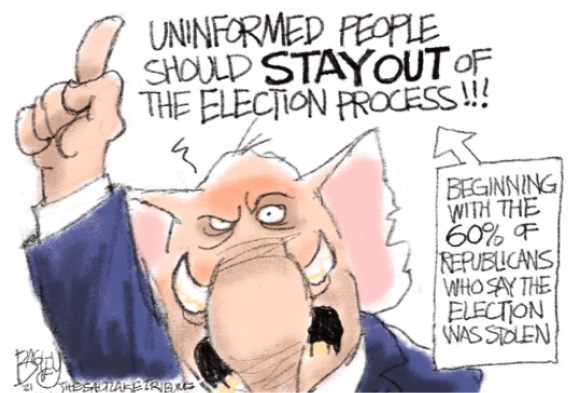
BILL SEARCH BY NUMBER

To look up bills and see where they are in the legislative process

GO TO
SOUTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATURE
ONLINE

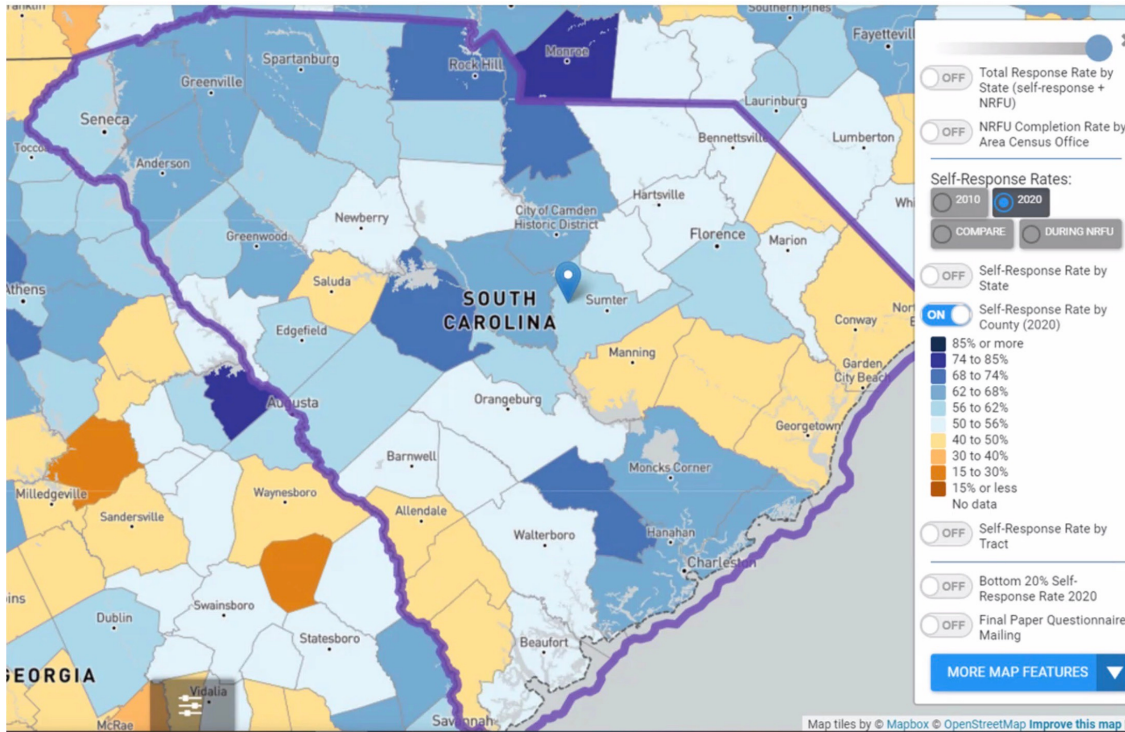
HUNDREDS OF
COMPANIES UNITE
TO OPPOSE
VOTING
RESTRICTIONS
AND SOME DON'T

THE CURRENT SC
LEGISLATIVE
SESSION
WILL END
ON MAY 13.



SC CENSUS RESPONSE

MAY 2021



Redistricting will take place after the 2020 Census Data is in this fall. See [SC COUNTS](#). NOTE: Our November elections will be based on current districts.

Our Partner in Democracy...

Secure the Ballot

plans to register 100,000 new voters in the South. They estimate that it will take a couple presidential election cycles to turn SC BLUE. Click [here](#) to find out more.

"2022 is shaping up to be a referendum on our democracy," Steve Schmidt of the [Lincoln Project](#).

SC CANDIDATES FOR 2022

[Joe Cunningham](#) to run for governor.

SC Rep. [Krystle Matthews](#) ("One Tough Mother") to run for US Senate against Tim Scott.



Click on the Bucking Donkey

to read the latest DCDP Blog about Mitch McConnell's non-agenda.

Donate

TO DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MAY 2021

DEMOCRACY REQUIRES AN INFORMED ELECTORATE

The following are free civics classes on timely topics that impact our lives and communities.



Join
community
advocates
in a
discussion
of solutions.

**Sign up
here.**

Go here for
Zoom
recordings, if
you've missed
any of the
sessions.



Good Governance Symposium Series

VOTING RIGHTS • REDISTRICTING • DARK MONEY



ELECTORAL COLLEGE REFORM • ELECTION SYSTEMS

SESSION 4: MONEY IN POLITICS
MONDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 PM

Click on the announcement to register.

Reducing the influence of big money in our politics makes our elections fairer.

Voters have the right to know who is raising money for which political candidates, how much money they are raising and how that money is being spent. Join this discussion of the history of money in politics and solutions to prioritize transparency in our elections.

RECOMMENDED PRO-DEMOCRACY PODCASTS...

*where education is entertainment and
you can listen on the go or on the
couch, for free!*

NPR's throughline, "James Baldwin's Shadow" (46 min.), April 29, 2021.
"The Real Black Panthers," 4/15/2021.

The Daily Beans, "The First 100 Days" (1 hour), interview w Olivia Troye, Ex-Pence Aide, who became a whistle blower and a Biden supporter. 4/30/2021.

Refuse Fascism, "In the name of Humanity, we refuse to accept a fascist America."

How to Citizen, w Baratunde, A podcast that reimagines "citizen" as a verb and helps reclaim our collective power.

SCENE ON RADIO, "The Second Redemption" (1 hour), S4 E8.
Rebroadcast in the wake of January 6th, "A look at the right-wing counterrevolution in the face of expanding democracy: It started long before Donald Trump." *Redemption* is the word used by Southern white supremacists for their reactionary efforts to end Reconstruction.

#SistersInLaw, a brilliant team of women prosecutors who explain how our government actually works. "Chauvin, Consent Decrees & Career Building" (1 hour). 4/24/2021.

MAY 2021

NOTEWORTHY MOVIES

If you've found an awesome podcast or movie, share it on social media or send it to DorDemsNewsletter@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Click on titles for trailers.

Time: The Kalief Browder Story, is a documentary series, on Netflix, about how the trauma of incarceration affects our families.

National Geographic TV series, **Genius: Aretha**, starring Cynthia Brivo. Season 3, Episode 1 of 8. Also streaming on hulu.

Free State of Jones, on Netflix; based on a true story of a group of poor farmers, runaway enslaved people, and deserters who fought the Confederacy and strove to create a more just state. One of its themes persists today, "no man should have to be poor, so another man can be rich."



**MEMORIAL WEEKEND IS SATURDAY, MAY 29 THROUGH MONDAY MAY 31.
WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED.**

MAY 2021

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Tim Lewis
Linda Behling
Ann Marie Finn
Sarah Redmond
John Lowe
Jennifer McSparron
Rita Young

Editor: Aniya Cohen
DorDemsNewsletter@gmail.com

Get Your Covid Vaccine
South Carolinians 16 and over,
contact **DHEC** to make your
vaccine appointment



PUBLISHED BY
THE DORCHESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LAST BUT NOT LEAST....

*Nurturers need to nurture themselves
before they can nurture others. Here's a
deeply satisfying blended salad. It's great
for warmer weather and for busy people.*

GREEN SMOOTHIE

Combine and blend:
2 cups pure water
1 small apple, quartered
dash of salt

Add and blend again:
4 cups mixed baby lettuces,
a couple cups at a time

Finally, add:
1/4 to 1/2 ripe avocado

Blend until smooth and creamy. Add a
little more water if needed. Enjoy!
Yields about 4 cups.