



May 29, 2018

Mr. Norman Jackson
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Dear Mr. Jackson,

It's time for us to have a one-on-one debate. The challenges facing our community in District 11 are significant. There is no substitute for an in depth, one-on-one conversation. The upcoming Lower Richland NAACP forum is good, but it will feature both our race and the Solicitor's race. We need the space, time, and District 11 focus to fully answer the questions that voters repeatedly ask:

- Why are the taxpayers of Richland County stuck paying a \$1 million settlement to the fired county administrator? Why did council vote to pay this \$1 million?
- Why did you and county council flip on your support of the highly promoted Richland Renaissance plan, after having already spent \$8 million on property at Columbia Place Mall?
- Why does Pinewood Lake Park have a pattern of procurement problems, from no-bid contracts, to illegal land deals, and inappropriate expenses? How can we move forward so that the people of District 11 can enjoy the full benefit of our park?
- How can we restore trust and accountability to county council when the problems continue to pile on - from the Penny Tax, to the county administrator, to the Richland Renaissance, to Pinewood Lake Park?
- What is our vision for the future?

I'm sure that you are as eager to discuss your record with the voters of District 11 as they are to hear it. Time is of the essence, so let's move quickly to help them make an informed choice. Our voters deserve to see us side-by-side, so that we can fully address the issues that are important to them.

Let's use this debate as an opportunity to make county government more open and transparent. I will be flexible and accommodating to your schedule to make this happen. What dates and times work for you?

Sincerely,

Chakisse Newton
Candidate for Richland County Council District 11