

REAGANITES

of York County, SC



July 6, 2021

Dear Fellow Reaganite,

Here is your July update.

NEW OFFICER: Dustin Tant, Director of Communications

Through the efforts of our Second Vice President, [Mark Herring](#), we have a new Communications Director. I'm pleased to report that Dustin Tant has agreed to serve in that role. The job entails being our liaison with the media, keeping our Facebook page (and soon our website current), involving us on other social media platforms, and doing a monthly newsletter.

Anyone who has been involved in campaigns in York County, probably knows Dustin – or at least knows of his reputation! Nevertheless, I asked Dustin for a short bio to share with you (and to post to our website):

My name is Dustin L. Tant and I have lived in York County all my life and my family has lived in South Carolina before it was even a state. I started my political career when I was a freshman in high school working for the Tommy Pope for Congress campaign and I have worked on a campaign in some fashion ever since. In 2019 I was named the South Carolina Young Republican of the year. I am attending Presbyterian College and double majoring in History and Political Science. I am a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and member of the Presbyterian College Honor Council. I am also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as the York County Republican Party where I serve as Third Vice Chair and a member of its Bylaws Committee.

CONSERVATIVES NEEDED TO HELP YORK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County Representative [Tom Audette](#) reminds us that it is critical we get conservatives on the York County boards and committees. Among the numerous vacancies listed on the website are: [Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee](#), [Board of Assessment Appeals](#), [Building Board of Appeals](#), [Economic Development Board](#), [Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee](#), [Keep York County Beautiful Board](#), [RH-YC Convention & Visitors Bureau](#), [York County Culture & Heritage Commission](#), and [York County Library Board](#).

And there are vacancies on other boards too. Check out the **full list of vacancies** at this link: [YORK COUNTY CITIZEN BOARDS](#). **If you apply for one of the vacancies, please let us know, so we can let your representative know that we support you.**

OUR COMMITTEES AT WORK

As we announced early we formed Reaganite committees so our members can get more involved in REAGANITES. I'd like to highlight three committees already at work. Our Secretary **Alice Brite**, educator **Alice Yoder** and **George Becker** are actively researching important issues such as critical race theory and in-person learning for our **Education Committee**. **Amy Magura** is working hard for our **Event & Speakers Committee** to make our next special event as successful as the Stephen Moore event was.

Lindsay Walker and his **Special Committee on Zoning & Planning** have already reviewed the several hundred pages of the Recode York County, Zoning and Subdivision Codes Rewrite, as well as York Forward Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, Lindsay has reached out to several county officials including Jonathan Buono, York County Planning & Services Director, and Diane Dil, York County Zoning & Standard Administrator and reports that he is "impressed with the professionalism of County Staff and the vision for future York County growth" as well as with the Charleston consulting group the county is using. We are looking forward to hearing more from this committee perhaps at a special meeting this fall.

To join a Reaganite committee fill out the sign-up sheet (attached as a PDF) and return it to mail@reaganites.com.

LEGISLATION

The York County Republican Party has formed a Legislative Committee which includes several members of the York Area Conservative Coalition (of which the Reaganites organization is a constituent member group). YACC reports that a few of the Pushback Agenda issues that we have been following have passed:

- S0001 - Fetal Heartbeat Bill
- S0147 - COVID-19 Liability Protection
- S0038 - REACH Act Constitutional Education (much more work to be done on education)
- H3094 - Open Carry with Training Act

The YGOP Legislative Committee will continue to follow the other Pushback Agenda issues (see attached PDF) as well as a few other important issues. If there are other issues or bills you want brought to the attention of the committee please let us know at mail@Reaganites.com.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

There are non-partisan municipal elections coming up this fall in the cities of York, Rock hill and Tega Cay; and the towns of Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Sharon, and Smyrna. (See: [MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS](#).)

GET INVOLVED. While the Reaganites are not yet in a position to endorse candidates in non-partisan elections, we do urge each of our members living in an incorporated area to educate herself or himself on the issues and participate in electing CONSERVATIVE candidates to the all-important municipal offices.

As you may have seen on [our Facebook page](#), at our Reaganites Board meeting on Monday, June 14: *"We voted not to take a formal position this year in the Rock Hill mayor's race, but instead to publish candidate answers to a series of questions one of our committees is developing."* If you have questions you'd like to suggest we ask the candidates or have Rock Hill issues you'd like to suggest we put on the survey, please send them to mail@Reaganites.com.

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Our [website](#) is still under development. There will be a place on the website to post interesting articles and writings. If you have written an opinion piece you wish to be considered for posting on our website; or, if you come across an item you'd like to share with other Reaganites, please send your submission to mail@Reaganites.com.

LAST CALL FOR DUES

This month is the last time any newsletter, update or survey will be going to any former Reaganite who hasn't yet paid his or her 2021 dues. If you haven't paid and want to remain a member, **please send a check** to Treasurer Michael Cox at 755 E. Rambo Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730. Membership is only \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Keep your eyes open for **another MEMBERS' SURVEY coming to your inbox this summer**. We value your input.

Also, here is your Reaganite Board of Directors. We want to hear from you with your ideas, criticisms, recommendations, and comments. Contact whomever you feel most comfortable with. Just click on a name below to e-mail that Board member.

[Alice Brite](#) [Sharon Bynum](#) [Michael Cox](#) [Dennis Getter](#) [Mark Herring](#) [Dustin Tant](#) [Frank Trotta](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Trotta
President

[If you have trouble opening the attachments, please let me know.](#)