

Improve Public Education

I believe one of the best ways to improve the quality of life for District 84 residents is to provide a high quality of education for all students within the district. I also believe a high-quality education is at the core of moving South Carolina forward, and should not be limited to a person's zip code. As a former educator and mother of four children in Aiken County Public Schools, I am personally invested and committed to supporting our public schools. We are blessed to have one of the best school districts in the state, with high quality education leaders. I will go to Columbia to ensure that we have the necessary support from the Statehouse to continue what we have achieved, while building the core foundation for the education needs of the future.

Strengthen our Local and State Economy

I believe in an all-of-the-above approach for recruiting new jobs, and helping existing businesses in District 84. I saw the need to help local businesses advertise and succeed in this increasingly competitive market, and therefore founded a local newspaper that allows businesses to advertise their services and products to the local community. I believe we must take a community first approach to recruiting and retaining businesses in District 84. I pledge to be a champion for existing and future businesses in District 84, as well as businesses across the state.

In addition, I believe we must continue to adamantly support the farm industry of South Carolina. I will go to Columbia to be a champion of this vital economic driver in our state.



Reform government

Unfortunately, our elected officials continue to disappoint citizens of South Carolina by not addressing the core functions of state government. In addition, ironically it has been Republican leadership in Columbia that continues to pile on new regulations and fees on individuals and businesses in District 84. If elected, I will work every day to eliminate unnecessary state regulations and fees.

I will also work to address the culture of corruption that has been built by current leadership in Columbia. The old system of continuing to elect career politicians that move from one elected office to another has to end in order to move District 84 and our state forward.

Make Healthcare more Affordable and Accessible

I have experienced great loss over the past few years. My husband's death as a result of an opioid addiction, that grew out of treatment for back problems, has taught me first-hand the holes in our current Healthcare System in South Carolina. It is because of this tragedy that I have become an advocate for better healthcare options and access for families across our state, who are struggling with a healthcare system that is not only increasingly expensive, but one that is becoming more difficult to navigate for patients and their families. I believe in common sense solutions to streamline healthcare and make it more responsive, efficient and accessible to the consumer. It is time we quit playing political games with the lives of South Carolinians. I believe coverage should be expanded so that families have total care, and not relegated to just emergency rooms for healthcare.

Criminal Justice Reform

Every day citizens of District 84 see the good in our criminal justice system; but unfortunately, they also witness the problems and challenges with the system. I believe while we must remain tough on crime, especially violent acts like domestic violence, we shouldn't use the system to destroy families because of sincere mistakes, especially those non-violent, that may be related to illnesses such as drug and alcohol abuse. We all have family and friends that have dealt with challenges related to these illnesses, and I believe state leaders should show more compassion in helping those impacted rebuild their lives. I whole-heartily believe through faith, treatment, and compassion, we can save those lives instead of turning our back on them.

Aiken County Population Demographics

Total Population	164,392
Male Population	79,700
Female Population.....	84,692
Percent Change Since 2000.....	15.3%
Percent Change Since 2010.....	2.7%
Median Age	39.36

Occupational employment in Aiken County

White Collar	29,354
Blue Collar.....	22,393

Number of Households in Aiken County

Total Households.....	67,160
Family Households.....	44,789
Non-family Households.....	22,371
Households With Children.....	20,736
Households Without Children.....	46,424
Average People Per Household.....	2.41

Aiken County Education Statistics

No High School.....	6,632
Some High School.....	11,847
Some College.....	23,431
Associate Degree.....	8,302
Bachelors Degree.....	16,631
Graduate Degree.....	9,621

Marital Status in Aiken County

Never Married.....	36,300
Married.....	56,827
Separated.....	5,166
Widowed.....	3,291
Divorced.....	11,658

Household Income and Average Income in Aiken County

Median Income Under 25.....	\$21,020
Median Income 25-44.....	\$38,935
Median Income 45-64.....	\$55,985
Median Income Over 65.....	\$42,297
Average Household Income.....	\$60,517
Median Household Income.....	\$45,689
Percent Increase/Decrease in Income Since 2000.....	20%
Percent Increase/Decrease in Income Since 2010.....	8%
Average Household Net Worth.....	\$384,837
Median Home Sale Price.....	\$127,000
Sales Tax Rate.....	7%
Average Household Total Expenditure.....	\$49,328