

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER

COMPLAINT FORM

C 2025-001

COMPLAINANT: State Ethics Commission
ADDRESS: 201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 253-4192

RESPONDENT: Fletcher M. Ready, III
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Councilman – Town of Fairfax and
Candidate - Town of Fairfax Mayor

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If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Richland

Personally appeared before me Meghan Walker Davson who, first being duly sworn, says that she has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January, 2025.

[REDACTED]
Meghan Walker Davson, Executive Director

[REDACTED]
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires 01/22/26

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Complaint C2025-009)
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State Ethics Commission) **NOTICE OF HEARING**
Complainant.)
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Fletcher M. Ready, III)
Respondent.)
_____)

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CAMPAIGN RECORDS
SECTION 8-13-1302, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Fletcher M. Ready, III, former Fairfax City Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to maintain campaign records, in violation of Section 8-13-1302.

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Fletcher M. Ready, III, former Fairfax City Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2021 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-

1308(A).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

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COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO MAKE EXPENDITURES THROUGH CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Fletcher M. Ready, III, former Fairfax City Councilmember, did in Richland County, fail to make campaign expenditures through a campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

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A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.



Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 23rd day,
of July 2025.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Fletcher M. Ready, III, P.O. Box 915, Fairfax, SC 29827 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 25th day of July 2025, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 (Ethics Act), the Commission reviewed the above-captioned Complaint against Fletcher M. Ready, III, (Respondent) and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Present at the hearing on February 19, 2026, were Commissioners F. Xavier Starks, Sara Parrish, and Neal D. Truslow, Hearing Panel Chair. Respondent appeared¹ *pro se* and the Commission was represented by JC Davis, Esq. The following charges were considered: one (1) count of Section 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain campaign records; two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) prior to his November 2, 2021, general election and his November 7, 2023, general election; and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to make campaign expenditures through his campaign bank account.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Panel finds as fact:

1. Respondent was a successful candidate for Fairfax City Council in a November 2, 2021 general election. Respondent did not file a Pre-Election CDR prior to his November 2, 2021 election.
2. Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor in a November 7, 2023 general election.

¹ Respondent appeared virtually.

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Respondent did not file a Pre-Election CDR prior to his November 7, 2023, election.

3. In a December 1, 2023 certified letter, the Commission attempted to notify Respondent of his failure to file a 2021 Pre-Election CDR and a 2023 Pre-Election CDR. This letter was returned to the Commission on January 17, 2024.
4. On January 26, 2024, the letter was re-mailed to Respondent via first-class mail with a United States Postal Service (USPS) tracking number.
5. According to USPS, the letter was delivered to Respondent's address of record on February 1, 2024 at 8:16 a.m.
6. On February 11, 2024, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$20.00 per day (\$10.00 per CDR).
7. On February 21, 2024, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$200.00 per day (\$100.00 per CDR).
8. On October 23, 2024, Commission staff member Erin Caughman left Respondent a voicemail. In addition, Caughman emailed Respondent on that same day.
9. Receiving no response, the Complaint was filed on January 21, 2025.
10. Following the filing of the Complaint, Commission staff undertook an investigation into Respondent and discovered Respondent did not establish a campaign bank account. Rather, Respondent made campaign-related expenditures from his personal checking account.
11. The Commission's investigator provided the Complaint to the Respondent by email, and Respondent confirmed receipt of the Complaint on March 25, 2025. Respondent also confirmed that he did not utilize a campaign bank account for either election, and that he made expenditures marketing materials in conjunction with the 2023 election from his personal funds.

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12. The Notice of Hearing was hand-delivered to Respondent on November 7, 2025.
13. On February 18, 2026, Respondent came into compliance by filing the 2021 and 2023 Pre-Election CDRs.
14. During the Hearing, Respondent re-affirmed the earlier statements made to the Commission's investigator regarding his expenditures and campaign bank account. Respondent also testified that he was confused about the filing requirements and that he was not technologically sophisticated. Respondent additionally noted for the Panel that he understood he may be required to pay a monetary penalty, but that the statutorily accrued maximums would present a financial difficulty and asked for the Panel's consideration of this in its decision.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a "candidate" pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(4). Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
2. Respondent was required to file, but failed to file, a Pre-Election CDR prior to the November 2, 2021, election and the November 7, 2023, election, both in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A), which provides, in relevant part:

...a candidate who does not receive or expend campaign contributions totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more must file an initial certified campaign report fifteen days before an election.
3. Respondent was required to maintain, but failed to maintain, records related to his campaign expenditures for marketing materials in violation of Section 8-13-1302, which provides, in relevant part:

(A) A candidate, committee, or ballot measure committee must maintain and preserve an account of: ... (3) the total amount of expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate, committee, or ballot measure committee; (4) the name

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and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made including the date, amount, purpose, and beneficiary of the expenditure; (5) all receipted bills, canceled checks, or other proof of payment for each expenditure...

(B) The candidate, committee, or ballot measure committee must maintain and preserve all receipted bills and accounts required by this article for four years.

4. Respondent made the aforementioned expenditures through his personal bank account in violation of Section 8-13-1312, which provides, in relevant part:

...expenses paid on behalf of a candidate or committee must be drawn from the campaign account and issued on a check signed by the candidate or a duly authorized officer of a committee.

5. In accordance with Section 8-13-1510(A), Respondent has accrued \$10,000.00 in late-filing penalties (\$5,000.00 for the 2021 Pre-Election CDR and \$5,000.00 for the 2023 Pre-Election CDR)²:

A person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report . . . must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and (2) after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

6. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.
7. Section 8-13-320(10)(l) allows the Commission to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for violations of the Ethics Act.

² Pursuant to Section 8-13-1510, late-filing penalties begin to accrue following the receipt of certified notice of Respondent’s failure to file. The Panel finds Respondent received proper notice on February 1, 2024, when he received the Commission’s certified letter. The Panel further finds that Respondent was notified of his failure to file 2021 and 2023 Pre-Election CDRs when the Complaint was hand-delivered to him on March 7, 2025. The Panel therefore finds that Respondent has accrued the maximum late-filing penalty of \$5,000.00 per report.

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DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel has determined, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent Fletcher M. Ready, III, is in violation of one (1) count of Section 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain campaign records, two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to file a Pre-Election CDR prior to his November 2, 2021, general election and his November 7, 2023, election, and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to make campaign expenditures through his campaign bank account.

THEREFORE, Respondent is hereby Publicly Reprimanded and assessed a reduced late-filing penalty of \$1,450.00, a reduced civil penalty of \$1,000.00, and an administrative fee of \$1,400.00, for a total of \$3,850.00.

AND, pursuant to Section 8-13-320 of the Ethics Act, if the \$3,850.00 is not paid in full within twelve (12) months from Respondent's receipt of this Order, the total amount owed shall revert to the maximum possible assessment of \$15,400.00 (a late-filing penalty of \$10,000.00, a civil penalty of \$4,000.00, and an administrative fee of \$1,400.00) and the Commission shall enter a judgment against Respondent in the amount of \$15,400.00 with the Clerk of Court's Office in the County of Respondent's last known residence. In that event, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$15,400.00 in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

FINALLY, Respondent Fletcher M. Ready, III, has ten (10) days from receipt of this Order to appeal this Decision and Order to the full Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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NEAL D. TRUSLOW, HEARING CHAIR

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December 1, 2023: \$200.00 penalty letter is sent certified for failure to file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure between October 13, 2021 and October 18, 2021 for the November 2, 2021 election for Town of Fairfax Council, and a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure was due between October 18, 2023 and October 23, 2023 for the November 7, 2023 election for Town of Fairfax Mayor.

January 17, 2024: The certified letter is returned as “Return to Sender – Unclaimed”.

January 26, 2024: The certified letter is re-mailed first class with a United States Postal Service tracking number.

February 1, 2024: According to the United States Postal Service, the first-class letter is delivered at the PO Box at 8:16 a.m.

February 11, 2024: Penalties begin accruing at \$20 per day for the first ten days.

February 21, 2024: Penalties begin accruing at \$200 per day.

October 23, 2024: Enforcement Department staff calls Mr. Ready prior to a complaint and leaves a voicemail. In addition, he is sent an email.

January 14, 2025: After no response, complaint is filed.

Previous or Current Non-Compliance

C2020-007	Paid \$700.00
Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure (due 1-19-16) and 2016 Statement of Economic Interests	Paid through GEAR
2020, 2021, and 2022 Statement of Economic Interests	GEAR

From: Caughman, Erin <ecaughman@ethics.sc.gov>
Sent on: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:31:00 PM
To: K Ready <kreadytof@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Ethics Commission Final Attempt for Contact

Hi Mr. Ready,

Thank you for getting back to me. I see in February 2024 you filed a Final Report for your 2017 election, however, a Pre-Election Report needs to be done for every election that you are in.

Since your elections are in the past, a member of staff will need to add the dates in for your 2021 and 2023 elections. Mel Baldwin works in our Non-Compliance department and has the information needed to walk you through how file the two Pre-Election reports. He can be reached at (803) 253-4192.

Thanks.

Erin Caughman

From: K Ready <kreadytof@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Caughman, Erin <ecaughman@ethics.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Ethics Commission Final Attempt for Contact

Ms. Caughman,
I apologize because I do not understand this. You can check my login on the website. I logged in and submitted the reports it showed I needed to report shortly after I received the letter. If they are not reported then I will need a contact person to help me through this.

Thanks,
Ken Ready

On Oct 23, 2024, at 11:46 AM, Caughman, Erin <ecaughman@ethics.sc.gov> wrote

Mr. Ready,

You have delinquent reports due to our office (2021 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report and 2023 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report). I have attached the letter that was mailed to you in January 2024.

You have ten (10) business days to file these reports or complain action may be taken. If you would like assistance with filing these reports, please call us at (803) 253-4192 and ask for Mel Baldwin.

Thanks,

Erin Caughman
Administrator - Enforcement Division

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January 30, 2024, 9:12 pm

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January 29, 2024, 6:49 am

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January 28, 2024, 11:58 am

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January 28, 2024, 10:49 am

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January 28, 2024, 10:46 am

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COLUMBIA SC PROCESSING CENTER

January 27, 2024, 11:04 am

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January 26, 2024
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Mr. Fletcher M. Ready

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Dear Mr. Ready:

This is not a form letter. You are receiving this letter because you are currently in violation of the Ethics Reform Act. As a City Councilmember for Fairfax and a candidate for Fairfax Mayor, you are subject to the Ethics Reform Act, which is the body of laws that govern public officials, public members, and public employees.

Continued delays in filing the Campaign Disclosures will result in accrual of late filing penalties with a maximum penalty of \$10,000.00.

Please be advised that this letter only addresses late or missing reports, and you could still be subject to a random audit regarding illegal contributions and expenditures. While reviewing your Campaign Disclosures and Statements of Economic Interests, the following deficiencies were discovered:

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The 2022 Statement of Economic Interests, which was due on March 30, 2022, was filed on March 31, 2023.

In accordance with Section 8-13-1510, South Carolina Code Ann., 1976, as amended, a late filing penalty of \$500.00 is hereby levied. If the required reports are not filed electronically within ten calendar days of receipt of this letter, additional penalties will be levied at \$10 per day per report for the first ten days and \$100 per day

per report for each additional day until the penalty reaches \$5,000 per report, and a complaint will be filed against you. Failure to file is a misdemeanor. After the maximum civil penalty has been levied, this matter may be referred to Magistrate's Court for criminal prosecution.

If extenuating circumstances prevented you from filing the reports as required, you may file a written appeal of this late filing penalty. A response to your appeal is typically sent within ninety days. To file an appeal, you must do the following within ten (10) days of the date you receive this letter:

- Send a personal check or money order made payable to the State Ethics Commission
- File all missing reports online at <https://ethicsfiling.sc.gov/filing/home>
- Provide a written statement describing any extenuating circumstances and include any supporting documentation.

Please be advised that all appeals must be in writing and must follow the above directions. NO phone, fax, or e-mail appeals will be accepted. This matter will also be referred to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for collection, and the penalty amount and your name, address (city) and position will be posted on the State Ethics Commission's website if you fail to pay the penalty. Please contact this office if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,

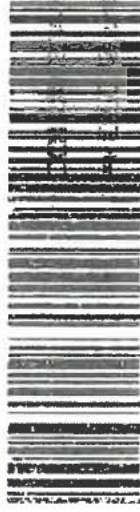


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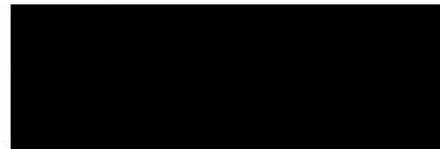
per report for each additional day until the penalty reaches \$5,000 per report, and a complaint will be filed against you. Failure to file is a misdemeanor. After the maximum civil penalty has been levied, this matter may be referred to Magistrate's Court for criminal prosecution.

If extenuating circumstances prevented you from filing the reports as required, you may file a written appeal of this late filing penalty. A response to your appeal is typically sent within ninety days. To file an appeal, you must do the following within ten (10) days of the date you receive this letter:

- Send a personal check or money order made payable to the State Ethics Commission
- File all missing reports online at <https://ethicsfiling.sc.gov/filing/home>
- Provide a written statement describing any extenuating circumstances and include any supporting documentation.

Please be advised that all appeals must be in writing and must follow the above directions. NO phone, fax, or e-mail appeals will be accepted. This matter will also be referred to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for collection, and the penalty amount and your name, address (city) and position will be posted on the State Ethics Commission's website if you fail to pay the penalty. Please contact this office if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,



Lindsey New
Administrative Coordinator I

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Statement of Intention of Candidacy - Nonpartisan


- This form must be completed by a candidate seeking nonpartisan office. Contact the receiving authority for filing deadlines.
- The S.C. Constitution prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony from filing for public office for 15 years after the completion of the sentence, including probation and parole time, unless previously pardoned.

Name	Fletcher M Ready III		
Office	Town Council		
County or City	FAIRFAX	Election Date	11-2-2021
Address	POB 915	City	FAIRFAX
Email Address	KReadyTof@yahoo.com	Zip	229827
Telephone	Cell 803-686-0760	Home	
Voter Registration Number	232467782	Work	
<p>Guidelines for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A given name or a derivative may be used ▪ The name may not contain quotations, parentheses, or other distinguishing marks ▪ Nicknames are allowed if they are used in good faith for honest purposes and do not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imply professional or social status ▪ Include an office or military rank ▪ Exceed 15 letters 			
Name as you wish it to appear on ballot (please print)	Kew Ready		

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Candidate's Oath
I affirm I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, the qualifications for this office.

Candidate's Signature: 

Date Completed by Receiving Authority			
Date Received	11 Aug 2021	Time Received	3:53
Received By		Filing Fee Amount Paid	100 ⁰⁰
		Receiving Authority	Clerk

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Name	Fletcher M Ready				
Office	Mayor				
County or City	Fairfax	Election Date	November 7th, 2023		
Address	PO Box 915	City	Fairfax	Zip	29827
Email Address	kreadytof@yahoo.com				
Telephone	Cell	803-686-0760	Home		Work
Voter Registration Number	032467482				
Guidelines for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot:					
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Name as you wish it to appear on ballot (please print)	Ken Ready				

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Candidate's Oath	
I affirm I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, the qualifications for this office.	
Candidate's Signature	[REDACTED]

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Reply Reply All Forward

Good Afternoon,

By now, you should have received a letter from the State Ethics Commission congratulating you on your recent election victory, advising you of continued duties related to the Ethics Reform Act, and inviting you to a virtual ethics training designed for newly elected officials. This training will take place on Monday December 6, 2021 at 5:15 PM.

Running afoul of the Ethics Reform Act can lead to costly fines and penalties. Please join us for training so that we can help you navigate your duties as an elected official.

To register for training, you simply need to email us at candidateinformation@ethics.sc.gov and request a link.

If you have already registered and received a link, please ignore this email.

Thanks,

Meghan L. Walker

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