

2010 Democratic Primary Candidates

Governor

A. Robert Ford

1. Bio- Born in New Orleans, LA. Attended Wayne State University and Grambling State University. Expelled from Grambling for civil rights activities. Mr. Ford was arrested 73 times for his civil rights activities. .1974-92 Served on the Charleston City Council. 1993-Present, serving in SC State Senate. 1991 Received the Harvey Gannett Triumphant Award. 1994 received the Legislator of the Year award from the SC Physical Therapy Association. Real Estate Developer. Single.
2. Mr. Ford would like to bring Video Gambling back to State of SC. He feels it will add 4 Billion dollars to SC economy. Create 40,000 jobs. Create 3000 small businesses in SC. Generate 1 Billion in new tax revenues for SC. He doesn't see need to cut taxes.
3. He advocates for vouchers and tax credits for private school tuition, going against many of his Democrat colleagues.
4. He has often opposed goals of Gov. Mark Sanford. Voted No on Immigration Reform. Voted No on increase of roll call votes in the Senate and continues to oppose and prevent H 3047 from coming to floor of Senate. Voted Yes on increasing Cigarette Tax.

B. Vincent Sheehan

1. Born in Camden, SC. 1993 Earned B.A. from Clemson University. 1996 J.D. from University of South Carolina. 1996-98- Law Clerk for U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Anderson Jr. 2000- Prosecutor for City of Camden. 1998-01 Adjunct Instructor University of SC School of Law. 2001-04 Served in the SC House of Representatives. 2004-Present State Senator serving Chesterfield, Kershaw and Lancaster Counties Married with three children
2. Advocates of comprehensive tax reform.. Recruiting jobs and businesses in our state. Economic development for new and growing sectors of our economy such as alternative energy production and health care.
3. Equitable funding for public schools. Against Vouchers and tax credits for private school tuitions.

C. Jim Rex

1. Bio-Born in Toledo, OH. Graduated from University of Toledo with B.A. in English, Masters in Education Administration, Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction. Lives on Lake Wateree in Fairfield County. 2007-Present State Superintendent of Education. Married with four children.
2. He opposes vouchers and tax credits for private school tuition but favors public school choice plans like Charter and Montessori schools.
3. He has short term and long term jobs plan which include making GED free to those that cannot afford it. Extend unemployment benefits for those getting retrained in high demand fields. Tuition reimbursement. Overhaul the Security Commission. Expand Certified SC. Support small business by focusing help to expand in our state by decreasing taxes and red tape so they

can afford health care and business services. Micro finance credit programs with private sector partners.

4. Jobs for South Carolinians not illegal immigrants.

State Superintendent of Education

A. Frank Holleman

1. Bio-Born in Seneca, SC. 1976 B.A. from Furman University. 1979 J.D. Harvard University. 1981 M. Sc. London School of Economics and Political Science. Ex Deputy Secretary of Education. Was Chief of Staff to U.S. Secretary of Education, Dick Riley. Presently practicing business and commercial law. Married with three children.
2. His number one priority is to focus on early education.. He opposes vouchers and tax credits for private schools but does support Charter Schools and school choice within the public system.

B. Thom Thompson

1. Bio-Born in Chicago, IL. 1970 B.A. from University of Illinois. 1974 Master of Education in Secondary Education-Mathematics. 1977 Doctor of Education in Education Administration. Former High School Principal and Math Teacher. Presently Dean of South Carolina State University. Unmarried has two children.
2. Opposes vouchers, he prefers to support public education because he feels strong public schools attract businesses to the state and spurs economic development. He advocates for strong parental and community involvement with genuine partnerships between teachers, students parents and administrators.

United States Senator

A. Vic Rawl

1. Bio-born on Johns Island, SC. 1968 Graduated from College of Charleston. 1973 University of South Carolina School of Law. Officer in SC National Guard retired as Lt. Colonel. 1973-1986 in private law practice. 1977-78. Served in SC House of Representatives. 1991-2003 Ex Circuit Court Judge. 2008 Came out of retirement to serve on the Charleston County Council. Married with one child.
2. He favors National Health Care and Champions Obamacare.
3. He wants to bring in federal resources to improve our schools and colleges.
4. Appears to believe in Big Government
5. Favors internet regulation "Net Neutrality"
6. He wants to simplify the tax code but does not want to cut government services.
7. He advocates for 2nd amendment rights.

B. Alvin Greene

1. Bio- Very little is known about Mr. Greene except he is an unemployed Army Veteran from Manning, SC who used his own funds to pay the \$10,400 filing fee. But has not filed with the Secretary of the Senate in Washington, DC nor has he filed any disclosure reports. With the Federal Election Commission.