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Charli Wessinger for County Council
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Dear Constituent:

In lieu of “door knocking” during the COVID19, I’m Charli Wessinger, a concerned citizen, born and raised in Chapin, SC. **I’m running for Lexington County Council District 6 to safeguard the traditions and culture of our community which can only be preserved through sustainable growth and conventional practices.** Our duty is to preserve and protect our landscape and community assets for our future generations.

Over the past several years, I have assisted in rezoning initiatives in the unincorporated Chapin area. I have been successful in working with our Councilwoman Erin Long Bergeson to bring about these changes. After many conversations about the future of our community, Councilwoman Bergeson nourished the flame in my heart for responsibility and sustainability in our community.

I grew up in Chapin, was involved in band, dance and many family reunions that took place on Pine Island in Irmo, to various places in Chapin and Little Mountain. I loved playing on Lake Murray growing up and still enjoy my lake time as an adult. I am a graduate of Chapin High School and Newberry College with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. I attained my Master’s degree in Education from Nova Southeastern University, with additional graduate credits and professional certificates. I have worked in higher education for over 23 years. I have served on the Newberry College Alumni Board of Managers since 2009, served on the Greater Chapin Community Foundation Board of Advisers, from 2013-2019, and started the “One Chapin” Facebook community page.

Between 1994 -2007, I resided in several southeastern cities, including Raleigh, Charlotte, Charleston, Hilton Head and Orlando, which allowed me to develop a good perspective. I am an advocate in our community, and love nature. My sister and I took over Bear Creek Christmas Tree Farm in Chapin, after our father Charles, passed away in 2011. We also took over our father’s honey bees and both of us became certified beekeepers. I teach a Honey Bee education course each year, and enjoy enlightening students on how beneficial honey bees are for our daily lives. In addition to my honey bees, I have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 3 cats and 2 dogs! I also love art, nature, the lake and photography in my spare time!

I share the above information with you to show that I am not a career politician and I am entering into this political arena for the future of our community. When I returned to Chapin in 2007, I realized even more how much I value this community, and how important it is that we protect it from being

destroyed. I'm glad that I was able to live in some different cities because it truly made me realize the importance of home and community. The knowledge I gained from residing in those other cities, enhanced my desire in shaping the future of our community.

I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve you and our community. I will be using social media to advise the community about my campaign. **Most importantly, I need and appreciate your support in letting your friends, family and neighbors know that I am here to work for you.**

Please consider supporting me by making a campaign contribution in any amount that you are able. Your contribution will assist me in securing campaign materials such as signs, mailings, postage, etc. I have an account established at Well Fargo, please make checks in any amount payable to: "Charli Wessinger for County Council". I can also accept contribution gifts online with Paypal: paypal.me/Charli4CountyCouncil. **Campaign contributions are not necessary, but your support on June 9th is!** Please let me know your preference on how you can help, especially if you would like to represent me at the poles on June 9th.

My goals are to protect what we have in our community going forward. As your elected representative, I will continue with efforts that Councilwoman Bergeson has started. This includes stricter zoning ordinances, continued development of a comprehensive plan, more stringent development practices and standards to prevent storm water damage, as well as the preservation of our resources to protect what we have from over-development.

If you would like a yard sign, have any concerns or questions, and wish to contact me, I can be reached by phone at 803.605.3155 or email at CharliWessinger@gmail.com.

It's time for a comprehensive look at our community while working together with our municipalities for a future of which we ALL can be proud. Thank you for your support as we work together and don't forget to vote in the June 9th primaries. I have enclosed a business card as a reminder of my intentions as your elected representative.

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