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[BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN CHALLENGE THE GOP]

BEAUFORT, SC, March 28, 2024 - As Women's History Month draws to a close, Beaufort County Democrats arrived in force at the Board of Elections today to file a record-breaking slate of women candidates for the South Carolina House and Senate.

Retired Navy veteran and journalist, Gwyneth Saunders has filed for Senate District 46, currently held by Tom Davis. Five newcomers from Beaufort County have filed to unseat long-time Republican legislators in the House. Charity Owens (District 118), Kate Creech (District 120), Lisette Cifaldi (District 123), Audrey Hopkins Williams (District 122), and Melinda Henrickson (District 124). If elected in November, they will join Sen. Margie Bright Matthews (D -District 45), and Rep. Michael Rivers (D - District 121) who have both filed for re-election to round out the Beaufort County delegation. In addition to the stellar slate of state-level candidates, Bluffton resident Sarah McCarty has also filed to run for Beaufort County Council in District 7. If she wins her bid in November, she will join Gerald Dawson (District 1) and York Glover (District 3) who have both filed for re-election.

BCDP Chairwoman Kathleen Hughes stated, "Democrats are committed to giving voters, especially women, a choice in this election. Over 55% of registered voters in South Carolina are women and they deserve representatives that understand their concerns." The Democrats have recruited an impressive slate of candidates with diverse backgrounds in military service, small business ownership, mental healthcare, and victims-rights advocacy. Hughes adds, "Beaufort County voters want leaders who represent the values we hold dear: personal freedom, environmental stewardship, thriving public education, and safe communities. With this historic slate of candidates, every Beaufort County voter will have a choice on their ballot this fall."

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