SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 01
2018 RACE FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mark Sanford (Republican): 2018 Incumbent. Served as South Carolina member of Congress from 1995-2001. Left as a member of congress to become the Governor of South Carolina in 2003. Served as the Governor of South Carolina from 2003-2011. In May of 2013 a special election for the South Carolina house seat was held. Tim Scott who had held the seat was appointed by Nicki Haley to fill a senate seat that was open when Jim DeMint announced he was retiring. Mark Sanford won the election and held the seat until 2018.

Katie Arrington (Republican): Defeated Mark Sanford in primary on June 12, 2018 in race for South Carolina House seat. Served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from the 94th district since 2017. Lost the election on November 6, 2018 to Joe Cunningham (D).

Joe Cunningham (Democrat): Won the democrat primary on June 12, 2018 after defeating Toby Smith. Won the election on November 6, 2018 by defeating Katie Arrington. Joe has never served in public office. Joe is an attorney and before that he worked as an ocean engineer.
My daily journey into the world of politics did not begin until April of 2015. Although I have voted in every Presidential Election since turning 18, I was never one to follow what was going on. I was a registered voter who was too busy with everyday life: going to college and graduating with a degree in Nursing, getting married, raising children, or working as a nurse. My political journey changed in April of 2015 when the residents of Baltimore began burning area businesses out of their frustration of the injustices they felt in regard to the death of Freddie Gray. I am stating this all up front because I want the reader to know that some of what you are reading initially is my personal opinion. You will then read about the research done and the facts discovered in the race for the Congressional seat in South Carolina District 01.

We moved as a family from Ohio to South Carolina in 2012. My first election in South Carolina was the Presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. At this time, Tim Scott was also on the ballot for US House of Representatives. Tim Scott left the seat in 2013 to replace Jim DeMint who was then the Senator for South Carolina. DeMint was retiring and Nikki Haley, who was the current Governor, appointed Scott to the seat. This left the house seat empty. Mark Sanford ran and won the seat.

I started to become disappointed in Mark Sanford in 2016. I was not happy to see my Congressman get off a plane with President Obama in Cuba. I was even more disappointed in Sanford when he voted to close the Guantanamo prison. Sanford is always good on votes when it comes to money and being a fiscal conservative, yet when it comes to social issues like healthcare and immigration I felt he was out of touch with his constituents. During the 2016 primary, I supported and voted for Jenny Horne. Unfortunately, Jenny lost in the primary and Sanford went on to win the general election. After the win of President Trump and even before Trump winning the election, Mark Sanford was an outspoken critic of the President. He did not endorse President Trump and when speaking with the press about the President, he often had something negative to say. Mark Sanford is guaranteed the same constitutional rights as I am, but as an elected official of a state Donald Trump won in double digits, I felt he would have done better to represent his constituents and refrain from the negative Trump bashing.

In May, our family received a mailer from Katie Arrington stating that she was not only a supporter of President Trump, but also someone who agreed with many of his policies. I immediately placed it on the calendar and set a reminder for my husband and I to vote in the primary. I also sent an email to friends and family who supported the President and who also were disappointed in Mark Sanford.

June 12, 2018 was a wonderful day in South Carolina! What a blessing and huge win for Katie Arrington to have defeated Mark Sanford! Once Katie won this election, I knew that I would sign up to be a volunteer to help campaign for her in the General Election.
Tragedy Hits

On Friday June 22, 2018 around 9:00 pm tragedy struck in South Carolina. Katie Arrington, who had just won the Republican primary against Mark Sanford on June 12, 2018, was traveling as a passenger in a car the car was hit head on. Katie was in critical condition with multiple broken bones and would require multiple surgeries as a result of the accident.

On June 23, 2018 Joe Cunningham came out publicly to offer his support and prayers for Katie. He also stated he would suspend his campaign activities until further notice.

Other dates of importance:
- July 6, 2018 Katie was released from the hospital
- July 16, 2018 Katie is back on the campaign trail and has her first campaign event since the accident
- June 26, 2018 Joe Cunningham is on the beach and in Isle of Palms
- June 28, 2018 just 5 days after saying he was suspending his campaign, Joe Cunningham is back campaigning
- June 29, 2018 Fec.org shows fundraising and donations through Act Blue
- June 30, 2018 More Act Blue donations
- July 5, 2018 Joe Cunningham is with the Isle of Palms mayor, Jimmy Carroll
- July 9, 2018 While Katie was home recovering after just being released from the hospital three mayors came out for their support and endorsement of Joe Cunningham; Patrick O’Neil (Sullivan’s Island), Billy Keyserling (Beaufort), and Miriam Green (Awendaw)

The following are some newspaper articles that back up the above:


https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/more-coastal-mayors-endorsing-joe-cunningham-over-offshore-drilling/article_bdafb6cc-8383-11e8-800f-b7f1fa703d78.html
Sample of Each Candidate’s Policies/Agenda

Katie Arrington’s agenda:

- Against career politicians & D.C. corruption
- Would donate two-thirds of salary to charity
- Would forgo Congressional perks including pension
- Believes in term limits, would only serve 8 years if elected
- Would create jobs for LowCountry
- Would protect the environment
- **Opposes offshore drilling**
- Would invest in our infrastructure
  - Fix roads, low areas where flooding occurs, repair bridges
- Would make tax cuts permanent
- Would cut federal spending and reduce the size of government
- Supports the Constitution and the 2\textsuperscript{nd} amendment
- Pro-life candidate
  - Would defund planned parenthood
- believes parents should have a say and choice in their children’s education

Joe Cunningham’s agenda

- Says no to offshore drilling
- Believes D.C. is full of corruption
- Would serve only 3 terms (6 years) if elected
- I have NOT taken one dime from a PAC or special interest group
- Supports the troops
- Believes healthcare is a right not a privilege
- Is against Trump tariffs and would vote to overturn them
- Believes our “democracy” is under attack
- Believes POLITICIANS are making it HARDER for people to vote
- Supports abortion
- **Second Amendment**
  - Talks out of two sides of his mouth. First, he says he is a gun owner and supporter of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} amendment. Then he says he wants to ban bump stocks and that assault rifles should ONLY be available to the military.
I began volunteering for the county Republican Headquarters after Labor Day. My first time meeting Katie Arrington and hearing her speak was on September 22, 2018. Katie came to our campaign office for a rally. I was very impressed with her toughness, determination, and strength. I had no second guesses about fully supporting her for the General Election. I will admit that I did vote for her in the primary to defeat Mark Sanford, but I was not watching local politics closely (paying more attention to national politics) and enjoying the summer with the kids being home, as well as traveling. Day to day campaigning between Katie and Joe and paying attention to this local race did not start for me until middle of September.

Researching the opponent: As we got closer to the election, yard/campaign signs began to appear across the county. One thing that was clear about Joe Cunningham’s campaign signs was that his party affiliation was missing.

Joe used a “low country over party” slogan. Other things I noticed about Joe’s ties to the Democrat party was on his campaign website. When you are on the homepage of his website, the word “Democrat” is conveniently missing. A voter would have to do a bit of searching to find what party he truly represents. Lastly, I noticed that in newspaper articles, local reporters would always refer to Joe as a “moderate democrat.”


As I stated earlier, I was a daily volunteer at the county Republican headquarters. I went into the campaign office in the afternoon and would be there until the office closed, come home to eat dinner, and then continue doing things at home (ie, postcards, calling volunteers to come into the office or to help with an event, emails, etc). We were getting closer to the election and my time spent on social media was very limited because I was so busy at the office. One night in early October, I was on Twitter and for the first time, I looked up Joe Cunningham’s profile and tweets. I was taken aback by what I had discovered.
Joe is the youngest of five children. I found tweets from Joe’s brother, Luke Cunningham, and then more tweets by another brother and that brother’s wife. My initial reaction was one of pure disgust and honestly, I was embarrassed for this family.

I have an older sibling and a younger sibling. If either of my siblings ever ran for Congress, I would support either of them and would want them to win. What I cannot imagine doing is attacking their opponent daily on social media with not only lies, but constant name calling. This made me realize two things: the first, I wondered if Joe is a big enough boy to go to Congress and hold his own. Does he need his siblings to come to Congress with him? Any time baby brother has someone disagree with him or call him a name will the big brothers attack with name calling and lies? Secondly, it made me think of the Cunningham family getting together for family get-togethers. If this is how two siblings and a sister-in-law speak openly on social media about his brother’s opponent, how does this family talk when they are behind closed doors in a family setting?

I noticed that Joe had multiple accounts attacking Katie on social media (Twitter and Facebook). People often accused Katie on social media of being a supporter of drilling on the coast of SC, against protecting people with preexisting conditions in regards to healthcare, a racist for wanting a border wall and better security, claiming she was too stupid to understand laws, attacking her because she was in a car accident. The list goes on and on. I have screenshots of some of the tweets Katie received on Twitter. THIS WAS A DAILY OCCURRENCE. I never once saw Katie say anything negative to these tweeters.

I tried on several occasions to point these tweets out to the public. I wanted the public to see how the left talked to Katie. In trying to share this information, I learned that my Twitter account was being censored and shadow banned. I do believe that Twitter was working with Democrat candidates to help remove any tweets that showed a Conservative or differing opinion.

Before I show the tweets I captured, I’d like to point out that Katie Arrington did not finish college and does not have a college degree. According to the people who tweeted her, they claimed that because she has no degree she would be unfit to understand law and therefore unfit for office. I’d like to just point out that George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman never had a college degree. These are just three examples of men who went on to lead the country and become President.
Luke Cunningham
@lukecunningham9

Replying to @karringtonsc
It’s a ‘lever’ Katie. A lever. Just because you didn’t make it past 12th grade doesn’t mean you can’t use spellcheck.
10/4/18, 4:57 PM

Luke Cunningham
@lukecunningham9

Replying to @chsj1417 @TrumpsSCGirl and 6 others
Lady, it’s simple: put their resumes side by side. Joe has more experience dealing w local/state govt, environmental issues (which charleston tourism hinges on) and he —unlike Katie—can actually understand the laws he will help pass. More experience + education=better candidate.
10/7/18, 11:29 AM

Luke Cunningham
@lukecunningham9

Replying to @just wanderedin and @karringtonsc
I assume it was made by a 124yr-old lady at one of her riveting campaign stops.

The incorrect punctuation & terribly-worded copy however has all the telltale signs of @karringtonsc’s work.
#makeCopyEditingGreatAgain #actuallyJustQuitTryingAltogether
9/27/18, 11:50 PM
Shown are only some of the tweets that were a daily occurrence. I always find it interesting that the left claims to be the party of love, supporting all types of people, and to be intolerant of hate. I found Luke’s tweets to be the most hypocritical of this. He was always quick with an insult when Katie visited a nursing home or was pictured with the elderly, quick to make fun of the homeless, and quick to attack Katie on her education. He would constantly refer to someone who worked on Katie’s campaign as “girl” when the man’s name is Gil. There are hundreds of examples just like these on Twitter. I captured those above in case the family members decided to delete them. Besides saying rude things to Katie daily, they also took the time to make memes. The memes were all in reference to either claiming Katie supporting offshore drilling or making fun of her looks.

I brought up the tweets and my concerns after discovering Twitter was censoring hashtags and replies by conservatives to my peers at our Campaign headquarters. We decided to write an
editorial for the local papers. My husband wrote the editorial and submitted it to the Island Packet. Instead of printing his opinion in an editorial column, he got a response saying he needed to change or delete the last two sentences of his editorial. The email suggested that sounded like he was endorsing Katie Arrington. I’m sorry, but what is the point of an editorial or opinion column if you cannot state your opinion? Needless to say, this frustrated and discouraged my husband from changing his opinion and he would not delete anything he wrote.

Below is the copy of the editorial:

I recently saw some tweets from Joe Cunningham’s brother, Luke, attacking Katie Arrington’s lack of experience and college degree. (Cunningham is a candidate running against Republican Katie Arrington for the 1st Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.) Luke Cunningham tweeted, “…more experience + education = better candidate.” Mr. Cunningham’s brother falsely assumes that a degree, by default, makes someone more qualified. George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman are just a few of our former U.S. Presidents who didn’t have college degrees, but they seemed to do very well. College degrees don’t guarantee personal success. Someone who possesses knowledge, real-world experience, and the ability to make wise decisions often translates into success.

Katie may not have a college degree, but she has real-world experience. She has overcome tremendous obstacles in her life and continues to fight, win, and be successful. She has moxie and gumption. She says what she means and means what she says. Regarding policies, you know exactly where she stands. (Check out votekatiearrington.com) Katie’s opponent, however, I’m not sure he even knows where he stands. All I’ve witnessed from Cunningham’s camp is the all too familiar rhetoric that seems to be perpetuated among the left; attack, hurl false accusations, spread lies and vitriol about the “evil” Republican candidates, like Katie Arrington. The Lowcountry doesn’t need another slick politician, hurling the same familiar, leftist talking points. We need a fighter. Katie is a fighter. She’ll fight for us in the Lowcountry.

Here is a photo of the door knocker Katie’s campaign had us use to pass out to voters.

In the second photo and printed on Katie’s door knocker is “Oppose drilling off SC coast.”
On October 16, 2018 I had the opportunity to attend the debate in Charleston between Katie and Joe. Two other volunteers and I drove from Beaufort to Charleston for the event. After the debate, false statements again began making the rounds on social media.

The above photo was taken as I was seated and waiting for the candidates to take the stage. What you do not see is that there is a set of stairs off to the right if looking at the photo, but to the left if you were standing on the stage. The debate was streamed live and is available on YouTube. Right after the debate ended, Joe walked over to the table to the left and shook hands with the three people who were designated to ask some questions. Katie walked over to the stairs and was met by her husband who helped her down the steps. The two of them walked hand in hand over to well-wishers and their family. She was down with family and friends for approximately 5 minutes. She then walked back onto the stage to shake hands. Social media had made small videos of Joe and had plastered a rumor that Katie ignored the judges and did not shake their hands. This is simply not true, and the live stream cut off what happened.

October 27, 2018 Joe Cunningham’s campaign began sending out mailers. Although in South Carolina we do not register by party, we are asked during primaries if we’d prefer a Democrat or Republican ballot. I only vote Republican. Part of Joe’s strategy was to target Republican voters. Interesting though to point out that again the word “Democrat” is missing off this mailer. The mailer even goes so far to say “independent voice.”
On the last page left hand corner, the recipient can see that the mailer was funded by the South Carolina Democrat party. This is cropped because this is also where my address is.

October 31, 2018 again Republicans are targeted with Joe Cunningham mailers.
October 31, 2018 Republicans begin receiving text messages from MoveOn.org. MoveOn was founded by George Soros. It is also heavily funded by Soros. Second, MoveOn is a political action committee (PAC).

The video that MoveOn was promoting in the text message was of Republicans who came out in support of Joe Cunningham.

I am not suggesting that any of this is illegal or against campaign rules. I am just pointing out some of the ways Joe was targeting voters and deceiving himself to be a “moderate” and or “independent”. He’s a Democrat and, as you will see later, he is a hard-core Democrat who deceived voters by acting as someone he is not. I’d like to know why he didn’t yell from the rooftops that he’s a Democrat and wear it as a badge of honor. The answer is easy, he knew he was in an uphill battle in a red state that has had a Republican member of congress since 1981.

On November 3, 2018, Eric Holder came to Charleston to endorse and campaign for Joe Cunningham. Joe is someone who is a frequent user of social media (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) to show the support he has received from Joe Biden, mayors, governors, etc. He had the Attorney General campaign for him and he did not share this information on his social media anywhere. Ask yourself why? Could it be because Eric Holder had recently been caught on video stating “Michelle always says when they go low, we go high.” “No, no when they go low we kick them.” “That’s what this new Democratic party is about.” These comments by Holder were made on October 7, 2018, when he was at a rally in support of gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams.
November 5, 2018: The day before the election, Joe Cunningham was in West Ashley visiting polling locations. He even went so far to show video and photos of himself on social media. He is seen in photos taking selfies, hugging children, and talking with voters. He is shown at the door as voters are walking into vote. HE WAS NOT AT THE LOCATION TO VOTE! Joe voted on November 6, 2018.

https://twitter.com/JoeCunninghamSC/status/1059479182059753472

https://twitter.com/JoeCunninghamSC/status/1059511743758680067

Below is a list of candidate do’s and don’ts from the website www.scvotes.org
Joe Cunningham is an attorney. According to his brother, Luke, he above anyone knows best how to understand the law.

Candidate Do’s and Don’ts

A nickname may be used on the ballot if it does not exceed 15 letters, does not imply professional or social status, is a derivative of your given name properly acquired, or bears no relation to your given name but it is used in good faith.

It is permissible for a candidate to be stationed outside the polling place but within the above stated 200 feet area, greet voters and solicit votes, provided there are no complaints by voters to the managers regarding this activity, or as long as in the manager’s judgment there is no disruption of the orderly election process. Candidates may not display or distribute campaign
literature within this 200 foot area. A candidate may wear a badge no larger than 4 ¼"x 4 ¼"
within 200 feet of the entrance to the polling place. This label may contain the candidate's
name and office sought.

The candidate may enter the polling place, but the candidate's badge must be removed before entering (Section 7-25-180 (b)). A candidate may not actively campaign inside the polling place. Candidates and poll watchers should be permitted to look at the voter registration list in the polling place, provided that they do not interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and no one is waiting in line to vote.

A candidate or member of a candidate's paid campaign staff, including volunteers reimbursed for time expended on campaign activity, may not request an absentee ballot application for any person unless that person is a member of their immediate family.

*It is unlawful for any person to procure votes in an election by threat, intimidation, coercion, mistreatment, or abuse; or by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value.*

Placing posters on telephone/utility poles may be considered destruction of private property. Also, the staples and nails left in the poles are very dangerous for the workers who must climb these poles during an emergency. Utility companies ask candidates to not place signs on these poles.

November 6, 2018
One of the first races to be called on Fox News at 7:00 p.m was the race for Governor of South Carolina. Henry McMaster was called the winner. Throughout the night finding any information on the race for South Carolina district 1 was difficult. As the night went on we found that the race was too close to call. Reports of people still waiting in line to vote after 9:00 p.m. were also being reported. After midnight and in the early hours of November 7, 2018 the race was finally called. As someone who had spent hundreds of hours volunteering for Katie Arrington, I was very interested to find out where we went wrong. How we lost this race. Since November 6, 2018 I have spent countless hours researching this race and looking for ways to make sure that in 2020 we flip this seat back to one held by a Republican. The following is what I have found.

The Day of Election: On November 6, 2018, Joe Cunningham spent his day at polling locations. As the rules state, he is allowed to be at the polling location. He was though caught by people who went on Twitter to complain he was campaigning in line. One tweeter states he would jump in line like he was a voter if a poll worker came in his path. Another tweeter stated he got kicked out and Joe’s response was to laugh. Others even claim to have seen Joe handing out water and snacks to voters in line, and then an Instagram poster claimed that the “Joe Cunningham campaign” paid for pizza for voters in line.

Joe only won one county out of the five that make up South Carolina district 1, Charleston County. Everything that was reported by not only reporters, but voters took place in Charleston County.
“It is unlawful for any person to procure votes in an election by threat, intimidation, coercion, mistreatment, or abuse; or by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value.”

One of the rules is that it is unlawful to procure votes by money or other article of value. How can a candidate passing out goodies to voters and having his campaign buy voters pizza be legal? My question is if he went this far, what are the Democrats going to do next? Will candidates and their staff hand out money to voters? Joe is an attorney. To me, he should know better!

The following tweets (screenshots) were found at different times. I have tried to put them in chronological order by time.

Chloe is a reporter for Post and Courier. I never found any evidence that Joe was on Hilton Head or traveled to Hilton Head on the day of the election.
This voter took video of Joe Cunningham. She states he would act like a voter. He would jump in line. She was not the only one to state what she observed Joe doing.
This voter also claims that Joe was caught campaigning. It is apparent that even though he was asked to leave, he did not take the warning seriously. He simply would leave and go to another polling location or go back to the same polling location later in the day.

We waited in line to vote for over 3 hours out on Johns Island, SC. Joe Cunningham brought us water! 😊❤️
We are really pulling for him.
Confirmed. A woman just walked by us while we stood in line, at 7:45 pm. She JUST voted. She arrived here to vote at St. John’s High School at 4:15 pm! And in other news, Joe Cunningham has been out here on John’s Island, back and forth, all day. He just brought us water. Yay Joe.

According to this voter, she is pleased that Joe is passing out water. Also, by her own admission “Joe has been out here on John’s Island, back and forth, all day.”
Other questions of importance, it was reported by several people that poll workers did not show up on John’s Island. Was this reported to the Cunningham campaign? By having less people available to work was this a way that Joe was allowed to pass out water, snacks, and campaign to voters in line? Above is a tweet that states Joe was there to provide “moral support”. Do you need moral support to do your part in voting?

Natasha Giles @NatashaMHGiles · 5h
Replying to @southernpearle and @MaryCaitlinByrd
They were all in line by 7. As long as they are in line, they are able to vote. My hats off to them since it was a 3 to 4 hour wait. That’s how ALL polls work if people are in line. Nothing new there. Johns Island had 9 workers not show as well, but had record number of voters.

Natasha Giles @NatashaMHGiles · 5h
Replying to @OTCOMPH and @ABCNews4
Polling problems with machines today. Paper ballots need to be counted. Polls closed at 7, but people were in line until 10 pm in Johns Island. Same situation with Colleton County.
At one point on election day there were complaints about long lines. Voters reached out to the ACLU. The ACLU in return sent out tweets and notified the news organizations to allow voters to vote if they are in line by 7:00 p.m. This is the case in every election.


“But he spent several more hours talking to voters, handing out snacks to people in line at St. Johns High School after the polls had technically closed. That location had people in line hours after voting officially ended, and the final voter tweeted that he had made it through just before 10 p.m.”

“Spirits remained high at Cunningham’s party throughout the night, though results from Charleston County were slow to come in. Cunningham urged the crowd to be patient after he arrived at the American Theater in downtown Charleston around 11:20 p.m.”

These two paragraphs are direct quotes from a story written by Caitlin Byrd for the Post and Courier. As a REPORTER she tells us that Cunningham was passing out snacks and was at the polling location AFTER the location was technically closed.

Were there any poll watchers or poll workers present? Were there REPUBLICAN workers watching? St. John’s is the location that was short on workers. This is also the area that Cunningham spent a majority of his time.
The first is a tweet by @ScavSheriff who provides a link to his Instagram account. In the Instagram post and photo he tells who paid for pizza in the lines. Is this ethical to have a campaign and the Democrat County buying pizza for voters? The last interesting thing I found when researching was a news reporter. She is seen on camera walking past a woman with a wagon full of snacks. The woman with the snacks states in the video she SIGNED UP TO PROVIDE snacks to voters. Then, she can be heard saying she is a Democrat as she walks along with her wagon to pass out snacks.
Above is a link to the video on Alexis Simmons twitter. A voter questions the wagon lady and she states she volunteered to bring the snacks. I can honestly say as a volunteer we never ONE TIME IN OUR OFFICE talked about a need to bring snacks to voters. Is this a way to bribe voters to stand in line and vote? Do voters really need rewarded and goodies to show their civic duty? Do pizza, snacks, and water fall under “It is unlawful for any person to procure votes in an election by threat, intimidation, coercion, mistreatment, or abuse; or by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value.”

Lastly, this is Tyler Jones. He is on the FEC reports for Joe Cunningham as being his treasurer. Like Joe, Tyler was also canvassing polling locations. It would seem to me that since he is married and his wife was voting at “St Johns High School on Johns Island” that his polling location would be at the exact same place. Yet here he is talking about being in West Ashley at the Grace of Ashley church.
In 2016 I was a volunteer for the Trump campaign. On the day of the election a few other volunteers along with myself held signs at a polling location. We were well over 200 feet from the door. We were on the sidewalk waving to cars. If a voter engaged with us or asked for any kind of campaign materials, we would hand out left over bumper stickers. We told, and made it clear, to all voters that they could not show or display the bumper sticker when they went in to vote. It could not be seen. None of the volunteers were on the ballot that day. None of the volunteers were stopped once or asked about us being there. Not one time were we even within 300 feet of the door. We were always well over 200 feet. How is it okay for a candidate to be able to get away with what Joe Cunningham was caught doing? A candidate on the ballot. A candidate taking advantage of rules. Have we really gotten to the point in this country that we state long lines are “voter suppression?” That we need “moral support” from candidates to vote? That we need candidates in line paying for food?

Lastly, why does it appear that there are always two sets of rules for people? A man in South Carolina voted without a shirt on. He went to the polls with a Donald Trump shirt on. President Trump was NOT on the ballot this past election. The poll workers made this man take his shirt off. He voted shirtless!!! Yet at a polling location in Charleston this woman showed up in her “We will win” shirt along with her “I believe Dr. Christine Blasey Ford” button for all to see.


Appears that the motto for St Johns polling locations was anything goes!

**What is Mark Sanford up to?**

While combing through social media trying to find anyone who made posts or tweets about South Carolina District 01, I came across this post on Facebook. It appears that a friend of the person who wrote the original post copied it and then shared it on her Facebook page. The post was long and after I read it, I decided to look further into what the writer was claiming took place. Not knowing the person who wrote the post, I wanted to take the post with a grain of salt. I did, however, find that some of the claims in this post seem to be very true.

I want everyone in district 01 to know this. Who really is Mark Sanford? Katie Arrington has blamed Mark in so many words for her loss. Unfortunately, when Katie has stated publicly and alluded to Mark being a contributing factor in the loss, she has never given reasons why she makes these comments. Katie is a smart woman, and I am sure she is already aware of what was occurring behind the scenes.

It is a fact that Mark did not, and would not, come out and endorse Katie for the congressional seat. Is Mark a sore loser? Is he embarrassed he was beaten by a woman? Is he upset that his constituents term limited him? Mark has done no favors for himself, in my opinion, in the way that he speaks publicly about other Republican candidates.
Below is the Facebook post:

These are screenshots I took on my phone of the post. I am leaving out the other 5 screenshots, because the part that is of interest is the first photo in reference to Mark going to mayors and encouraging them to endorse Joe as well as Mark calling his big donors and asking them to give financially to Joe Cunningham. Fec.org records show and corroborate that some of Mark’s biggest donors did in fact donate to Joe. Fec.org records also show that Mark Sanford has a PAC. Some of his biggest donors after he lost donated money to the PAC. Is Mark anticipating running again in 2020?

Reminder, Katie was in the car accident on June 22, 2018.
July 5, 2018 Joe Cunningham is with the Isle of Palms mayor, Jimmy Carroll
July 9, 2018 While Katie was home recovering after just being released from the hospital three mayors came out for their support and endorsement of Joe Cunningham; Patrick O’Neil (Sullivan’s Island), Billy Keyserling (Beaufort), and Miriam Green (Awendaw)

Did Mark Sanford play a role in these mayors endorsing Joe?

Here are some quotes from Jimmy Carroll in an article on line. This was published on June 19, 2018 right after Katie defeated Mark in the primary.
“Carroll says Katie Arrington's victory over Congressman Mark Sanford in last week's primary election made him think twice about who to endorse in the general election.”

"Mark is a friend of mine. And he stood for the right things. And his loss was big one to me. But watching this next election come up, Joe Cunningham stands for what I stand for when it comes to protecting our environment," Mayor Carroll said.


Mayor Carroll came out with his endorsement of Mark prior to Katie’s car accident, but he also admits in the article that “Mark is a friend of his.”

Coincidentally, the same day that Carroll came out to endorse Cunningham, is also the same day that the mayor of Folly Beach, Tim Goodwin came out to endorse Cunningham.


This tweet sent by REPORTER for Post and Courier Caitlin Byrd struck me as alarming. “He’s been told there is no oil out in South Carolina waters.” “So why lift the ban?”
1. He is the mayor of Folly Beach. I too have heard that there is no oil in the South Carolina waters. If this is true, why are the constituents not aware of this? Why is the mayor endorsing Democrat Joe Cunningham over Katie Arrington on an issue that is the only issue Joe ran on if, in fact, he can find out if there is oil and if this issue is even an issue?

2. Why did REPORTER Caitlin Byrd not write a story and post this in the Post and Courier?

The same day that this meeting is happening, Joe Cunningham also sent out a tweet. Look at the difference in language when talking about off-shore drilling.

Trying to verify that Mark Sanford asked his biggest donors to donate to Joe Cunningham was time consuming. I was able to verify that yes, indeed this occurred. All of this information can be verified at fec.gov

I’m sure that there could possibly be more who donated to Joe by Mr. Sanford’s asking, unfortunately, by using ActBlue, some donors are able to stay anonymous and it becomes harder to verify names and addresses.

The Facebook post also states that Mr. Sanford was called out for doing this and that people found out about and were upset by it. Beginning in August 2018, 42 contributions came to the Lowcountry Palmetto PAC. Some of these are also the same donors who gave to Joe. This is the PAC under Mark Sanford’s name. It appears that perhaps Mark is planning on running again in 2020.

In my opinion, everyone in South Carolina district 01 needs to know what was occurring behind the scenes to have a better understanding. After researching this, I agree with the Facebook post and have verified by talking to people in the know that yes, in fact, Mark Sanford was asking his largest and most loyal donors to support the opponent of the opposing political party
as well as not endorsing the candidate that defeated him in a primary election! To me this is unethical and as dirty as dirty politics can get.

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As stated previously there are donations that only show ActBlue and do not show who the donation was made by, donors address, or occupation. There are two Actblue accounts that show up. One states that the donations to Joe Cunningham total $19,2613.27 in the election cycle. The other states the election total to date is $539,152.05 and shows the FEC ID # as C00401224. This FEC ID number is the same on both totals. I am not an expert on what this means or if these are two separate accounts for ActBlue for Joe Cunningham.

**Closer look at Joe Cunningham, who is he?**

As a constituent of South Carolina district 01, finding out about Joe and what he believes politically proved to be harder than it should have. His website was vague on policy or ideas. He seemed to run on one issue well and used this issue to his advantage (off-shore drilling).

Here is a look at some of what he said, and some of what proves to show otherwise.

June 22, 2018 Katie is in the car accident. June 23, 2018 Joe Cunningham states he is suspending ALL campaign activities until further notice. All campaign activity to me would also include fundraising. Remember his opponent was in the ICU hooked up to life support when he said he was suspending his campaign.

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6-25-2018 Post and Courier tweets an article with headline “Congressional candidate Katie Arrington is expected to make a full recovery after the car crash.” Joe Retweets this by adding the comment that this is great news.

6-28-2018 Joe Cunningham tweets at 10:11 am what looks to be possibly a screenshot of something he wrote. He talks about “a SLOW TRANSITION” back into the campaign.
6-29-2018 Joe Cunningham is asking for donations on his Twitter account and shares an ActBlue website to donate

6-30-2018 Joe Cunningham tweets 10 times the ActBlue website, is actively asking for donations, and will tweet donors’ names if they donate. He also shares a video of himself asking for donations.

7-3-2018 The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) starts to take an active but quiet approach by adding SC District 01 to it’s “Majority maker district” list. The DCCC political director was sent to the district twice. This news is now beginning to circulate in the news.

7-5-2018 Joe Cunningham is with Mayor Jimmy Carroll on Isle of Palms. (Photos of him with the mayor on Joe’s Twitter account)

7-6-2018 Katie Arrington is discharged from the hospital. Discharge orders are not known. (Was she discharged to home with bedrest? Discharged home and orders to return to light duty?)

7-9-2018 Joe Cunningham is tweeting and making it known on social media that he has the support of 3 more coastal mayors. He tweets this news four separate times on July 9th 2018.

7-11-2018 Fox News in Charleston does a report and states that Joe Cunningham is “now back on the campaign trail” after suspending his campaign.

7-12-2018 Joe Cunningham is showing his support for Mark Sanford and how he supports Mark’s legislation.

7-16-2018 Katie Arrington has her FIRST campaign stop since being discharged from the hospital.

Questions up for consideration. I’d like to know while Katie was in the hospital why the DCCC took a sudden interest in the race and why they were doing so quietly as well as what changed?

I’d like to know what Mark Sanford was saying to Joe Cunningham as well as to mayors in South Carolina and what his conversations were like in D.C. and who he tried to influence.

Did you know that after the 2016 Presidential Election, over 30 progressive groups formed? These groups have a common theme and that is to Resist Trump, as well as take back power in 2018 (they were hoping with both House and Senate but only won the House) and the last goal is to regain the Presidency in 2020.

One group that has become successful calls themselves Indivisible. We provide greater in depth explanations into this group in the PDF that can be accessed nationwide.
All Americans who are right leaning need to look into the group Indivisible to have a better understanding of one of the groups we are up against.

After the 2018 election, it came to our attention that Joe Cunningham is a member and a supporter of this progressive group. He follows multiple accounts of theirs on Twitter, is seen in photos with the groups, and chose subgroups of Indivisible to have campaign rallies.

Photos of Joe and Indivisible:

Indivisible mattered in SC-1: Outraged constituents pressured Republicans Mark Sanford/Tim Scott to hold an overflowing town hall Feb. 18, 2017; In the crowd, future Democratic Congressman Joe Cunningham.

@IndivisibleCHS @indivisible_sc
Indivisible CHS on Twitter: "Great to see you & Amanda at the ..."
Indivisible movement

Indivisible is a progressive movement in United States politics, initiated in 2016 as a reaction to the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States. The movement began with the online publication of a handbook written by Congressional staffers with suggestions for peacefully but effectively resisting the move to the right in the executive branch of the United States government under the Trump administration that was widely anticipated and feared by progressives.[1] The goal of Indivisible, according to Peter Dreier, is to “save American democracy” and “resume the project of creating a humane America that is more like social democracy than corporate plutocracy.”[2]

Origin

The movement started with the online publication of a 23-page handbook, Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda.[3] The authors of the document, most notably Ezra Levin, Jeremy Haille, Leah Greenberg, and Angel Padilla,[3][4] were former Congressional staffers. Greenberg worked as an aide to Democratic Representative Tom Perriello of Virginia,[3] while Levin, Greenberg's husband, worked as an aide to Lloyd Doggett, a Democratic Party member of the United States House of Representatives from Texas. After the 2016 presidential election, in mid-December 2016, Levin and Greenberg began working on an online guide in the form of a Google Document on how to make contact with congressional aides as a way of grieving over Trump's victory. Angel Padilla, Jeremy Haille, and dozens of other staffers for Democratic members of the United States Congress joined in the creation of the online publication.[3][8]
53 likes

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JULY 6, 2017
joe_cunningham: Awesome time chatting with members of Sweet Tea Indivisible in Summerville last night! Thanks to Gray and Debbie for hosting it. Could not leave without a pic of everyone gathered around #ourkitchentable
joecunninghamsc Thanks to Indivisible Charleston for allowing me to speak yesterday alongside other incredible candidates for various offices.
Brittlebank Park, Charleston SC

169 likes

joe cunningham sc
Proud to march with a few thousand friends yesterday in Charleston. Change is coming, folks. Keep fighting, it’s working.
#WomensMarch2018

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One of Joe’s main talking points was that he “will not take a dime from a PAC.”

Proud to announce that we have shattered the all-time fundraising record in #SC01 by raising more than $2.3 million without taking a dime from special interest PACs.

People said it was impossible but you proved them wrong. Thank you.

Now let’s go win this thing.
Joe Cunningham (D)

Raised: $1,908,175
Spent: $1,610,079
Cash on Hand: $298,096

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This information that I found on opensecrets.org seemed to me to show that in fact Joe has taken a dime from a PAC. I politely asked Joe about this on his Facebook page. A woman named Brandy responded and then Joe himself responded. Read Joe’s response TWICE!!! Freudian slip?
Whether Joe “took a dime” from a PAC remains to be seen. There are ways to funnel money via ActBlue and hide that a money is directly from a PAC. (Example to come)

He did however have PAC’s that were helping his campaign.

MoveOn supported him on social media as well as texting voters.
Siri found new contact info
Carsten +1 (330) 294-9099 add...

Text Message
Today 7:33 PM

Hi, I'm Carsten, a MoveOn volunteer. Have you decided who you'll vote for in the election for Congress in SC on Tuesday, Nov. 6? TONS of people found that this video from Keith in Bluffton helped them decide: http://youtu.be/mvctBaq6PU

You can find out the vote events happening in your area here: https://act.moveon.org/event/waves/search/

I already voted

ActBlue is a nonprofit technology organization established in June 2004 that enables Democrats, progressive groups, and nonprofits to raise money on the Internet by providing them with online fundraising software. Its stated mission is to "empower small-dollar donors."[1]
314 Action

314 Action is a nonprofit political action committee that seeks to elect scientists in the United States.

Mission
The Future 40 Candidates
We need young candidates bringing new energy, new ideas, and new leadership. The Future 40 candidates have the drive to listen to their constituents and stop the wrecking ball that President Trump has taken to our health care, our paychecks, and our democracy.

Let’s build something new in Congress by supporting 2018’s Future 40 Leaders.
Joe Cunningham
South Carolina 1st

Joe Cunningham is an ocean engineer, construction attorney, and new father. Joe is the youngest of five siblings and worked his way through school by working on tugs and barges.

Donate to Joe
Visit Campaign Website
The money to support Joe via this PAC shows up as a donation via ActBlue.

Lastly, two donors to the Joe Cunningham for Congress campaign were the son and daughter in law of George Soros.
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JOE’S FIRST FEW MONTHS AS A CONGRESSMAN FOR DISTRICT 01

Joe Cunningham has now been sworn in as Congressman for district 1. He did keep his promise to not vote for Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House. Joe cast his vote for Illinois Rep. Cheri Bustos.

The State of the Union was broadcast on national television on February 5, 2019. As President Trump spoke about the Right to Try bill which should be held as a bipartisan bill that allows terminally ill patients the right to experimental treatments as a last ditch effort to save their life, a camera panned the crowd of the Democrats. Shown on camera is Joe Cunningham who has super glue stuck to the bottom of his pants and is shown sitting in the crowd. Joe can be seen sitting, and not clapping. This is very upsetting that the man who claims to be “Lowcountry over party” as well as wanting to work on “bipartisan issues” for the people of South Carolina is unable to even applaud a law that could expand the life of terminal patients.

On February 7, 2019 an article appeared in the Post and Courier. Joe Cunningham according to the article has the right to free speech. Free speech allows Joe to call himself an “ocean engineer” yet Joe has no license that states he is in fact an ocean engineer in the state of South Carolina. The video in which Joe made and used while he was running, was very deceiving to the voters. The first thing Joe says in the video is a statement that he refers to himself as an “ocean engineer.” This video was shown not only on television. but also on social media.

https://youtu.be/RK6GsIqmYMg

https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/it-s-free-speech-joe-cunningham-can-call-himself-an/article_7a7b3712-2a24-11e9-b0e7-3330e60efbof.html