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Parnell Launches Campaign for Mayor

New candidate puts pandemic, government accountability and ethics front and center.

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Sumter native, lawyer, teacher and businessman Archie Parnell today officially announced his candidacy for Mayor of Sumter in the upcoming November 3rd general election declaring a bold vision that puts the wellbeing of Sumter citizens first.

“Washington won’t save us. Columbia won’t save us. We have to save ourselves and we can do that by working together,” says Parnell who has provided life-saving face masks to Sumter residents and helped local small businesses and churches benefit from federal COVID relief resources. **“There is an opportunity in this crisis to make Sumter better. We need a full-time leader who believes in all that Sumter can be.”**

“Imagine a city that ensures fairness and dignity for everyone. Imagine a city where government departments are transparent and accountable. Imagine a city that steps up to protect families from Covid-19 and uses this pandemic as an opportunity to move us forward together as one community. That is the Sumter we all want to be a part of.”

Parnell’s vision for Sumter includes:

- Raising the bar on government transparency and accountability by adopting a City Ethics Code and holding two-way conversations with all of Sumter’s neighborhood associations.
- Taking the lead to carefully examine, with input from all interested parties, the city’s connection to social and criminal justice issues and to develop needed solutions.
- Leveraging Shaw AFB’s prominence as Sumter’s pivotal economic development partner and welcoming Shaw personnel even more into Sumter’s community.
- Developing affordable housing alternatives for Sumter and partnering with neighborhoods to transform vacant and overgrown lots.
- Fostering good government with a fully integrated and productive relationship between Sumter’s City and County Governments.
- Insuring the long-term viability and safety of Sumter’s water and sewer systems.
- Working with *Team Sumter* to provide quality public education for Sumter’s children.
- Confronting COVID-19 with common sense and compassion.

...and more.