

SC-01 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Nancy Mace won this seat by **64,920 votes—that's 173 votes per precinct**. If we can persuade just 174 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

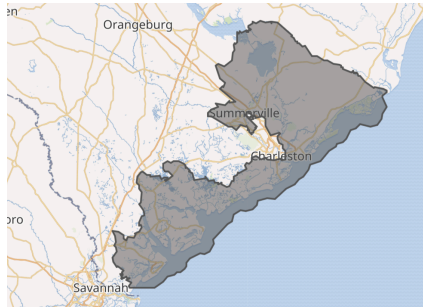
Early Voting begins: October 19, 2026

Midterms: November 3, 2026

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 171,105 (42.7%) Trump: 223,189 (55.8%)	Michael B. Moore (D): 162,582 (41.6%) Nancy Mace (R): 227,502 (58.2%)	Annie Andrews (D): 115,796 (42.5%) Nancy Mace (R): 153,757 (56.4%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Charleston (part), 161,000
- North Charleston (part), 132,000
- Mount Pleasant, 97,000

Geography

SC-01 is in the Lowcountry, one of the 4 regions in the state. It is the coastal sedimentary plain which is less than 270 feet in elevation, and is below the long Fall Line escarpment where the hard rock of the Piedmont begins. It stretches from Hilton Head Island north to the Santee River, and has numerous islands, rivers, salt marshes and sandy beaches. Lowcountry soil is productive, and its farms produce beef, oysters, poultry, soy, rice and corn. Farm land is gradually giving way to housing.

Citizensry

SC-01 is 70% white, 16% of residents are Black and 9% Hispanic or Latino. 45.5% of residents 25 years and older have a BA, which is 25% higher than the national average. It has double the national average of veterans who fought in a war and 21% of its population is 65 years old or older.

Many here are employed in health care, education and tourism. High end manufacturing and technical services (including automotive, aerospace and defense) are important industries in SC-01. It has a highly educated work force with a mean wage below the national average. South Carolina is a right to work state and has the lowest rate of union membership in the nation.

The Local Vibe

Tariffs have done significant damage here to industries which need to export and import, and to jobs at companies from Boeing to Volvo. They are raising prices for producers and consumers alike.

There were *No Kings* demonstrations here, attended by 7,000 in North Charleston and 1,000 in Beaufort, in addition to those in Charleston, Bluffton and Hilton Head. Anti-ICE protests took place in August 2025 and after the killings in Minneapolis.

Also on the ballot in November will be races for the U.S. Senate and South Carolina Governor.

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Key Issues

- **Budget cuts:** Federal cuts to science and medical research cost this district \$55 million dollars.
 - **Jobs:** Many jobs here are in hospitals and schools, two sectors that are greatly harmed by Trump's budget cuts, and tariffs are costing jobs in industry.
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About the Candidates

There is no incumbent in this race, as Nancy Mace ran instead in the primary for Governor, which she lost.

Nancy Lacore | Democratic Candidate

Nancy Lacore was born in Albany, NY. She has a BA from Holy Cross and an MA from San Diego State. She spent 35 years as a Navy helicopter pilot and left the service as a flag officer with 3 star rank, a Vice Admiral, in command of 60,000 personnel as Chief of the Navy Reserve. She also spent 10 years working for a defense contractor and founded a non-profit, Valor Run, to honor women who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. She has had significant leadership experience in all her deployments, which included Afghanistan and Djibouti.

In 2025 she was dismissed from command by Pete Hegseth, in a purge of officers who the AP described as having been critical of the administration. These firings were done with no official explanation.

She lists common sense leadership as her first priority. She has detailed plans for the changes she would make, with ideas for short term and long term goals. The list of priorities for the economy include lowering housing costs, improving wages and investing in small business, lowering healthcare and childcare costs, and undoing the tariffs. In addition she lists five other groups of priorities- supporting service members and veterans, protecting South Carolina's coast, providing pathways to citizenship, protecting women's reproductive freedom, and getting big money out of politics. For all these goals she provides detailed plans.

Jenny Honeycutt | GOP Candidate

Jenny Honeycutt has lived her whole life in the Lowcountry, is a graduate of Meredith College and has a JD from the University of South Carolina. She is the Managing Member of her law firm, Costa Honeycutt, LLC. She has been on the Charleston County Council since 2019.

She says she will balance budgets, support law enforcement and defend the Constitution. She also wants to keep men out of women's sports, lower costs to families and improve healthcare. She provides no details. She describes herself as an "unapologetic conservative." Her mother, Cindy Costa, is a longtime member of the Republican National Committee as its committeewoman from South Carolina since 1996. She has been endorsed by President Trump and hews closely to his agenda.

The contrast: Nancy Lacore has a proven track record of service and leadership, and offers detailed plans of what she will do to improve the lives of the residents of SC-01. Jenny Honeycutt seems to have no plans beyond aligning herself with MAGA, and will simply be a vote in Washington for the Trump agenda. This will do nothing to help the people of South Carolina's first congressional district.