

## County of Greenville

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To: All POLL WORKERS in Greenville County

From: Conway Belangia, Director

Subject: Change in Campaign Materials "interpretation" concerning BLM and MAGA

After consultation with the South Carolina ACLU and the Greenville County Attorney, Greenville County Elections will change the County's policy and interpretation. This means that voters may enter the polling place wearing or displaying <a href="mailto:any BLM">any BLM</a> or MAGA items. That apparel or item will NOT be considered "campaign" material and be <a href="mailto:allowed">allowed</a>. This change is effective immediately and will supersede any earlier instructions. As noted in the Poll Manger's Handbook, we will go with "current election" interpretation.

We recognize these items may cause issues at polling places where differences of opinion can arise <u>among voters</u>. In those instances, poll workers will have to be more diligent to maintain decorum and not allow verbal exchanges between individual supporters of the groups that want to influence voters with the display of these items. Please do your best to be accommodating while conducting this election. Please know that the Greenville County Elections office is supportive of the work and dedication of the thousands of poll workers conducting our elections.

Thank you for the GREAT job you have done in the past and the GREAT job you will do on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.