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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable William H. Seals, Jr.  
Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-001306  
Case No. 2023-CP-22-00007

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Elizabeth M. Powers and Edward A. Powers; Martha  
C. Green; Steven E. Basso; James R. Sherman;  
Alexander V. Picard and Jessica L. Picard;  
Parkersville Planning & Development Alliance;  
Keep It Green; and Preserve Murrells Inlet, Inc., ..... Appellants,

v.

Georgetown County; and Alliance for Economic  
Development for Georgetown County, ..... Respondents.

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**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF CHAD N. JOHNSTON  
AND PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF JAMES K. GILLIAM  
AS COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
FOR GEORGETOWN COUNTY**

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You will please take notice that Chad N. Johnston, from the law firm of Burr & Forman, LLP, hereby enters an appearance as counsel of record for Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County.

Further, pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR, Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County, by and through its undersigned counsel, consents and hereby petitions this Court for the withdrawal of James K. Gilliam, formerly of Burr & Forman, LLP, as counsel for the Respondent in this matter. In support of this request, the undersigned submits that Mr. Gilliam's last day with Burr & Forman LLP was Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and he is no

longer able to otherwise continue his representation of Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County.

Consistent with Rule 264(b), SCACR, the undersigned counsel for Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County hereby certifies that written notice of Mr. Gilliam's proposed withdrawal has been provided to Appellants and Co-Respondent Georgetown County and all parties have consented to Mr. Gilliam's withdrawal from representation of Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County and the filing of the within petition.

Respectfully submitted:

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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This is to certify that the undersigned employee with the law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, has caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the Notice of appearance of Chad N. Johnston and Petition for Withdrawal of James K. Gilliam as counsel for Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County filed in the above-captioned matter upon counsel of record via email at the email address reflected in the Attorney Information System and as set forth below:

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Good afternoon,

Attached for service in the above matter is the Notice of Appearance of Chad N. Johnston and Petition for Withdrawal of James K. Gilliam as Counsel for Respondent Alliance for Economic Development for Georgetown County. We will be filing shortly with the Court of Appeals and will attach this email to the proof of service of same.

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