

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

Michael Letts)
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Appellant,)
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-vs-)
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Richland County and)
Richland County Board of)
Canvassers)
Respondents,)
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IN RE: Richland County Sales Tax)
Increase Referendum Questions)
1 and 2)
_____)

S.C. SUPREME COURT

ORDER

This matter came before the State Election Commission in its capacity as the State Board of Canvassers ("the Board") on December 17, 2012.

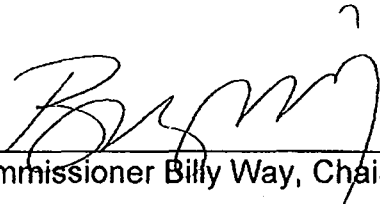
Two members of the State Board did not call for an evidentiary hearing. Accordingly, the State Board heard the appeal in its appellate capacity.

The State Board considered the transcript of the hearing below and arguments of counsel representing all parties. After entering into an executive session to receive legal counsel, the State Board returned to open session.

One member of the State Board moved to uphold the decision of the Richland County Board of Canvassers. This motion was properly seconded. The Chair called for

a vote on the motion. The vote was three in favor of denying the appeal and one against. The decision of Richland County Board of Canvassers is upheld. Accordingly, this appeal is hereby DENIED.

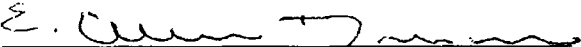
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Commissioner Billy Way, Chairman



Commissioner Marilyn Bowers



Commissioner E. Allen Dawson



Commissioner Nicole Spain White

December 17, 2012