

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
In the Court of Common Pleas

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Jean Hoefler Toal, Acting Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2020-000851

Jonathan Hill and Jonathan Hill for SC House District 8 Appellants,

v.

The South Carolina Republican Party and Vaughn Parfitt Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS' RETURN IN OPPOSITION
TO APPELLANTS' MOTION TO CLARIFY**

Pursuant to Rule 240(e), SCACR, Respondents South Carolina Republican Party and Vaughn Parfitt, by and through the undersigned counsel, submit this return in opposition to Appellants Jonathan Hill and Jonathan Hill for SC House District 8's expedited motion to clarify the Court's November 25, 2020 Order granting Respondents' motion to dismiss the appeal.

The Court was well within its discretion to dismiss the appeal without explanation. See Rule 220(b)(1), SCACR (allowing this Court to "file a memorandum opinion dismissing an appeal"); see also generally Porter v. Labor Depot, 372 S.C. 560, 568, 643 S.E.2d 96, 100 (Ct. App. 2007) (stating "not all situations require a detailed order"). After all, the Court ruled on a decidedly similar case less than a year ago. See Order, Harpoottlian v. S.C. Senate Republican Caucus, App. No. 2019-001404 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Dec. 12, 2019), reh'g denied (Mar. 12, 2020). To the extent Appellants take issue with the Court's ruling, they can file a petition for rehearing.

