

# EVICTION CRISIS UPDATES

## What's the Problem?

- Greenville County faces a housing crisis where 1 in 5 renters are at risk of eviction, a rate almost three times the national average.
- Families, particularly those from marginalized communities, are being displaced at alarming rates, uprooting children from schools, severing community ties, and leading to long-term financial instability. Families with children are evicted 2x the rate of households without children.
- Despite resolving payments before court, eviction filings stain a tenant's record for life, making it nearly impossible for families to secure future housing.
- Greenville County averages 1200 eviction filings per month, almost 15,000 last year alone.
- Over the past five years more than 60,000 evictions filed in Greenville County.

## What's the Solution?

- Gain the support of our local Magistrate Chief Justice, Hon. Johnathan Anders, and local magistrates to establish the Housing Court.
- Work to reduce the number of evictions in 3 years by 30% similar to the Charleston County Housing Court Pilot.
- Establish a place to hold Housing Court - multiple magistrates in the future.
- Support state legislation in current session to expunge or seal evictions from a tenant's permanent record. (SB.56)

## What's Our Ask?

- We are asking County Council to commit to:
  - Will you continue to work to establish or implement the Greenville County Housing Court by 2025-2026 to reduce the number of families being evicted across Greenville County?
- We are asking State Legislators to commit to:
  - Will you support state legislation in this current session to seal or expunge evictions from a tenant's permanent record? (SB.56)

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPDATES

## What's the Problem?

- The Greenville-Anderson metro area is the 14th deadliest place for pedestrians in the nation.
- The intersection in front of the Berea Walmart on White Horse road is the 22nd deadliest intersection for pedestrians in the nation.
- In high-income areas like Augusta and San Souci, road safety projects were implemented immediately after fatalities, driven by well-connected neighborhood associations.
- In Berea, despite over 10 deaths, no substantial changes have been made—only small projects, while dangerous conditions persist.

## What's the Solution?

- Greenville County needs to adapt a Vision Zero plan for zero pedestrian deaths.
- SCDOT must prioritize the Berea community in safety and infrastructure projects.
- Adequate street lighting must be added, as most pedestrian deaths happen at night.
- Adjusting light sequencing and cross walk time.

## What's Our Ask?

- We are asking County Council:
  - Will you establish and implement a Vision Zero plan for zero pedestrian deaths in the next three years?
- We are asking SCDOT:
  - Will you complete the addition of street lighting between 253 and Marion by 2026?
  - Will you work on obtaining federal funding for additional lighting projects along the White Horse Rd Corridor?