



April 23, 2020

Hon. Butch Kirven
Chair, Greenville County Council
7 Ralph Hendricks Dr.
Simpsonville, SC 29681

Dear Chairman Kirven,

To begin, I'd like to thank you and the members of County Council for ensuring the public has continued access to County Council actions by livestreaming recent Council meetings. As we eventually emerge from the COVID-19 crisis, I encourage you to continue providing this option, as well as a recorded version available on the County website, for all public council meetings going forward.

I am writing today, principally, to urge Council to provide the public a much more thorough update at meetings on critical COVID-19 data being monitored and actions being taken by the County to mitigate the public health risk.

On April 21, [the Greenville News reported](#) that the County has formed a task force with the City of Greenville and the Greenville Chamber to formulate a combined strategy to reopen economic activities while ensuring the protection of our Greenville County citizens against a resurgence of cases. That being said, at this past Tuesday's Council meeting there was only a very brief mention by the County Administrator of anything COVID-19 related, pertaining to awaiting communication from the Federal Government as to the status of the CARES Act economic relief for the County.

I'd like to suggest the following for a more comprehensive status update, and one that would be available as a linked document (a "dashboard") as a regular item in every meeting agenda:

- Task Force Objectives, Priorities and Members/County Government representatives
- Task Force Status Updates (decisions made, actions taken, actions planned)
- COVID-19 Public Health Indices, including but not limited to:
 - Greenville County cases
 - Greenville County deaths
 - Greenville County tests administered
 - Greenville County cases tracked through contact tracing
 - Greenville County hospitalizations/discharges
- COVID-19 Economic Indices, including but not limited to:
 - Greenville County unemployment claims
 - Greenville County business closures/bankruptcies
- CARES Act Funds received by Greenville County and how they are disbursed, including the criteria used for those decisions

County Council members may have additional ideas on critical information to make public in this regular dashboard report and I urge the whole body to prioritize this for the greater community good. With predictions of significant virus resurgence risk into 2021, I urge you to increase the visibility of both *how* the County is monitoring the situation as well as *what* the County is doing to mitigate the risk and safeguard its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha S. Wallace". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Samantha S. Wallace
Candidate, Greenville County Council District 22

cc:
Members, Greenville County Council
Joe Kernell, County Administrator