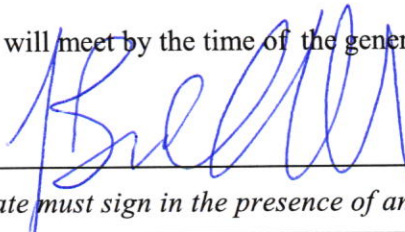


Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge

This form must be filed with the appropriate election office by any candidate seeking a political party's nomination. All information on this form will be made available to the public at the time of filing. For more information, visit <https://scvotes.gov/candidates/>.

Name	Joseph Benjamin Connell			Party	Republican
Office	Kershaw County Council Chairman			District	At-large
Voter Reg. #	104934032	Primary or Convention Date	6/9/26	Election Date	11/3/26
<p><i>Name on ballot may be any combination of a candidate's given name, derivative of the given name, or nickname. A derivative name or nickname must be used in good faith for honest purposes and may not imply professional or social status, an office, or military rank. A nickname may not exceed 15 letters.</i></p>					
Name on Ballot	Ben Connell			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RECEIVED MAR 12 12:03 AM/PM MAR 2026 </div>	
Name pronunciation, if necessary, for audio ballot (e.g., Jackson Gervais: jur-VAY)					
Candidate Contact Information (address not required to be residence address) <div style="float: right; font-size: small;"> Board of Voter Registration and Elections County of Kershaw, SC </div>					
Address	1630 Porter Cross Rd.	City	Lugoff, SC	Zip	29078
Phone	843.513.0087	Email	ben@lwconnell.com		
<p>Party Pledge (Party Pledge not applicable to designees for the Office of Lieutenant Governor)</p> <p>I hereby file my notice as a candidate for the nomination as <u>KC Council Chairman</u> in the primary election or convention to be held on <u>6/9/26</u> (Primary or Convention Date). I affiliate with the <u>Republican</u> Party, and I hereby pledge myself to abide by the results of the primary or convention. I shall not authorize my name to be placed on the general election ballot by petition and will not offer or campaign as a write-in candidate for this office or any other office for which the party has a nominee. I authorize the issuance of an injunction upon ex parte application by the party chairman, as provided by law, should I violate this pledge by offering or campaigning in the ensuing general election for election to this office or any other office for which a nominee has been elected in the party primary election, unless the nominee for the office has become deceased or otherwise disqualified for election in the ensuing general election.</p>					
<p>Candidate's Oath</p> <p>I hereby affirm that I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, or as otherwise required by law, the qualifications for this office.</p>					
Candidate Signature 				Date 3/16/26	
<i>Candidate must sign in the presence of an Election Official or Notary Public.</i>					
Election Official Signature		Molly Gillis			
Date Received	3-16-26	Time Received	12:03	<input type="checkbox"/> SEC <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Kershaw</u> County Board	
For use if candidate signs in presence of Notary Public					
Name of Notary Public			My Commission Expires		
Signature of Notary Public					Date

