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Mullins McLeod Defends Black Supporters From Racial Attacks by Charleston County Democratic Party Chair


CHARLESTON – Democratic candidate for South Carolina Governor Mullins McLeod released the following statement in response to a Charleston County Democratic Chairman Dixon's [divisive video](#) calling McLeod's Black supporters “Sambos”:

“The real power in this state belongs to the people of South Carolina; however, they have become trapped in an incredibly corrupt political-class system where they have no power because they have no voice. Instead, selfish-hearted politicians and their for-profit donors hold the power in this state to satisfy their own selfish desires for political power and financial gain.

Servant leaders run for office on what they have done to serve other people’s interests. Politicians, however, cannot run on their record because they serve their for-profit masters. Therefore, politicians manipulate voters by fanning the flames of division.

One of the ugliest unspoken truths in our state is that white politicians are not the only ones who fan the flames of racial division. The truth is some black politicians and the people controlling the democratic party also fan the flames of racial division. They do it for the same reason selfish-hearted white politicians do it: to satisfy their own desires for political power and financial gain and to satisfy their for-profit masters.

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Since being elected to a position of public trust Jermaine Johnson has voted with the Republican establishment 90% of the time. In fact, in last week's Republican Attorney General debate Mr. Johnson's voting record became the punch line. David Pascoe attacked Sen. Stephen Goldfinch by pointing out Mr. Johnson votes with the republican establishment more than Sen. Goldfinch who is the Republican party's leading contender for Attorney General.

As a result, for more than 8 months Mr. Johnson has tried to manipulate voters by fanning the flames of racial division to satisfy his desire to be the Democratic Party's nominee for Governor. Until now I have ignored his politically corrupt tactics.

Yesterday, however, his campaign's mouthpiece Thomas Dixon, the chairman of the Charleston County democratic party, attacked pillars of the black community by calling them "Little Black Sambos" because they support my efforts to unite the people of our State as God intended for us to live: as brothers and sisters in Christ. Courage is not voting with the republican establishment more than 90% of the time. Courage is standing for the truth, the light and for what is right for all people. Greed is a bottomless pit, and political corruption has no conscience.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dixon attacked Reverend Anthony Thompson who is a man who stood before God and the world and forgave Dylann Roof for murdering his late wife, Myra Thompson. That one act of courage is what held the City of Charleston and our state together in one of our darkest hours. They attacked Representative Wendell Gilliard who has fought his entire life to lift up all people including all those who have been left behind. They attacked Elder James Johnson who for more than 30 years has been one of the most respected civil rights leaders in our state. They attacked Kwadjo Campbell and Donald Gilliard whose battles they fight on behalf of the people of South Carolina you will never see in the press.

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When Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dixon attacked these men they also attacked every member of the black community who has joined me on this journey to heal our state, to wipe away the sins of our past so that as a state we can live in the light and walk with the truth.

These men and the countless members of the black community who have joined me on this journey have courage. They care about all people because their hearts belong to God. The overwhelming support I have received in the black community is a testament to the power of discernment. My supporters represent the best in who we are as a state because they do not sow to the flesh. Instead, they allow God to direct their steps through the power of discernment.

Anybody can quote Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. What takes courage is to do what these men and countless others have done: live your life by the prophetic truth he spoke, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

The overwhelming support I have received in the black community has happened because they love Christ and because they have the courage to walk by faith and not by sight in these dark times. My prayer for Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dixon is that from here on out you direct your attacks against me. If, however, you continue to attack these men or any of my supporters you are hereby on notice that I will stand for them, and I will shine a very bright light into your darkness that will not be pleasant for either of you."