

# STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 66 - ORANGEBURG

## EXPANDING/ENHANCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING EFFORTS

Would you support efforts to enhance/expand methods for reporting in South Carolina?

**YES**

Jeffrey Cila, Republican

**NO RESPONSE**

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Democratic

*“The Department of Social Services lays out a straight forward approach to required reporting of professionals that may have first hand suspicion or knowledge. What is not clearly defined or promoted (at least on their web site or brochures) is the role of family, friends, and neighbors. They information is not so clear as to the series of events that would follow from these suspicions or anecdotal tips of family violence. Can they be anonymous, what agency interventions would follow, are safety protections imposed by the agency to create some sanctuary, and is law enforcement made aware of the potential of even when no judicial intervention is warranted. There needs to be a human intervention before judicial not just by the mandated reporters to create an environment of safety through outreach and community awareness.” – J. Cila*

## SUPPORT FOR GOING BEYOND CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

Would you support the creation of a statewide plan to effectively address the issues of domestic and sexual violence beyond the criminal justice response?

**YES**

Jeffrey Cila, Republican

**NO RESPONSE**

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Democratic

*“Advocacy is important as well as a means for non-judicial intervention and counseling. Where do young women and mothers go for assistance and counseling in their communities not in Columbia or the county seat. I ask this because you may have this answer, but my church does not, I do not... who communicates the advocacy options already available. We need to work on appropriate empowerment of our young women and men. Is there an opportunity to shape this through public education avenues through new curriculum development. The family unit in our state needs a champion. We have societal queues that do not promote marriage and families. Common Law marriage though only abolished in by the Supreme Court on 7/25/2019 leave a legacy of imperfect family unions and children as a legacy of stress that can exacerbate domestic relationships. We need now to promote families and marriage and make available counseling and resources as a health measure of preventive care to reduce domestic frustrations. Alcohol abuse and misuse in our state could use a policy review. Personally, not a fan of single purchase bottle or can of alcohol beverages from stores. The contribution to domestic violence may well have a link, as well as the propensity for immediate consumption, litter, and general dysfunction of communities with alcohol as an over indulged social function. The state is in dire need of an expansion of outpatient and residential addition and abuse treatment facilities as a private sector operation or an extension of judicial “first offender” remedy of a societal problem that is affordable.” – J. Cila*

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## INCREASED FOCUS ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**Do you believe our state needs to increase its focus on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence?**

**YES**

Jeffrey Cila, Republican

**NO RESPONSE**

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Democratic

*“Much to do here is along the lines of my response for Question #2. If we have built a system around mandatory reporters we need to ensure they are also provided tools to recognize and intervene. That same sort of messaging needs to be communicated through community leaders, churches, and schools. It is a problem that can’t wait till it manifests itself or the public sees the tragic result on television news. The circumstances of the violence then are all too evident but where was the avenue for intervention, awareness, and education in advance.” – J. Cila*

## SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Would you support additional state funding be allocated to victim service providers?**

**YES**

Jeffrey Cila, Republican

**NO RESPONSE**

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Democratic

*“Outreach to civic groups, church leadership, and community leaders. From a state level look to grants and foundations that may assist not just at the state level but that can provide resources directly to local levels and communicate that information. State agencies can provide a service but they can also help smaller governmental bodies by communicating other direct sources of funding and materials.” – J. Cila*

**Do you believe additional federal funding should be allocated to victim service providers?**

**NO**

Jeffrey Cila, Republican

**NO RESPONSE**

Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Democratic

*“Federal funding takes too long to make a local or rural impact. This is a state problem first and foremost. We have ignored, allowed, or tolerated misbehavior and violence as a matter of culture, ignorance, or unwillingness to offend those who do the offending. Communities and local leaders need to be active supporters of right mindedness in how our citizens deal with one another and put a value on appropriate conflict de-escalation and resolution.” – J. Cila*