

The Conservative Leadership Project (“CLP”) was formed as a non-profit to provide forums and public engagement on social welfare issues. The CLP believes that citizen involvement in government should be encouraged and that increased citizen awareness of important public policy issues improves governance. The CLP supports an increased understanding of the state and federal constitutions, application and interpretation of the laws that affect the citizens, including proposed legislative initiatives. In furtherance of this purpose and mission, the CLP seeks to promote civic education and enhancement of South Carolina citizens’ knowledge of public policy issues that impact their lives and advocate for improved and increased civic discourse.

After its formation, the CLP believed that hosting presidential forums with primary candidates was a prime opportunity to give the citizens an opportunity to hear from the candidates. Due to an emphasis on respect for the rule of law, the CLP believed that the Attorney General would be the right person to moderate those events. I encourage you to visit the website (clpforums.com). Attorney General Wilson did not receive any compensation for moderating the forums and has not received any compensation from the CLP. I note that the forums were a huge success, with over 15,000 collective attendees at its presidential candidate forums.

The CLP hosts forums like the candidate forums, including the Faith and Family Forums with the Palmetto Family Alliance and the Our Constitution event with Palmetto Promise to promote understanding and knowledge of our constitutions, which the CLP believes to be critical to an educated and informed electorate. Expenditures from the CLP support these events. The CLP does not engage in lobbying, electioneering, or any direct advocacy for or against any candidate at any level and does not expend money towards any of those types of efforts.

From an operational standpoint, the CLP utilizes Richard Quinn and Associates for administrative and operational support as well as strategic planning and consultation.

Brielle Appelbaum is pursuing other opportunities due in part to a reduction in CLP activity. The CLP will continue to operate at a reduced level until the right opportunities for continued public engagement present themselves in the future.

No records have been requested from the CLP by investigators.