

# Statement from Greater Carolina Regarding Anonymous Social Media Posts and an Event in Kentucky

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(**Raleigh**) – Greater Carolina is a 501 (c)(4) that supports North Carolina being one of the best states in the nation for business and free enterprise. Click <u>here</u> for more information about what a 501 (c)(4) is and click <u>here</u> for more information about Greater Carolina.

The organization hosts events throughout the year to educate interested parties about ongoing public policy debates. And, like all similar organizations, Greater Carolina also hosts fundraising events throughout the year. One of those events was this past weekend in Kentucky and has generated interest due to an anonymous social media post.

The following FAQs responses should be attributed to Jonathan Felts, Spokesman for Greater Carolina.

### Frequently Asked Questions re: Greater Carolina

## Is Greater Carolina a dark sinister organization dedicated to the overthrow of Democracy in NC?

No. Greater Carolina is an organization that promotes public policies that encourage job creators to locate, or relocate, to North Carolina and to stimulate greater economic growth and more and better opportunities for all North Carolinians. Click here for more information.

### Is it...is IT...IS IT A REPUBLICAN DARK MONEY GROUP?!

No. Calm down. It's a 501 (c)(4) set-up just like the Left-leaning Moving North Carolina Forward. It's technically non-partisan but the majority of policy wonks who support the free enterprise system tend to lean Right.

### Why were they in Kentucky?!

We were hosting a development event.

#### What's that mean?

It was a fundraiser. "Development" is a fancy way of saying we were raising money to support the organization's policy agenda.

### MONEY IS CORRUPT! Why would a "non-profit" be raising money?!

Greater Carolina has never had the chance to <u>trade a cow for magic beans</u> nor do we have a magic money machine and, as such, we must raise funds to support our mission.

### But why were you in Kentucky?!

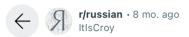
For those of you who are unaware, there is an annual event called *The Kentucky Derby* a few weeks from now. And for the really uninformed, it's in Kentucky, hence the name. It's sorta like the *Coca-Cola 600* is in Concord except it's a horse race so the horsepower is actual horsepower.

But, I digress.

Anyway, a lot of folks like the Derby so Kentucky is a good fundraising destination location this time of year. (And yes, economic development PSA: Concord is a great destination location for unique fundraising events in May and October as there are a lot of NASCAR fans out there too.)

# Well, we have an EXTREMELY CREDIBLE SOURCE who says the attendees at your event were terribly behaved and this really credible source has even questioned if taxpayer dollars were being used!!!

OK. Just so we level-set and are all on the same page, what you label as a "credible source" is an anonymous social media account with the moniker "ItIsCroy" who was heretofore best known for asking for tips on how to watch *Sex in the City* dubbed in Russian. If the only criteria for being a "credible source" is now just being an anonymous social media troll with really bad taste in TV, then please join me in weeping for the state of journalism today.



Does anyone know where I can find episodes and/or movies of Sex I'm the City that is audio dubbed in Russian? большое спасибо!



### You're not answering the question. WERE TAXPAYER DOLLARS BEING ABUSED?!

No. Of course not. Greater Carolina is not a government entity just like <u>Carolina Forward</u> is not a government entity so of course no taxpayer dollars were used. If you haven't listened to it, listen to Carolina Forward's appearance on <u>Tim Boyum's podcast</u>. Those folks and I probably don't agree on much but we're all professionals. Carolina Forward is off the rails when it comes to policy, but they are between the white lines when it comes to following the letter of the law. Just like Greater Carolina is. Greater Carolina is a professional organization and that's why they

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work with professionals like me. You on the other hand are using an anonymous social media account who wants to know Вышла ли Саманта замуж за мистера Бига?\* It's laughable and embarrassing. For journalists.

\*Translated from Russian: Did Samantha marry Mr. Big?

### Were legislators at the event?

Of course. No offense to think-tankers and poli-sci profs but Greater Carolina deals in public policy so, yes, our donors want to talk to policymakers. Legislators were there.

### Why won't you name them?

Because I don't have to per the letter of the laws that govern (c)(4)'s. And, no offense or anything, but while I, personally, find most of you to be perfectly charming, a lot of folks don't like talking to journalists. I mean, you work in a business where the mantra is "If it bleeds, it leads." Y'all might want to work on your pitch a bit.

### Did a legislator barf everywhere as my anonymous Internet source/troll said?

No. One attendee was a bit queasy upon arrival due to getting car sick enroute because the air conditioner was not working on the bus. The person then, fortunately, made it to the first thing that had a drain and vomited. Upon completion of the vomiting, the person and friends/colleagues helped to clean up.

#### Was this coordinated with the NCGOP?!

No. Not in the least.

Well, I'm a serious journalist working on a serious story here and the public HAS TO KNOW, are you bad tippers as our anonymous-Russian-Sex-in-the-City-social-media-poster alleges?! No. A generous tip was included in the contract with the venue in question.

### But, and we got you on this one...YOU WERE LATE! AND THAT'S RUDE!

Traffic was bad and we were late. Multiple apologies were offered upon arrival.