



## Center for Creative Retirement

### Charleston Mayoral Candidate Forum

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**William Cogswell** is a lifelong Charleston resident. Cogswell spent six years in the state legislature representing District 110. He has spent over 20 years redeveloping historic properties.



**Debra J. Gammons** is a professor at the Charleston School of Law and an attorney. Gammons began practicing law in the Solicitor's Office in Charleston. Before joining the Charleston School of Law, she served as Assistant City Attorney for Greenville, South Carolina for eleven years. Gammons is a Lowcountry native.



**Tamika "Mika" Gadsden** is a Charleston-based organizer. She is co-chair of the Friends of Gadsden Creek. Gadsden has built a digital presence via her company, Charleston Activist Network Media, LLC. She has led the South Carolina Women's March affiliate chapter.



**Clay Middleton** was born and raised in Charleston. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He served at the US Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration. He is Director of Business Services for the City of Charleston.



**Peter Shahid** was born in Charleston. Shahid has served as a federal prosecutor and a municipal judge in Mount Pleasant. He practices law with his son at Shahid Law Office. He has represented District 9 on the Charleston City Council since 2015.



**John Tecklenburg** has been Mayor of Charleston, SC since 2016. In 1995 he was appointed Director of Economic Development for the City of Charleston. Mayor Tecklenburg appointed the city's first-ever Chief Resilience Officer, to begin the process of implementing the City of Charleston Flooding Sea Level Rise Strategy.