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Suzanne Brooks Named Executive Director of Historic Columbia

Talking Points for Media

Suzanne Brooks' Background and Experience:

- **Extensive Leadership Experience:** Suzanne brings over eight years of executive-level leadership experience, including her current role as Executive Director of Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity.
- **Historic Preservation Expertise:** She has a robust background in historic preservation, having served as President & CEO of the Spartanburg County Historical Association and as Program Manager for Preservation South Carolina.
- **Educational Credentials:** Suzanne holds an MA in Interior Design from Marymount University, with a focus on historic interiors, complementing her professional experience in preservation.
- **Community Engagement and Advocacy:** Suzanne has been an advocate for affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and ensuring underserved communities have a voice in preservation efforts.

Impact on Historic Columbia

- **Strategic Vision:** Suzanne is committed to advancing Historic Columbia's vision to harness the power of history to inspire curiosity and catalyze community engagement.
- **Fundraising and Master Planning:** She has a proven track record in fundraising, launching successful capital campaigns, and leading strategic planning efforts, all of which will be vital as Historic Columbia continues to grow.
- **Strong Community Ties:** Suzanne's deep connections within the community and her history of building meaningful partnerships will strengthen Historic Columbia's role in the region.

Quotes and Endorsements:

- **Suzanne Brooks on Her New Role:** "I'm thrilled to be selected as Historic Columbia's next Executive Director. It is an honor to steward the organization's long history of success in our community."
- **Rodrick Shiver, Board of Trustees President:** "Suzanne's extensive leadership experience and her deep commitment to historic preservation make her the ideal leader for Historic Columbia."

Additional Information

- Timeline: Suzanne Brooks will begin her tenure at Historic Columbia on Monday, September 30, 2024.
- Search Process: Suzanne was identified after an extensive national search conducted by DHR Global's Nonprofit Practice.
- Historic Columbia's Legacy: Founded in 1961, Historic Columbia has been a model for local preservation efforts and the interpretation of local history, stewarding seven historic properties in Richland County.

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