

OBJECT ID	F2016.76
OBJECT NAME	Sign
DATE CREATED	circa 1986
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Poster, Political
MEASUREMENTS	29.68498 cm. H x 29.68498 cm. L, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Plastic

OBJECT DESCRIPTION
Octogon-shaped plastic sign used for political advertising. White background in red and blue text that reads "Re-Elect Nick Theodore Lt. Governor".

ORIGIN
Nick Andrew Theodore (born September 16, 1928) is a former politician from South Carolina. He was a State representative from 1963 to 1966 and 1970 to 1978, a South Carolina state senator from 1967 to 1968 and 1981 to 1986, and the 85th Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina from 1987 to 1995. He is a member of the Democratic Party.

Theodore attended the University of Georgia and graduated in 1952 from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts. He spent a total of 24 years serving in the South Carolina state legislature before being elected in 1986 to the office of Lieutenant Governor having beaten Republican Congressman Thomas F. Hartnett to the position. He served two full terms in that post under Republican Governor Carroll Campbell.

Ironically, it was fellow Greenville resident Campbell who, in 1978, had defeated Theodore in an election to the United States House of Representatives from South Carolina's 4th congressional district, one of famed political strategist Lee Atwater's first major triumphs. Despite this history, and the differences in their political philosophies and party affiliations, Campbell and Theodore worked together quite effectively during their two terms in office, and remained friendly with each other.

At the conclusion of Campbell's two terms in office, Theodore ran for Governor in 1994, defeating Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. to secure the Democratic nomination. Theodore lost to Campbell's protégé David Beasley, however, in the general election.

Four years later in 1998 he tried to regain his former post as Lt. Governor but lost in the general election to incumbent Bob Peeler (R).

In 2002, Theodore came out of a quasi-retirement to accept an interim appointment to the South Carolina Public Service Commission, ending in 2004. In 2006, his son, Drew Theodore, became the Democratic nominee for the statewide office of Comptroller General.

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CITATION

Sign, circa 1986, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.