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President visits Myrtle Beach

Trump urges support for Graham in runoff

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President Donald Trump has taken the stage at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center as he attempts to rack up support for Sen. Darline Graham leading up to the runoff on Aug. 25

Trump joined Graham for a rally on Aug. 21, amplifying his support for her candidacy in the days leading up to the runoff election against U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman. The president has been vocal in his support for Graham, starting soon after her brother Lindsey Graham's death on July 11.

The president took the stage around 7 p.m., walking out to a drone of applause from the event audience. He began his address by joking about Myrtle Beach's golf courses and thanking the state for its firm support, before transitioning to the South Carolina Senate race.

"We're going to elect Darline Graham to fight, fight, fight for South Carolina and to always put America first," Trump said.

Leading up to the event, hundreds of people lined up outside the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, waiting to see the president campaign on Graham's behalf.

People decked out in red, white, and blue and wearing Graham and Trump

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A section with fruit seen during a preview of Lowes Foods grocery store in Lyman on Aug. 19.
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Inside new Lowes Foods in Lyman

Upstate's fourth location has grocery staples, unique features

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Carolinas-based grocery chain Lowes Foods brought a fourth store to the Upstate.

Spartanburg County's first Lowes Foods grocery store opened on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m., according to a Lowes Foods news release. The new Lyman store will be located in a 42,000-square-foot store at 12189 West Greenville Highway, where the KJ's Market used to be.

Founded in 1954 and headquartered in Winston-Salem, Lowes Foods is a locally owned and operated grocer that focuses on fresh, innovative products and bringing the community back around the table.

"We're just really excited to actually get a physical plant open right here for Lowes Foods to be able to go through and bring something that, quite frankly, this whole area deserves," said Lowes Foods president

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Spartanburg group hopes court will pause data center

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Construction of a data center and natural gas power plant on South Pine Street could be paused if a judge grants the request of a group called Concerned Citizens of Spartanburg County.

Attorneys with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), which is representing a group of Spartanburg residents, filed a request for a preliminary injunction to halt the Valara data center project and the county's permitting process for ongoing work.

Valara is a subsidiary of NorthMark Cloud and Compute. In 2025, the company received a fee-in-lieu-of-taxes incentive package to support the $2.8 billion project.

The injunction request adds to a lawsuit filed on July 6 in the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court.

The lawsuit contends that Valara submitted an application for a "minor land development" for the next phase of construction and that Spartanburg County officials have allowed the permitting to proceed under that designation.

SELC attorneys say the "minor" development designation is "in plain violation of the Spartanburg County Unified Land Management Ordinance."

The land use ordinance does not require minor developments to undergo review by the Spartanburg County Planning Commission -- a process that would allow for public input and bring transparency about Valara's plans.

If a land development project is designated "major," then it must go before

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