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Bitcoin Pizza Day and Politics, it was inevitable.

Charleston SC - On March 22, 2022, Bitcoin Pizza Day, technologists from around the state met in Charleston at Tradesmen Brewery with South Carolina's First District Congresswoman Nancy Mace. Mace is the only candidate in the district race currently accepting [cryptocurrency campaign contributions](#).

That's unusual because the state currently excludes digital asset donations for local and state races, but federal regulations allow federal campaigns to accept bitcoin and other digital assets as campaign contributions.

"We've been advocating for South Carolina [campaign finance reform](#) to get in line with federal guidelines since 2019," said Dennis Fassuliotis, President of South Carolina Emerging Tech Association, Inc., so when we saw an opportunity to bring the national fight to the local level and muster up support for a candidate that supports the industry we couldn't refuse it. Bitcoin Pizza Day was the perfect time to have a family friendly meet up and rally local technologists just to see what kind of support we would get for this as a single voter issue. We were delighted with the turn out."



South Carolina is a small state but a political powerhouse and there's a reason. Citizens are engaged, the population is growing, and the economy is exploding.

As a favorite state to test political strategies it is the first stop for every major presidential candidate. The state capitol, Columbia, is just an hour and a half from most any place in the state, Charleston is a favored destination for the world, and the state gets its political muscle by re-electing incumbents. And that's the setting for the hotly contested South Carolina 1st Congressional House District seat and where digital asset voters may just help determine the outcome.

With that as a backdrop, South Carolina Emerging Technology Association Inc paired up with the local Charleston Bitcoin Meetup group and sponsored what they believe is the first ever Bitcoin Pizza Day [Meet the Candidate](#) program to discuss local, state, and federal policy regulation of digital assets and the need for responsible financial innovation in the United States.

About Bitcoin Pizza Day: just a few days before March 22, 2010, Laszlo Hanyecz, an early Bitcoin enthusiast and developer, posted in an online forum that he would pay 10,000 bitcoin in exchange for two pizzas. Jeremy "Jercos" Sturdivant agreed to the terms and two Papa John's pies were delivered to Hanyecz's house, marking the first ever transaction of bitcoin made to buy a real-world good. A plaque commemorating the purchase at the Papa John's in Jacksonville, Florida, reads, "Papa John's. Makers of the famous Bitcoin Pizzas. May 22, 2010." You can buy a lot more than two pizzas today with 10,000 bitcoin, worth almost \$300 million in today's dollars.



Fassuliotis added, "People are genuinely concerned about inflation and our country's monetary policy. Bitcoin brings the concept of hard money back into the economy. With the pace of financial innovation accelerating in this country and regulation in the crypto industry moving ahead, we think this is a turning point for the digital asset conversation. As this industry matures, adopting March 22 as a bigger event than just a celebration should be a goal. It occurs the week before Memorial Day when we honor our fallen heroes and a little more than a month after income taxes are due. As the marker for the first bitcoin transaction and a return to sound monetary policy, the date can also serve as an outreach to both community and leadership around the country to get behind responsible financial policy and keep the United States a world leader."

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