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The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee from August 23-26, 2017. The meeting heavily focused on the progress the organization is making, particularly with our fundraising efforts and continued enhancements to our data analytics. Despite the constant barrage of noise from the media outlets, the RNC remains steadfast and focused on the Republican Party, our constituents, our principles and supporting the White House. We have not, and will not waver on the goal of getting more Republican leaders elected, at all levels, to ensure the prosperity of our country.

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting (8/23/17 to 8/26/17)**:

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- One of the key messages was how well our fundraising efforts have been of late. We owe a deep appreciation to Steve Wynn (Finance Chairman), Ronna Romney-McDaniel (RNC Chairwoman) and Richard Walters (Finance Director) for their dedication and work in this arena.
- In the 2nd quarter in 2017, the RNC raised \$33.9 million with \$47 million cash on hand. And, we only projected to raise \$23 million!!! Incredible work, Team!
 - In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) raised \$14.5 million with less than \$6 million cash on hand.
 - Year to date, RNC has raised \$85.5 million, compared to the DNC's \$41 million.
- The RNC currently has no debt; but the DNC carries a debt of \$3.2 million.

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agenda and the RNC.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

12 resolutions were approved during this session.

The Resolution regarding Charlottesville, VA and the incredibly unfortunate incidents that occurred there (#10 below) was extensively discussed. The RNC wanted to ensure the White House was in total agreement with it before approval. As all resolutions must be approved by President Trump and the White House before being considered by the RNC members, we were assured the President and White House were in complete agreement with the spirit, content and language of this resolution.

1. Resolution To Make All Regulation Reform Permanent.
2. Republican National Committee Resolution Supporting Territorial Taxation for Individuals (TTFI) Replacing Citizenship-Based Taxation (CBT).
3. Resolution Supporting The Northeast Commercial Fishing Industry.
4. Resolution In Support Of President Trump's Arms Sales To Taiwan.
5. RNC Resolution In Support Of Republican Efforts To Reform Of The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau.
6. Resolution In Support Of A Bipartisan Bill Supporting Human Rights And Freedom In Hong Kong.
7. Resolution Affirming Equal Citizenship For All Americans.
8. Resolution In Support Of Our President, Platform, And Promises.
9. Resolution: Henrietta Lacks Bodily Integrity Bill To Be Taken Up By The U.S. Congress.
10. Resolution Condemning The Violence And Racist Beliefs OF White Supremacists Demonstrating In Charlottesville, VA On August, 12, 2017.
11. Resolution Commending President Trump For His Commitment To Making America Safe Again Thereby Assuring Hawaii And Guam And Its Pacific Territories Safety Against North Korean Missiles.
12. Resolution On Protecting Taxpayers By Restoring Safety And Soundness To Government –Sponsored Enterprises.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

- This meeting was constituted as informational and no decisions were taken on any Rules.
- Our Legal Counsel gave a very detailed overview of the Rules of the Republican Party, since they could be amended between National Conventions.

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- This committee will review the rules governing the states' processes of choosing delegates and the nomination of the Republican Party's presidential nominee for 2020.
- Our Legal Counsel gave a very detailed overview of the Rules of the Republican Party, specifically focusing on Rules 14, 16, 17 and 20.
- This committee will cease to exist after a report of the rules has been submitted to the RNC.

GENERAL SESSION:

- Chairperson McDaniel stated she is very pleased with the RNC's relationship with President Trump and the White House.
- She reiterated the incredible fundraising effort of the RNC, and how we continue to attract many new donors to our party; small and large, with a consistent message that they believe in President Trump and his agenda.
- She emphasized the importance of keeping our Republican majorities in 2018 and reelecting President Trump in 2020.
 - In 2018, there will be a total of 34 US Senate races; of which 25 of those seats are currently Democratic and 9 are Republicans.
 - In 2018, there will be a total of 38 gubernatorial races; of which 10 of those seats are currently Democratic, 27 are Republicans and 1 is Independent.
- She emphasized how crucial the 2018 midterm elections are, and how in reality, they will be a dress rehearsal for 2020.
- She stated, that so far....
 - President Trump has helped create over 1 million new jobs;
 - Unemployment rate is at a 16-year low;
 - Justice Neil Gorsuch now sits on the U.S. Supreme Court;
 - Our veterans are starting to get the care they rightfully deserve;
 - U.S. workers and businesses are better protected since Obama-era, job killing regulations are getting removed;
 - Borders are strengthening, thereby keeping our country safe; AND
 - We are making America Great Again.
- But, still there is much to do, as we must cut taxes, replace Obamacare and reform our broken tax code.
- She joined President Trump to denounce bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice, and religious intolerance in any form throughout our country.

GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Bob Paduchik, RNC Co-Chairman

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- Congressman Diane Black (TN-6)
- Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
- Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)
- Eric Trump, President Trump's son
- Governor Bill Haslam (TN)

Here are my take-home messages:

1. The RNC's fundraising efforts continue to go through-the-roof! When the RNC out fundraises the competition by over 2X (\$85.5M vs. \$41M), it proves our message is resonating with citizens of this country. Let's continue to hit the pavement hard and the results will speak for themselves; despite what the media claims is occurring.
2. The RNC continues to make great strides in the utilization of data for our local and state teams. With the development and constant improvements of voter profiles, "walking apps" such as Radar, and our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools, we will be able to strategically target and develop next-level campaign plans that will help our candidates get elected.
3. If you are looking for real results, look no further than the 4 special elections that occurred in Kansas, Montana, South Carolina and Georgia. Not only was considerable money spent, but the newly-enhanced data and tools were deployed on behalf of our candidates... and to great success, as we won ALL 4 OF THESE ELECTIONS!!!

It was another great week at the RNC! There was a tremendous sense of pride for the organization and the party as a whole. Once again, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to represent you at the RNC. It is a great honor and privilege to represent Colorado at this body. We need to work hard to win all the elections in 2018, especially the gubernatorial election here in Colorado!

Respectfully submitted,



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