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The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Austin, Texas from July 18 to July 21, 2018. The meeting was dominated by the Site Selection Committee's recommendation for the site of the 2020 Republican National Convention. There were also a lot of conversations on the possible Rule #8 and #12 changes, along with President Trump's Supreme Court Justice nominee, Brett Kavanaugh.

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting (07/18/18 to 07/21/18)**:

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- During this cycle, the RNC raised a total of \$213 million.
- So far in this calendar year, the RNC raised \$66.6 million with \$47.4 million cash-on-hand and maintains **zero debt**.
 - In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) raised \$35.2 million with only \$8.7 million cash-on-hand. The DNC also currently carries a debt of \$5.7 million.
- A few quick facts about the RNC's fundraising in 2018:
 - The RNC broke online fundraising records for 5 out of the 6 months in 2018.
 - In the 2nd quarter alone, the RNC raised \$4.6 million: the

largest ever online raise for a quarter. Ever.

- In the first 6 months, the RNC received 1.35 million donations where the average gift equaled \$39.60.
- Also, in the first 6 months, there were 113,000 new RNC donors, which totaled \$5.4 million.
- During the 2nd quarter, major donors brought in \$8.1 million, while direct mail raised \$15.3 million.
- The RNC has devoted **a quarter of a billion dollars** to the midterm strategy to support our #1 priority of keeping Congress in Republican hands.
 - Democrats need to flip 23 seats to control the House, and 2 Senate seats to control the Senate.
- The above numbers are great news for 2018 and 2020, as it will allow us to further strengthen our data base, political outreach, digital communications and support for the White House.

RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

- A total of 487 million contacts have been made during this cycle.
 - Direct Mail Pieces: over 9.6 million
 - Phone and/or Door Knocking: over 20 million
 - Emails Opened: over 250 million
 - Data-Gathering Calls: over 183 million
 - GOTV Calls: over 5.6 million
 - Digital Petitions/Surveys Completed: over 19 million
- 65,000 people attended the last 5 rallies where President Trump participated.
 - 41% were registered Republican
 - 23% were registered Democrats
 - 36% were registered Other

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- The Site Selection Committee announced Charlotte, North Carolina as the site for our 2020 Presidential National Convention. The final decision took place at the General Session on Friday, July 20th, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

4 resolutions were approved during this session and were then approved at the General Session.

1. Resolution Commending The Trump Administration's Leadership On Religious Freedom & Efforts To Remedy Religious Persecution In Burma.
2. Resolution Supporting The President's Supreme Court Justice Nominee.
3. Resolution Opposing California's Unconstitutional And Destructive Sanctuary Law.
4. Resolution Protecting Students From Exposure To Potentially Unsuitable Content By Supporting A Parents Right To Grant Prior Written Consent For Sex Education.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

The Committee approved the following amendment to Rule 12, which was then approved at the General Session.

- Rule No. 8 (a) – The Republican National Committee shall meet at least ~~three (3)~~ two (2) times in each year. A tentative agenda for each meeting shall be mailed to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. The minutes, including all resolutions and motions, shall be mailed to all members of the Republican National Committee within thirty (30) days after the close of the meeting. In addition, The Republican National Committee shall conduct a training session only for members or their designee at least one time in each year.

GENERAL SESSION:

- Chairperson Ronna McDaniel's report was impressive as it focused on the formidable fundraising that took place during the second quarter of 2018.
- She continued to report on the progress of the Tax Reform Act of 2017; specifically highlighting the 3 million new jobs it has created and our record low employment rate.
- She discussed how NATO allies are finally stepping up to pay their fair share of defense costs. And the President is fighting for fair trade deals and standing up for American workers.
- She pushed for the U.S. Senate to approve Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.
- She spoke of how the Democrats are more divided than ever. They have no vision for the future of this country, nor any desire to come to the table and work with Republicans on important issues. Their plan revolves

around resistance, obstruction, and their elitist, out-of-touch Hollywood friends.

- Finally, she mentioned the RNC broke fundraising records and has the strongest ground game. And TOGETHER, we will defy history in November.

GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Brad Parscale, Campaign Manager for Trump's 2020 reelection campaign
- Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture

Here are my take-home messages:

1. The RNC continues to fight against the alleged "Blue Wave" and turn it into a "Red Wave." We need to be **united to win** a decisive battle in November. We cannot let them win Congress, because they will try to:
 - a. Impeach Trump.
 - b. Rescind the Tax Reform Bill.
 - c. Strengthen Obamacare.
 - d. Indefinitely delay a vote on the current Supreme Court nominee.
 - e. Abolish ICE.
 - f. Empower Nancy Pelosi.
 - g. Impose burdensome and needless regulations on our business communities.
2. These meetings make me more determined to unite our base, so our communities can go out and vote the Republican ticket in November. As such, don't forget to walk your block, and talk to your friends, family and neighbors. That's what I will be doing!
3. Here in Colorado, we need to work hard to win all the elections in 2018, especially:
 - a. For Governor, vote: [Walker Stapleton](#),
 - b. For Secretary of State, vote: [Wayne Williams](#),
 - c. For Attorney General, vote: [George Brauchler](#),
 - d. For State Treasurer, vote: [Brian Watson](#),
 - e. And we must re-elect Congressmen [Mike Coffman](#) and [Scott](#)

[Tipton](#). Go Colorado!

We cannot forget the reason why we fight for our GOP candidates, they fight for **Our Freedom**. As a naturalized citizen to this great country, I have seen and lived through oppressive regimes that slowly erode their citizens' freedom. We cannot allow that to occur here in America. Freedom is paramount to our future, and as such, fighting for it deserves our energy, resources and votes. 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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