

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Winter Meeting in Miami, Florida from January 22 to January 24, 2020. The Standing Committee on Arrangements for the 2020 National Presidential Convention met on January 23, 2020.

Here is my report from the **Standing Committee on Arrangements (CoA)**:

- The 2020 Republican National Presidential Convention will be held in Charlotte, N.C. from August 24 to August 27, 2020.
- The convention website address is: <https://www.2020gopconvention.com/>
- Please sign up as a volunteer at: <https://www.charlottein2020.com/>
- Sincere gratitude to the City of Charlotte, along with the White House and the RNC, for the preparatory work and due diligence taken to ensure this convention is a success!
- A “Page Program” resolution passed that allocates two Pages to each state. All Pages must be between the ages of 16-22, and there will be no compensation or allowances for expenses. If interested in applying, please contact me through my website ([www.VeraRNC.com](http://www.VeraRNC.com)).

Here is my report of the **Winter Meeting (01/22 to 01/24/2020)**:

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Our 2019 budget was simply incredible. The RNC raised \$241 million (most ever!), and closed with \$72.0 million cash-on-hand. The RNC still maintains zero debt.
  - In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) raised \$93.1 million with only \$8.4 million cash-on-hand. The DNC also currently carries a debt of \$8.4 million.
- A few quick facts about the RNC’s fundraising in 2019:
  - Since the impeachment started, we acquired over 600,000 new small donors with an average donation of \$40.50.
  - We raised \$176 million online.
  - We are using this money to create the best field organizations across this country to ensure our message is amplified to all Americans- 700 staff across 18 target states (including Colorado).
  - We spent \$300 million in the last 6 years to create resources and trainings for federal, state, and local candidates to use free of charge. To date, we have trained more than 10,000 candidates.
  - Our goal is to train over 2 MILLION volunteers to help with the Trump 2020 campaign.
- The 2020 RNC budget is set \$374.3 million dollars. More than double the 2019 RNC budget!

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

5 Resolutions were approved unanimously during this session and were then approved at the General Session.

1. Resolution in Support of Civics Instruction.
2. Resolution Condemning Worldwide Christian Persecution and Supporting the Trump Administration's Efforts to Promote Religious Freedom.
3. Resolution in Support of President Trump's Executive Order Protecting American Students and Combatting Anti-Semitism at Home and Abroad.
4. Resolution Commending President Trump for His Leadership on Energy Independence.
5. Resolution Commending the Republican Party and President Donald Trump for Recognizing the Importance of HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in the Past, Present, and Future.

### RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

- The breakdown of recent rallies are:
  - 58.1% democrats; 74.8% registered democrats/ independents; 3311 unregistered voters at the El Paso rally.
  - At a Wisconsin rally, 57.9% of rally attendants were NOT republicans.
- In 2019, RNC digital identified more than 83,000 volunteers to support the field operation.
- In 2019, we obtained 10.5 million new email addresses and cell phone numbers.
- As the most effective way to reach voters is knocking on doors (least effective is phone calling), in the last 6 months, we knocked on over 1 million doors.
- Goal on new voter registration: 200,000.

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

- This committee concentrated on amending Rules 26-42 before the National Convention.
- No amendments were offered. Therefore no changes were done.

### GENERAL SESSION:

- Chairperson Ronna McDaniel report focused on the incredible 2019 fundraising effort, and the positive things we are doing to amplify our message with tools such as data, advertising, field staff, and volunteer training.
- She spoke of the great accomplishments of President Trump, including the booming economy, border protection, immigration, trade deals with China and Mexico/Canada, improving relationships with women, Hispanics-Americans, African-Americans and

Asian-Americans, energy dominance, confirming over 180 federal judges and two Supreme Court Justices, funding for the military and much more...

- Chairperson McDaniel spoke about the 18 target states and the enormous resources that will be spent on each of them.
- On a sad note, two members of our staff passed away in less than 3 months. Both will be terribly missed.
- She spoke of the close coordination between the Trump campaign and the RNC.
- We are gaining thousands and thousands of democrats/independent to register as Republicans. Rallies and online are a great source for such a task.
- Finally, our next RNC Spring Training Session will be in Washington, DC from April 21 to 23, 2020.

#### GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- President Donald J. Trump
- Matt Schlapp, Chairman of American Conservative Union (CPAC)
- Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
- Eric Trump

Here are my take-home messages:

America is in great hands with President Trump and RNC Chairperson Ronna McDaniel. They are relentlessly focused on their obligation to protect all Americans in the United States and abroad, while also improving our well-being, regardless of ethnicity, religious background or financial standing. It is the goal of the RNC to ensure their message is heard by as many people as possible. A key message is how the economy continues to boom under President Trump, and benefits those that need it most.

After observing the political charades of the democrats during the impeachment process, it makes me more determined to continue working to ensure President Trump gets a second term.

#### **2 Supreme Court Justices + 2 dead terrorists + 2 trade deals = 2 Terms!**

It also highlighted how important it is to re-elect our great Senator Cory Gardner. Without Cory, Colorado would lose a strong advocate of Colorado interests in Washington D.C. who is highly respected. He has represented us extraordinarily well and should continue to do so. If you would like to volunteer for his campaign, please contact me through my website ([www.VeraRNC.com](http://www.VeraRNC.com)).

On a personal note, I am running for re-election to continue representing you in front of the RNC as your National Committeewoman. When I first ran for this position, I promised that if elected, I would write a report after each meeting. I have done precisely that, like this report. **Promises made; promises kept.** If you are planning to become a State Delegate, I ask for your vote.

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 as 1 of the 168.

Respectfully submitted,

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