

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina from August 20 to August 23, 2020. The Republican National Convention was held on August 24, 2020 in Charlotte, NC with the remainder of the Convention occurring in Washington, D.C. with President Trump accepting his nomination on the South Lawn of the White House on August 27, 2020.

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

- Due to complications with the coronavirus, the National Convention ran from August 25 to August 27 in Charlotte, N.C. The presentations and speeches focused on everyday people and their struggle to live their constitutionally protected conservative principles in today's cancel and outrage culture. The high-level message of the convention was President Trump and Vice President Pence are America's best chance of beating this virus and getting back to a roaring economy that elevates all citizens and communities.
- On the last day of the Convention, President Trump accepted the Republican Presidential Nomination at a speech held on the South Lawn of the White House in front of a 1000+ crowd.

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting (8/20 to 8/23/2020)**:

#### COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS:

- The only contest brought to this committee concerned competing slates of delegates presented by two different individuals who claimed to be the chairman of the Republican Party of the United States Virgin Islands.
- The full board of 168 RNC members decided not to allow either "chair" to be recognized nor be seated as a delegate. Only the National Committeeman and the National Committeewoman would be delegates.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Our 2020 budget and fundraising efforts were impressive, yet again. Thanks to President Trump, his campaign, and the RNC, we have raised over \$1.1 billion dollars with a stated goal of \$1 billion dollars.
- As of July 2020, the RNC raised \$223.9 million, and closed with \$109.04 million cash-on-hand. The RNC still maintains zero debt.
  - In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) raised \$111.3 million with only \$3.3 million cash-on-hand. The DNC also currently carries a debt of \$8.8 million.
- A few quick facts about the RNC's fundraising in 2020:
  - We have funded 1500 field staff in 25 states and opened 273 offices.
  - Colorado specifically received over 20 RNC staff with 5 dedicated staff to CD-3 GOP candidate Lauren Boebert.

- o We received 18 million donations with an average donation of \$44.00.
- o We trained over 1.9 million volunteers, and 178K team leaders when our goal was 90K.
- o Membership increased by 1.58 million members in July 2020, with 3.28 million new members for the first 6 months.
- o We captured 1.3 million new online donors in July 2020, and 12.2 million new emails since last quarter.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULE:

- We were reminded Rule 37 (e) governed the Convention proceedings.
- No other Rule was changed.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

- 10 resolutions were submitted and 7 resolutions were approved (1 was withdrawn and 2 were defeated).
  - o Resolution to Conserve History and Combat Prejudice – Christopher Columbus.
  - o Resolution Upholding the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America in the Response to the CoronaVirus Pandemic and the Cancel Culture Movement.
  - o Resolution Urging the United States Congress to End China’s Monopoly Control over the United States Medicine Supply Chain.
  - o Resolution in Support of America-First Accomplishments.
  - o Resolution in Favor of Providing the Necessary Tools for President Trump to Finish Draining the Swamp.
  - o Resolution Refuting the Legitimacy of the Southern Poverty Law Center to Identify Hate Groups.
  - o Resolution Regarding the Republican Party Platform.

#### RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

- Voter registration is favoring the RNC as we have surpassed voter registration goals in 6 states.
- We have knocked on 5 million doors, made 103 million calls, and have signed-up 168K new voters.
- We have trained 50K poll watchers who are ready for election day.
- 600K donors have become certified volunteers.

#### GENERAL SESSION:

- The RNC took the opportunity to congratulate Ronna McDaniel on yet another outstanding fundraising cycle.

- According to Chairwoman McDaniel, the fundraising dollars have been “the easiest to raise” because people understand what is at stake in the upcoming election. Freedom vs. Socialism. A stagnant economy vs. a booming economy. Free access to American resources vs. Border Security. Lawlessness and “mostly peaceful protest” vs. Law and Order. Defunding the Police vs. Defending the Police. Higher taxes vs. lower taxes.
- After witnessing the enthusiasm from our people on the ground, Chairwoman McDaniel strongly believes we have the momentum going into the November elections..
- And she affirmed we are in the best financial position to defeat the Democrats.
- Vote Trump/Pence for another 4 years!!!

Here are my take-home message:

Words cannot express the excitement I felt representing the great state of Colorado at the 2020 Republican National Convention. I felt an incredible amount of pride, happiness, and humility to cast my vote, along with a handful of proxy votes from other Colorado delegates, for President Trump and Vice President Pence. Only in this incredible country could a naturalized citizen be given such an awesome responsibility!

As if the above was not enough, I was in the audience to hear President Trump accept the Republican nomination for President at the White House. And right on cue, I was immediately reminded why we need to re-elect this Law and Order President for another 4 years.

On my short walk from the speech to my hotel, no more than 3 blocks, I had the unwelcomed experience of dealing with very belligerent protestors, face-to-face. They were yelling obscenities, being nasty, vulgar, and quite disrespectful. I felt very threatened by them. If this behavior is dismissed by the media as “mostly peaceful,” I simply ask them- would they feel comfortable putting their elderly mother in the middle of these “mostly peaceful” protests? Because if it wasn’t for some nice younger gentlemen coming to my defense, I am not entirely sure what my options would have been. This is the kind of America we can look forward to if Biden wins in November.

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)).

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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