

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Winter Meeting in Amelia Island, FL from January 6 to January 8, 2021.

Here is my report of the **Winter Meeting (1/6 to 1/8/2021)**:

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- During the 2019-2020 cycle, we raised \$1.3 **B**illion dollars.
- In 2020, the RNC raised \$629 million dollars, and closed with \$70 million cash-on-hand. The RNC still maintains zero debt.
  - This money is being utilized to decipher what went wrong in the 2020 election and improve election and voter integrity moving forward.
- President Trump proved to be the top fundraiser the RNC has ever seen. For instance, we raised over \$1 million per day for 247 consecutive days.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

- The passage of these particular resolutions represent the embodiment of what the Republican Party really is. We thanked several of our dedicated republicans. We thanked our grassroots volunteers. We also asked to protect our incredible Constitution by reigning in Big Tech and the universities. We thanked President Trump for his service to this country and for the unprecedented accomplishments- both domestic and globally- in just four years.
- 10 Resolutions were submitted and all 10 were approved during the General Session
  - Resolution Honoring the Life of Republican National Committeewoman Lilly Nunez.
    - I was honored to introduce this Resolution to the Committee.
  - Resolution Honoring the Life of Alabama Republican Party Chief of Staff, Harold Sachs.
  - Resolution Honoring the Life of the Honorable Harold Roger Jones.
  - Resolution Ensuring the People's Constitutional Right to a Fair, Legal, and Accurate Election.
  - Resolution Commending the Unprecedented Accomplishments of President Trump in His First Term.
  - Resolution Thanking Trump Supporters and Grassroots Volunteers Across the Nation.
  - Resolution urging Congress to curb Big Tech's Censorship.
  - Resolution Encouraging Universities Across the United States to Teach Traditional Journalism and Objective, Fact-Based Reporting.
  - Resolution Supporting the "Keep the Nine Amendment" to the United States Constitution. The Nine Amendment says "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices".
  - Resolution Honoring the Life of Flo Crisman Neher Traywick.

RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

Instead of focusing on the numbers, like I usually do, I want to thank the dedicated staff and volunteers for an incredible job well done. Over 14 million more voters casted their votes in 2020 over 2016 for President Trump and Vice President Pence, so turn-out improved- tremendously; just not at the same rate as the other side. Our party structure is strong, and we will come out stronger in 2022 and 2024.

The main lesson is to move forward and continue the hard-work of constructively and meaningfully engaging with those with whom we disagree. We also must:

- Engage our minority communities all year-long, and not just during election season.
- Be more vigilant when rights are being infringed, and fight litigiously if needed.
- Be more proactive with community and stakeholder engagement.
- Improve our message. This is critical.
- Better understand what makes elections secure and how to maintain voter integrity.

#### GENERAL SESSION:

This session's main focus was the election of officers for the next two years. Here are the RNC officers as elected at this session:

- Chairman – Ronna McDaniel
- Co-Chairman – Tommy Hicks
- Treasurer – Ron Kaufman
- Secretary – Vicki Drummond

Chairwoman McDaniel laid out her plan for the RNC; which focused on studying, analyzing and implementing what we learned from this election. As such, she proposed the creation of three new committees, which will give the RNC guidance on how to win in 2022 and 2024. Those committees will be:

1. Election Integrity Committee
2. Grassroots Advisory Committee
3. Committee on the Presidential Debate Process

#### GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- President Donald J. Trump via phone and video
- Senator Rand Paul
- Governor of South Dakota Kristi Noem
- Former Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley

Here are my take-home messages:

Although the mood was somber due to the results of the General Election, the Georgia runoff, and the unfortunate violence at our US Capitol, the RNC members remained focused on how to improve to regain the Senate and House in the next 2 years. We must unify within the party. We must stay true to our values and we must continue to work hard to get our message to communities who may not understand what the Republican party actually stands for. Our country, and its citizens, demand that from us and we need to deliver.

On a high note, I was elected to the RNC's Executive Committee, representing the Western Region. I am honored by the other RNC members who voted to place me in this leadership position. Thank you and I will not let you down!

I also want to personally thank President Trump for his fighting spirit and for defending our country. For welcoming minority communities. For delivering what he promised to us. For the federal support to gain a vaccine faster than ever before. For the historic Middle East

agreements. For lowering our taxes. For the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and helping small businesses keep their employees. And so much more. Thank you for all you have done. We will miss you Mr. President.

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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