

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Chicago, Illinois from August 3 to August 5, 2022.

The big announcement of this meeting was the location of the 2024 Presidential Republican National Convention, which is:

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting**:

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The committee met to discuss the final two locations for the 2024 Presidential Republican National Convention, and then announced Milwaukee, Wisconsin as the winning site!

STATE CHAIRMEN SESSION:

- The Chairs' consensus message is our Republican base is super excited and energized to take back the U.S. House of Representative, with our eyes also set on taking back the U.S. Senate.
- Volunteers are always needed in all states, as without them, the Red Wave becomes difficult to obtain.
  - With over 580,000 volunteers and 500 field staffs helping candidates throughout the nation, we are making a difference.
  - Please (please!!) volunteer with your favorite local candidate(s)!
- Inflation has affected our local fundraising, particularly effecting our small donors.
- Voting registration is up in most states, especially among minority voters.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- While inflation has affected small donors, fortunately, major donors have stepped up.
  - Despite the impact of inflation on our economy, 720,000 small new donors have emerged, with 55 new major donors giving to the RNC.
- In 2022, the RNC raised \$246 million dollars, and closed with \$58.8 million dollars cash-on-hand.
- In the same time frame, the DNC raised \$226 million dollars, and closed with \$37.4 million dollars cash-on-hand.
- Overall, our fundraising efforts are doing fine, yet we heavily rely on those small donors to surpass the DNC as we work for the people and the DNC works for the political elites and the media.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

11 Resolutions were presented, with 2 being withdrawn by their sponsors. As such, 9 were submitted and all 9 were approved during the General Session.

- Resolution Recognizing Biological Differences Between Men and Women in Law.
- Resolution Condemning President Biden’s Immigration Policy Failures.
- Resolution in Support of Taiwan.
- Resolution Honoring the Life of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.
- Resolution Honoring the Life of John Louis Ryder.
- Resolution to Denounce the Biden Administration’s Dismantling of the United States’ Military Readiness.
- Resolution Calling for Republicans to Unite Behind the Concept of “Taking Power Out of Washington”.
- Resolution in Loving Memory of Margaret “Peggy” Kidd Lambert, and
- Resolution in Loving Memory of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

No rules were amended at this meeting.

#### DEBATES COMMITTEE MEETING:

The committee met to discuss the Primary Presidential debates and the General Election debates, and the rules they should follow. Governor Mike Huckabee is advising this committee.

- As a reminder, at the Spring Meeting of 2022, the RNC voted any Republican Presidential Candidate will only participate in debates organized by the RNC, and not by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

#### GENERAL SESSSION:

Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel gave a very uplifting speech as we have an incredible opportunity to regain the U.S. House of Representative and the U.S. Senate. Yet to accomplish our goal, we must continue to work hard at the local level. Here are a few examples highlighted by the Chairwoman:

- We need to increase our voter registration.
  - At present time, over one million voters have switched from Democrat to Republican, with minority voters leading the charge as they are starting to realize their needs, wants, and dreams align with our conservative principles.
- Community Centers dedicated to minority outreach have been put in place throughout the United States. 30 of these Centers are already established, and more on the way!
  - For instance, in Colorado, the first Community Center will open in August 2022 to help with the new Congressional District 8 race.
- The RNC continues to fight for our rights inside the courtroom, particularly for election integrity, with 58 current lawsuits in over 16 states.
  - The RNC hired 17 election integrity state directors and 29 in-state election integrity attorneys to ensure things run smoothly during early voting and for election day.

- The RNC trained over 15,000 poll watchers and helped election officials fill 17,000 poll worker positions.

The Chairwoman ended her speech saying, “great moments are born from great opportunities. And that is what we have here in front of us. This is your time. Their time is done”. Therefore, this RNC team, for the next 95 days, will do what is needed to win and bring the Red Wave to their doorsteps.

GUEST WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Governor Mike Huckabee
- Tony Perkins
- Ari Fleischer
- “RoofTop” Pastor Cory Brooks

Here are my take-home messages:

I found this meeting to be quite extraordinary as it was a reminder of the opportunity we all have to create a Red Wave this November. Our candidates and volunteers have committed themselves to their campaigns; fundraising is good despite what Mr. Biden has done to our economy; and the RNC is fighting to ensure election integrity for 2022.

This gives me the hope and belief that we WILL remove Nancy Pelosi and fire Chuck Schumer; which will then set us up to remove Mr. Biden from the White House in 2024.

I am so energized for this election cycle because our economy, our border, our constitution, and our Country need our help. This is the time to fight. This is the time to volunteer. This is the time to unite. And most importantly, this is the time to vote Republican.

Respectfully submitted,

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