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Dear <<First Name>>,

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Summer Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. from July 31 to August 2, 2019. Before the full RNC meeting, the Standing Committee on Arrangements for the 2020 National Presidential Convention met from July 29 to July 30, 2019.

Here is my report from the **Standing Committee on Arrangements (CoA) (7/29 to 7/30/2019)**:

- The general purpose of this committee is to plan and manage the 2020 National Presidential Convention; which will be held in Charlotte, N.C. at the Spectrum Center.
- CoA Issues discussed: Future Leaders and Volunteers; Housing/Hotels; Transportation; Charlotte facilities and infrastructure; Media and Delegate experience.
- The official address for the convention is <http://www.charlotte2020.com/>

Here is my report of the **Summer Meeting (7/31 to 8/2/2019)**:

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- During the 2019 election cycle, the RNC raised \$97 million dollars, and closed the 2nd quarter with \$43.5 million cash-on-hand. The RNC still maintains **zero debt**.
 - In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) raised \$44 million dollars with only \$9.3 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 2019:
 - Most donors, small and large, gave more than one time.
 - Online donations raised \$18 million dollars, with 216,000 new online donors.
 - Direct mail brought in \$50.7 million dollars.
 - Major donors brought in \$28 million dollars.
 - Convention funding is well ahead of schedule.
 - We have over 900,000 active donors.
 - We have received \$59,594,301 million dollars in earned media.
 - Due to this prolific fundraising, the RNC has expanded field operations for 2019 and 2020 in many states, including Colorado since the Trump team considers Colorado a swing state.
 - The 2019 RNC budget was set to \$144.5 million dollars, and we are on target to beat this number again!

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

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

1. Resolution Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act: An Enduring Partnership (I was Chief Sponsor of this resolution).
2. Resolution Regarding China's Organ Harvesting.
3. Resolution in Support of Religious Freedom and the Efforts of the Trump Administration to Preserve and Protect Religious Freedoms at Home and Abroad.
4. Resolution in Support of President Trump's Trade Policy and Negotiations with the People's Republic of China.
5. Resolution Commending President Trump for Creating the National Council of the American Worker and the American Workforce Advisory

Board.

6. Resolution Commending President Trump for Facilitating the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.
7. Resolution Commending the Trump Administration's Investment in Women's Empowerment.

RNC OUTREACH UPDATE:

- To date, the RNC has made over 24 million calls, and received over 95,195 completed surveys
- In the first half of 2019, 2,943 television bookings were completed with a heavier emphasis on local and state media outlets.
- In Colorado, 158,285 who voted for President Trump in 2016 did not vote in 2018. We need to re-engage these voters.
- The RNC's Communications Team is focused on producing more multi-lingual products, to expand our message to more audiences.
- As this was a commitment made by the Chairwoman to ensure 2020 is a very successful year, the RNC has increased hiring of more permanent and field staff in swing states.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES:

- This committee focused on amending Rules 13 to 25 before the 2020 National Presidential Convention.
- Rule 15 (b) was amended to include, "...active duty military and their dependents...".
- No other changes were offered at this time.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS:

- This committee focused on Election Day Operations (EDO), because the DNC focuses on EDO all year round, and now, so will the RNC.
 - Volunteer lawyers have four roles: 1) Poll watching; 2) Keeping every aspect of the election process legal; 3) Courthouse watching, and 4) Answering questions at the call center.
 - Volunteer lawyers are needed in every courthouse, across every state, city and precinct, on Election Day. Lawyers understand the

gray areas of our legal and election systems, and need to be on alert for fraud and failures of process.

- Democrats have more than 100 legal groups to deal with election issues. Republicans only have 1. We need to do better.
- If you are a lawyer and want to volunteer in Colorado's election process, please email me, so we can get you trained in time for the elections.

GENERAL SESSION:

- Chairperson Ronna McDaniel report focused on the fabulous fundraising that took place during the first 6 months of 2019.
- She announced the launch of Project WINRED; a fundraising mechanism that allows individuals to donate to the candidate(s) of their choosing with only one click. For example, if you want to give \$100 to President Trump, you go to WinRed.com, and you can split the \$100 into \$XX to President Trump and \$XX to Sen. Gardner or any other candidate. This is the same program the Democrats have used for the last 25 years called "Actblue".
- Due to the GROW program, the RNC now has 27 million emails addresses.
- Chairperson McDaniel highlighted the strengthen of the nation's economy and the Trump Administration's accomplishments:
 - Wages are up. Taxes are down.
 - 6 million new jobs have been added.
 - 1/2 of welfare recipients are back in the workforce and off subsidies.
 - 22 regulations have been eliminated for each one created. President Trump's initial goal was 2 to 1. Getting rid of regulations is great for every aspects of our lives, such as taxes, healthcare, economy, and immigration.
 - Our military is well-funded and those serving are getting a well-deserved pay increase.
 - President Trump signed the First Step Act to reform our broken criminal justice system.
 - The amount of opioids smuggled into our country is being reduced.
 - The appointment of two Supreme Court Justices, and dozens of federal judges.
 - And finally, the WALL is being built!

- She mentioned, in 2016, we had 700,000 volunteers. We are on target to have more than 1.6 million volunteers in 2020.

GUESTS WHO SPOKE AT THE MEETING:

- Mick Mulvaney, Present White House Chief of Staff
- Ben Carson, US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Reince Priebus, Former White House Chief of Staff

Here are my take-home messages:

This week was a great reminder the Republican Party is the party that stands for truth, the economy, hard work, religious freedoms, our military, and immigrants. The GOP will leave Charlotte, NC in 2020 better off than we entered it. For instance, we brought new and used books to the children of Charlotte who are most in need. This is yet one example of many of how the Republican Party supports our communities and the citizens of this great country. This is your party!

After watching the democratic candidates fumbling during the two rounds of debates, I could see a bright future with re-electing President Trump, and a disastrous one with their policies. As such, we all need to work hard to make sure democrats do not gain control of the White House in 2020. Please join me in the mission to “Keep America Great”. We do not need open borders, nor free healthcare, nor free education...and definitely not any variety of socialism. What we need is President Trump for another 4 years.

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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