

Dear Colorado Republicans:

The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Spring Meeting in Houston, Texas from March 7th to March 8th, 2024. The Spring Meeting is typically reserved for training of RNC members, and this meeting was dedicated to election integrity, mass communication, and voter outreach.

However, the conversations were dominated by the election of the new Chair and Co-Chair of the RNC taking place at the General Session on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Here is my report for the **Spring Meeting**:

GENERAL SESSION:

Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel officially announced her resignation during her initial remarks. She re-emphasized the need for unity as the only path to beat Joe Biden and elect President Trump as our 47<sup>th</sup> President in November. After thanking staff, RNC members, and her family for their support throughout the years, she endorsed Michael Whatley – the presumptive Chairman candidate—and Lara Trump – the presumptive Co-Chairwoman candidate.

After the formal process of resignations of current leadership and nominations of new candidates, Michael and Lara received unanimous support (*i.e.*, no Nay votes were recorded) to become the RNC's Chair and Co-Chair.

Chairman Michael Whatley spoke about the two priorities of the RNC heading into November: (1) get out the vote and (2) protect the vote....and all our fundraising efforts will be in support of these two goals. Specifically, he mentioned programs focused on election integrity, banking the vote, ballot harvesting, and protecting the vote. Soon after that, the General Session was adjourned.

Here are my take home messages:

As my caucus meeting was the Thursday evening before, I had to travel all night to make it for the Friday morning General Session. Yet it was all worth it to see the peaceful transfer of power to Michael and Lara. There was no fanfare, shouting, or fighting. All it took was a voice vote of the members and the passing of the gavel!

I am looking forward to work with my friends, Michael, Lara, and President Trump, as we move towards the November election. Their determination to win is palpable and contagious, and I am ready to work hard so we can call him President Trump yet again.

Also, please remember I am running for re-election at the State Assembly on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo, CO. If you are a State Delegate, I ask for your support and vote. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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