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RNC Must Be Neutral in the Presidential Primary

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee was initially formed in 1856 by the first Republican National Convention, and for 168 years the RNC's singular focus has been to elect Republican candidates to the White House, Congress, state and local offices – Lincoln, Roosevelt, Coolidge, Eisenhower, Reagan, Bush, and Trump – the Grand Old Party is bigger and more vital than any one candidate and has a long and proud history of serving our country;

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee and its leadership are committed to maintaining neutrality through the 2024 Presidential Primary but are now being pressured to violate one of its rules, and turn the RNC and its operations over to a primary candidate and the primary candidate's chosen team before the primary candidate has secured at least the minimum number of delegates to assure the candidate's endorsement of the Republican Party;

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee must serve as a neutral player in primaries; in fact, RNC Rule 11 states the RNC shall not "contribute money or in-kind aid to any candidate for any public or party office of that state, except the nominee of the Republican Party or a candidate who is unopposed in the Republican Primary after the filing deadline for that office";

WHEREAS, the Republican Presidential Primary is not over; it is contested with two current qualified candidates, who have each won delegates;

WHEREAS, voters in a majority of states representing a majority of GOP delegates have yet to even have the opportunity to have their voices heard through voting in pending nominating contests;

WHEREAS, No Republican candidate has received the 1,215 required delegates to secure the Republican nomination;

WHEREAS, A proposal has been made by one presidential primary candidate for the RNC to elect a new Chair, Co-Chair and hire staff from said candidate's campaign to serve, in addition to their current role with the campaign, as senior staff for the RNC;

WHEREAS, the RNC has long-standing rules, election processes, and a Presidential primary schedule to give Republican voters a voice in electing our Presidential nominee;

WHEREAS, voters should determine the end of the 2024 Presidential primary election and not the RNC or ANY campaign insiders until one candidate amasses a clear majority of delegates to the Republican National Convention;

WHEREAS, the right of an elector (voter) to know they have a choice to state their preference in a process they have come to expect (by social contract and more express legal structures) to be maintained with integrity to protect that right, no matter how much they may be in the minority and no matter how large the opposite majority, is what James Madison and the Founders were seeking to protect;

WHEREAS, similarly, the Republican Party (and for that matter, any political party in America), and its institutional precepts and rules, is integral to maintaining the confidence in The Republic's fragile

experiment to govern with the consent of the majority without fear that the unalienable rights of the individual will be canceled by the tyranny of that same majority;

WHEREAS, we cannot abide the notion of perceived insurmountability of any political candidate;

WHEREAS, ultimately, the Republican Party shall have a nominee, and at that time, the nominee shall be empowered by the voters to influence the RNC; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee and its leadership will stay neutral throughout the Presidential primary and not take on additional staff from any of the active Presidential campaigns until a nominee is clearly determined by reaching 1,215 delegates; and

RESOLVED, That Republican National Committee is an important institution and will adhere to its longtime values and rules; and

RESOLVED, The RNC is committed to ensuring the 2024 Presidential primary is conducted in a free and fair process; and

RESOLVED, The RNC members agree that it must be the Republican voters (and ultimately the delegates) who determine who the Republican Party's Presidential nominee should be.

RNC Not to Pay Legal Bills of GOP Presidential Candidates

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee raises many millions of dollars each year with the singular purpose of electing Republican candidates across the country;

WHEREAS, the RNC spends tens of millions of dollars to help ensure free and fair elections;

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee should focus its spending on political efforts associated with winning elections and make clear from this point forward that the RNC's financial resources are to be used to assist candidates across the country winning elections in 2024;

WHEREAS, spending any RNC financial resources for any candidate's personal, business, or political legal expenses, not related to the 2024 election cycle, does not serve the RNC's primary mission of helping to elect our candidates in 2024; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee will not pay the legal bills of any of our candidates for any federal or state office, but will focus our spending on efforts directly related to the 2024 election cycle.