

PLATFORM COMMITTEE AGENDA – 8/2/7

- **Upcoming forums**
- **Review timeline revisions in coordination with GOTV**
- **Candidate forum visioning**
- **Community outreach visioning**
- **Blog improvements**

PLATFORM COMMITTEE NOTES – 7/19/07

• Upcoming forums:

- **August 8, Healthcare:** Should have a combo of legislative leaders and health professionals. As of today, 7/31, we have confirmed: Pete Dawson, pediatrician from the People's clinic; Claire Levy, State Rep; and Howie Wolf, with Healthcare for All Colorado. Waiting for confirmation, we have: Dianne Primavera, State Rep; Bill Marine, retired UC professor of preventative health; Chuck Stout, head of the Boulder Public Health Dept.
- **September 12, Immigration:** Nino is working to line up a well rounded panel with the help from the immigration Lawyer, Lori Herndon.

• Leadership Liaison and the Platform Resolution to encourage/mandate leadership involvement in the platform process:

Jonathan has revised the resolution (see attached). Depending on the vote we may have more clout with elected officials. Sandy Szewczyk has agreed to assist us, with Robin's help (if willing) to do the outreach with our party leaders.

We will want to develop a template for this so that it is easy to do on a monthly basis.

- We can start with a cover letter, expressing the will of the BCDP Executive Committee to have greater involvement from our elected officials and including a general timeline for upcoming forums (not too many left), community deliberations, blog information, etc.
- Then we can follow with a monthly reminder of events and issues we seek their comments on.
- Rick has formulated the preliminary survey form for each issue and we will want to get feedback on earlier issues as well as upcoming ones.

• Community Outreach in prep for pre-caucus community deliberation:

We didn't achieve much here but the new timeline in coordination with GOTV efforts should help with precinct leader involvement (see new timeline).

• Candidate Forum:

Also not much accomplished here, but we began to envision this a bit with Deb and Dan Gould. Jonathan can report on this at our next meeting.

• Statistical analysis:

Considered one goal to keep the individual precinct info separated so that we can better define each elected officials demographics. Probably too complicated to carry out and probably not necessary. But we may still want to keep precinct info separate.

• Blog development:

We all agreed that it would be good to make the blog more user friendly, but we have yet to determine who and how we will do that. Rachel might have someone in mind to help.

Resolution from the platform committee to be considered at the August 8, 2007 meeting of the Boulder County Democratic Party Executive Committee:

WHEREAS:

The basis of a healthy democracy includes discussion and deliberation between the electorate, elected officials, and candidates; and,

WHEREAS:

The Boulder County Democratic Party seeks to elect and support officials and candidates who understand and agree to represent the will of the people as expressed through an open, interactive communication process; and,

WHEREAS:

The Boulder County Democratic Party recognizes and endorses the importance and vitality of the BCDP platform process and through its Executive Committee designates a Platform Committee to develop and facilitate the platform process; and

WHEREAS:

Although the Boulder County Democratic Party does not endorse candidates during Primary Elections, the platform process is an effective means for candidates to engage with the public throughout the election cycle; and,

WHEREAS:

The Boulder County Democratic Party often provides the deciding vote for Democratic candidates and issues locally and in the state of Colorado.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Boulder County Democratic Party and its Executive Committee reaffirm the vitality and importance of the platform process; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Boulder County Democratic Party strongly encourages all Democratic candidates and elected officials running within Boulder County to fully participate in the platform process; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Platform Committee will have the right to indicate publicly which candidates have chosen to participate and which have chosen not to participate.