

PLATFORM COMMITTEE AGENDA – 8/16/7

- Upcoming forums
- Leadership liaison in view of acceptance or not of Jonathan's Resolution
- Blog improvements
- Review timeline revisions in coordination with GOTV
- Candidate forum visioning
- Community outreach visioning

Platform Committee Notes 8/2/7

Upcoming forums

8/8/7: Healthcare. We have a full lineup for this: State Rep. Claire Levy and possibly Dianne Primavera; Dr. Pete Dawson, from the People's Clinic; Dr. Gregory Jaramillo, from the Salud Clinic; Dr. Howie Wolf, from Healthcare for All Colorado; and Dr. Bill Marine, retired professor of Preventative Medicine. Dr. Chuck Stout, from the Health Department has been invited, but he has not replied as yet. Judy Feland went to the daylong healthcare forum, presented by Brandon Shaffer, and will report briefly from the findings at that event as well. This should be a great forum. Noting that no mention was made in the Dems newsletter about this forum, **Rebecca will forward on to the committee Robin's press release blurb so that we can all send it out to our respective email lists.**

9/12/7: Immigration. Nino reported on the guests he has confirmation from to date. Lori Herndon may come to our 8/16 committee meeting to get a better feel for what we are trying to do. The concern is to have a balanced perspective. There was a suggestion made to have former Gov. Lamn represent the anti-immigration agenda. Nino will talk with Deb about some of this.

BCDP Resolution encouraging the involvement of candidates and elected officials:

Due to technical problems, the resolution that went out to the Executive Committee, in advance of this next week's meeting, was the original and not the revised edition. In hopes of being able to present the updated resolution at the meeting, Jonathan's resolution was reviewed and suggestions were incorporated to make a more positive closure to it. Jonathan will ask Deb if he can present the edited version via email in advance or at the meeting itself.

Blog

We discussed the blog and our desire to update it to make it more user-friendly. Jonathan is going to put out an announcement to the IT team to see if they can find us a volunteer who can help with this. It is a priority that this be easy and attractive to use.

We determined that we want all candidates, declared or not to use the blog. Suggestion was made to have candidates sign in when they enter the blog and then to engineer it so that the commentary or names of all candidates will be highlighted in areas of the blog to which they respond. We also considered engineering a tally sheet for the actual vote by candidates on the final platform survey to be posted on the blog.

Timeline revision in accord with GOTV and community outreach

Rebecca will have the timeline revised in accordance with the GOTV timeline by our next meeting. She and Jonathan reported on developments from their meeting with Deb and Dan Gould and were pleased to see that there will be built into the GOTV schedule opportunity for us to enlist the support of precinct leaders as well as to prepare them for the community deliberation process in January.

Of special concern is to get the word out to the community for our November platform windup meeting, where we seek to conclude loose ends from previously discussed issues and to identify any other issues of import to the community. We want to avoid last minute resolutions if at all possible and getting precinct leaders to spread the word to their neighborhoods about this process is essential.

Noting that the announcement in re our next forum did not go out via the Dems newsletter this month, we want to set the routine of having Robin send off to Deb press releases when she has them, so Deb can include them in the newsletter.

In addition, we will ask Deb to let us send out a special Platform email, after the blog is updated, to our Dem list so that everyone who is on that list is aware of the upcoming platform procedures and encouraged to use the blog.

