



To: The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor, North Carolina
Ms. Ronna McDaniel, Chairwoman, Republican National Committee

Cc: The Honorable Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina; The Honorable Vi Lyles, Mayor, City of Charlotte; The Honorable George Dunlap, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Mecklenburg; Mr. Marcus Jones, City Manager, City of Charlotte; Ms. Dena Diorio, County Manager, County of Mecklenburg; Ms. Marcia Lee Kelly, President and CEO, Committee on Arrangements for the 2020 Republican National Convention

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We are proud to have spearheaded efforts that resulted in the awarding of the Convention to Charlotte in the summer of 2018. Now more than ever, the hosting of the Convention would serve as a substantial and much needed economic boost to our travel and tourism industry, many of which are small businesses, and which employs over 100,000 of our neighbors in restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues.

As you know in the past week we have informally discussed with all of you the Host Committee's willingness to act as a bridge between our city, region, state and the RNC, and more specifically the Committee on Arrangements.

We understand an event as large and important as the Convention, like any mass gathering, has been impacted by COVID-19. We appreciate substantive discussions about ensuring adherence to evolving health and safety guidelines established by local, state, and federal authorities had occurred, but have now ceased. It is apparent that further progress in communications resulting in collective agreement on the protocols for assurance of a safe and secure Convention are not assured at this time. Before selecting any location for any Convention related events, we believe the RNC and its delegates will want to, and be required to, agree to potential restrictions in activities related to the virus. We also know any state or municipality dealing with the RNC will want to know that they are committed to fulfilling their obligations in political gathering activities.

We also recognize time is of the essence as it relates to fundraising and imminent critical decisions that relate to large expenditures as well as travel arrangements and many other considerations for all those who are participants or otherwise affected by the event.

For that reason, we are offering to host representatives of the RNC, Committee on Arrangements, the Governor's office, and other representatives of the state, city and county in a meeting to be held as soon as possible in Charlotte where we can hopefully help the parties resolve open questions as expeditiously as possible. We hope this overture is welcomed by all as a genuine effort by the Host Committee to resolve open issues so that we may all work together for a successful and safe Convention in Charlotte.

Respectfully submitted,

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