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# The next Luncheon at CCNC is scheduled for Monday, Sept 17th



The June annual fundraising golf tournament is over, the results have been emailed and we have been enjoying a two-month summer break in July and August. We hope all of our members and their family have been enjoying this summer season, had or will have one or more vacation trips and are soaking in the sunny warm weather.

However, politics at the state and federal level have not taken vacation and efforts to unseat

conservative Republicans at the state and national level have been ramped up by the Dems with gusto! We continue to see the Democrat Governor of NC take anything and everything to the courts in an effort to thwart the will of the people through the NC Legislature. At the same time, our Dem minority at the federal level continues to do all things imaginable to discredit and unseat our President, Donald Trump. With the mid-term elections just around the corner, the Dems still believe that there will be a "blue wave" in the fall elections, allowing them to take a majority in the US House and possibly in the Senate.

As we look forward to getting back in the swing at our September meeting, it is critical that we realize the importance of the fall elections and get out the vote to keep control at the state and federal level. Of particular importance is the election of



Judges, particularly the NC State Supreme Court. In an effort to get a majority control of that court, the Dems have offered up a candidate, Chris Anglin, who at the last minute changed his party affiliation to Republican. The State GOP believes this was a blatant attempt to get a Dem in office under the "sham" that Anglin is a Republican, a complete falsehood based on his background and beliefs. See the following from the left leaning "Charlotte Observer:"

Why one NC GOP official calls Republican Supreme Court candidate 'the enemy'

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As noted above, we have Chairs and members of committees assigned. We still lack a Chair for the Fundraising and Candidate Finance committee, but expect to fill it after the June golf tournament.

We will be assigning committee chairs and members for 2019 during the last few months of this year and the first couple of months next year. Let an EC member know if you are interested in serving on a committee.



Acting Calling Colonel: Bob Zschoche

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Would like you to serve as the Calling Colonel?! If so, let Acting Calling Colonel, Bob Zschoche, know that you are willing to serve.

When your Calling Captain calls, return the call to let him know if you are coming to the meeting or not.



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(Become a member of our calling team. Call today and volunteer)

### **Luncheon Meetings:**

Our luncheon meetings in 2018
begin again on the 3<sup>rd</sup>Monday of
September. The September
lunch meeting and program is at
CCNC on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration
begins at 11:30 am, with the
meeting being called to order at
noon. Watch for more details by
email and in the September
newsletter.

The lunch price is \$20.00, all inclusive, payable by cash or personal check to MCRMC.

Make your September luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, September 13 on <a href="www.mcrmc.club">www.mcrmc.club</a> or by calling Bob Zschoche at (910) 949-4250 or email him at <a href="bobzschoche@msn.com">bobzschoche@msn.com</a>.

## **Future Meetings and Events:**

This is our first meeting following our summer break. We encourage all members to attend so we can prepare for the critical fall elections in November. Our programs this fall in Sept. and Oct. will include information/education about candidates and issues in the fall election. In November we hope to get commentary on the election results. Our December meeting will again be a Christmas season celebration.

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## BY JIM MORRILL AND ANNE BLYTHE

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North Carolina Republicans are crying foul over a candidate who could change the balance of the state Supreme Court. And that candidate is a Republican.

Raleigh attorney Chris Anglin filed at the last minute

last week. He joined incumbent Justice Barbara Jackson, a Republican, and Democrat Anita Earls in the race.

But until June 7, Anglin was a registered Democrat. Republicans worry that by siphoning votes from Jackson, he could open the door for Democrat Earls. GOP executive director Dallas Woodhouse made it clear whom the party supports.

"The party has endorsed somebody, and (Anglin) will be treated like the enemy he is," Woodhouse said.

Anglin's candidacy is the latest twist in a year when Democrats have fought Republican changes to judicial elections and the courts. It also underscores the importance of the November election in a year when Republican lawmakers eliminated judicial primaries, making it possible for candidates to dilute a party's vote and sway the election.

Last month, in an apparent attempt to siphon votes for Democratic candidates, a group linked to Republican consultants sent mailers "recruiting Democratic lawyers to run for judge."

And one Democratic judicial candidate from Wake County <u>paid the filing fee</u> of a man to run as a second Republican candidate, prompting the county GOP chairman to call it the "sleaziest, most underhanded, and outrageous thing I can imagine."

But the race for Supreme Court, now controlled 4-3 by Democrats, is the state's highest profile judicial contest. It features a candidate in Earls who has been a regular thorn in the side of the GOP.

As former executive director of the Durham-based Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Earls, a one-time Charlotte lawyer, has played a major role in lawsuits challenging North Carolina's redistricting plans, voter ID law and other voting restrictions.

## **Newsletter Information:**

This special summer issue of the newsletter is being



distributed by email only. The next newsletter will be the September 18 issue. It will be distributed in early September by email to all members who have an email address. Those members

without an email or those members with email who have asked for a paper copy will get the September newsletter in the US mail. Also, extra paper copies of the September newsletter will be available at the September meeting on the registration table.

# **Other Summer News and Views:**

#### September Luncheon and Program:

As noted earlier in this summer newsletter, our next meeting is on Monday, September 17 at CCNC. We will gather starting at 11:30am for registration with the meeting being called to order at noon. Lunch will be served after opening announcements and the blessing. Our program will follow lunch. Watch for

an email
announcement and
the September
Newsletter for more
information about
our program.
Reservations for this
luncheon meeting can
be made at the club
website



www.mcrmc.club starting on or about the first of September.

**Homeless in New York - Problem Solved???** 

# FREEDOM PONT OUTPOST NUS

**Billion Dollar Homeless Scam** 

The homeless crisis is a billion dollar scam. It isn't

being solved. It's only getting worse.

<u>DANIEL GREENFIELD</u> — <u>AUGUST</u>

24, 2018

New York City will be spending \$2.06 billion on its Department of Homeless

Services. There are 61,421 homeless people in the city which is spending \$33,539 per homeless person. That's only a little short of the starting salary of an FDNY firefighter at \$39,000.

More money will be spent on the homeless than on the firefighters who save New Yorkers from burning buildings. The FDNY will have to make do with \$2.04 billion, and the health department with \$1.6 billion. That's impressive for DHS, a department that was only created in 1993 by the disgraced Dinkins administration and is now burning through more cash than agencies fulfilling actual vital city functions.

Two years ago, DHS had over 2,600 employees. That's 1 employee to every 23 homeless people. Meanwhile 234 New Yorkers get only 1 police officer to serve and protect them from criminals. Has this vast infusion of cash solved homelessness in the city? Nope.

New York's homeless population has kept on growing until it now has more homeless people than any other city. New York City's homeless growth rate is also faster than that of any other city. Maybe because it spends more than any other city. But Los Angeles is catching up.

Its \$4.6 billion package of homeless tax increases are staggering. Los Angeles doubled its homeless budget to \$450 million. Los Angeles County plans to spend \$374 million. That's 1 percent of a budget meant to service a population of over 10 million going to just 53,193 people.

As Los Angeles threw more money at the homeless problem, its homeless population increased 26%. New York City and Los Angeles only account for 3 to 5 percent of the country's population, but for a quarter of the country's homeless population. Even considering inflated real estate prices in both cities, a national problem should not be this disproportionately concentrated in only two cities. San Francisco will be spending \$279 million on 7,499 homeless people. Seattle is spending \$63 million, up from \$39 million four years ago, while the Puget Sound area may be spending up to \$1.06 billion. Seattle's homeless population is up 44% in two years to 5,500. The Seattle Times claims that Seattle has a higher concentration of homeless than New York and Los Angeles.

New York, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Portland, Seattle and the Bay Area are responsible for much of the national growth in homelessness. Activists blame the crisis on soaring real estate prices. While those are some of the most expensive cities in the country, they've been that way for quite some time.

Rapid gentrification may catch local residents by surprise in cities with more recent booms. But no one is likely to be surprised by the cost of living in the Bay Area, Los Angeles or New York City. And those cities are also dedicating the most resource to fighting homelessness while only making the problem worse. The statistics on homelessness are full of such curious mysteries. Why do New York and California have more homeless people than 30 states combined? Why does Texas have only 17% of the homeless population of California? Why does Colorado have four times the homeless population of Utah? Why do Oregon and Washington have more homeless than Montana, Idaho, South and North Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa combined? The pattern is political. And lucrative.

Social crises justify huge spending and expansions of the government. The homeless crisis is largely a problem in lefty cities where it's heavily subsidized. Federal HUD homeless grants hit \$2 billion in 2018. Homelessness statistics often come from the very agencies that are being glutted with cash to fight the problem. Worse still, many of the counts are being carried out by volunteers. Verification is chancy. Billions are being spent on a problem whose growth and scope is being charted by the self-interested. The billions being poured into solving the problem are going everywhere but to the homeless. In Los Angeles, the billions in tax hikes going to build homeless housing are being spent on units that cost an average of \$479,000 per unit. At that rate, it would take \$15 billion to house all the homeless.

That's 150% of the entire budget. And by then the population would have doubled.

The building boom is going on even though Los Angeles County already has plenty of beds in shelters that aren't being used. Anyone who travels downtown can see homeless encampments rising around homeless shelters. More than half of the Los **Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)** shelters aren't filling their beds. The average utilization rate is 78%. The problem isn't a shortage. Homelessness is largely a mental health and drug abuse issue. The issue isn't a lack of housing. But that hasn't stopped cities like Los Angeles and New York from spending billions on housing programs that aren't addressing the core issue of homelessness. But they were never meant to. Homelessness is a manufactured crisis that funnels money to special interests, building up a social welfare sector of the government, while subsidizing and fueling the scale and scope of the problem New York City is blowing through \$1.1 billion to house the homeless in hotels introducing drug use and prostitution problems into luxury rooms. It's building homeless shelters in neighborhoods that are protesting the crime and drug use such places bring. The overall plan to spend \$2.6 billion to build 15,000 units to deal with the homeless crisis isn't working very well.

The Department of Homeless Services is allowing shelters to name their own price for housing residents. Rates went from \$78 per person to four or five times that. Housing the homeless runs to \$328.58 a day at one shelter run by Samaritan Village, a major shelter provider. That's the price of a luxury hotel room.

Samaritan Village, which runs much of New York City's homeless shelters, is headed by Tino Hernandez, the former Deputy Commissioner for Adult Services at the Department of Homeless Services. Since Hernandez took over at Samaritan, an investigation revealed that its DHS contracts went up 590%. Meanwhile, Samaritan has been troubled by allegations of abuse and misappropriation of tax funds.

Meanwhile on the other side of the country, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority was using money intended for the homeless to buy its employees \$165 hiking boots and an antique brass table. The homeless crisis is a river of money that flows to the politically connected who have no interest in solving it, but a great deal of interest in perpetuating it. Dubious statistics, misleading reports, tax hikes and sweetheart deals are used to mobilize an institutional solution that only worsens the problem. It's a scam that runs easily into the billions while destroying lives and communities.

'Homeless' is a fake political term that deliberately misstates the problem. The issue is mostly not a lack of housing, but some combination of mental illness and drug use that make it difficult to maintain residential status. There are ordinary people who are genuinely homeless, and the media makes a point of highlighting their stories, but homelessness is mostly not a problem of housing, but of treatment.

While the media tells only one side of the story, it's the mentally ill and the severe addicts who are the public face of the homeless crisis that the residents of major cities encounter every day. It's these sights that move them to approve of spending hundreds of millions and even billions of dollars on programs that they believe will remove the horrible sights that they're seeing from public view.

And that incentivizes the social welfare system and its allied activists to worsen the problem so as to squeeze more money out of taxpayers. Every budget increase means more homeless on the street, more street crime, drug use, and random abuse. Funding the system isn't the solution, it's the problem. The homeless crisis is a billion dollar scam. It isn't being solved. It's only getting worse.

#### Tom's News

Tom's News
Moore County Conservative News
35 Working Days Before One Stop Voting Starts
(8/25)

**Headline:** 

Democrats Face 'Almost Impossible Map' to Retake U.S. Senate

Comments: Here are some quotes from the below article:

-- "One political analyst calls it "an almost impossible map." Others are even less optimistic."

- -- "Democrats are defending two dozen Senate seats this cycle - including 10 in states Trump won in 2016, some by huge margins. They need a net total of two seats to seize control of the chamber."
- -- "Stu Rothenberg, a non-partisan political analyst, called the Senate landscape "an almost impossible map" for Democrats. But, he added, given the headwinds facing Republicans, "the Senate could be in play."
- -- "Democrats say five races are particularly difficult this year. They are spending hundreds of millions of dollars defending them. Losing just one of the seats in West Virginia, Indiana, North Dakota, Montana and Missouri all won by Trump in 2016 could doom any shot of retaking the Senate.
- -- "A Republican operative working on Senate races said Democrats seeking reelection in states where Trump remains popular should be worried. "Their national party's lurch to the left is doing nothing but turning off voters in these states and further damaging their vulnerable incumbents."
- -- "Democrats need to hold all the states they are defending and win Nevada and Arizona to secure a one-seat Senate majority."

More details in the below article.

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**Article:** 

Article: Here is the weblink to the below article:

Democrats Face 'Almost Impossible Map' to Retake U.S. Senate

**Reuters** • by Tim Reid - 7 Min Read • August 24, 2018

CHICAGO (Reuters) - One political analyst calls it "an almost impossible map." Others are even less optimistic.

But despite the Democrats' long odds to retake the U.S. Senate in November's congressional elections, party strategists meeting in Chicago this week say the escalating legal troubles of President Donald Trump's former associates and corruption scandals

engulfing Republicans could boost Democrats chances.

The path, however, remains difficult.

Democrats are defending two dozen Senate seats this cycle - including 10 in states Trump won in 2016, some by huge margins. They need a net total of two seats to seize control of the chamber.

Having a majority would allow the party to derail or stall much of Trump's policy agenda and increase congressional oversight and investigation of the administration, as well as complicate future conservative nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court should another vacancy occur.

Stu Rothenberg, a non-partisan political analyst, called the Senate landscape "an almost impossible map" for Democrats. But, he added, given the headwinds facing Republicans, "the Senate could be in play."

In interviews at the Democratic National Committee's summer meeting in Chicago, a dozen party strategists, party members and candidates discussed the party's path and strategy to winning back the Senate, which Democrats last controlled in 2014.

#### **CRITICAL CONTESTS**

Democrats say five races are particularly difficult this year. They are spending hundreds of millions of dollars defending them. Losing just one of the seats in West Virginia, Indiana, North Dakota, Montana and Missouri - all won by Trump in 2016 - could doom any shot of retaking the Senate.

An array of state polls give Democrats hope. Opinion surveys show toss-up races in North Dakota, Indiana and Missouri. In Montana, which Trump carried by 20 percentage points, incumbent Democratic Senator Jon Tester leads recent polls by an average of five percentage points. In West Virginia, which Trump carried by over 40 percentage points, Democratic Senator Joe Manchin is slightly ahead in recent polling.

"Those five states are clearly the biggest targets for Republicans," said Geoffrey Skelley, a non-partisan analyst at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "There's two ways to look at the Senate map. It's really bad for Democrats, but the flip side of this is that this is a perfect year for them to be defending it."

A Republican operative working on Senate races said Democrats seeking re-election in states where Trump remains popular should be worried. "Their national party's lurch to the left is doing nothing but turning off voters in these states and further damaging their vulnerable incumbents."

Florida's Senate fight concerns some Democrats. Polls show a tight race between incumbent Democratic Senator Bill Nelson and Republican challenger Rick Scott, the state's governor. Scott led Nelson by six percentage points in a Florida Atlantic University poll released on Tuesday.

While straining to hold all the states Trump won, Democrats are also focused on Arizona and Nevada, which strategists said are crucial pick-ups for the party.

In Arizona, where Republican Jeff Flake is retiring, Republicans are in a three-way nominating contest ahead of voting next Tuesday. On the Democratic side, Kyrsten Sinema leads in polls.

Senator Dean Heller of Nevada is considered the most vulnerable Republican incumbent. Party strategists said his vote to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, has been a gift in a state with many retirees and where access to healthcare is a major issue.

Democrats need to hold all the states they are defending and win Nevada and Arizona to secure a one-seat Senate majority.

#### FOCUSING RESOURCES

Priorities USA and Senate Majority PAC, two Democratic Super PACs, are together spending at least \$120 million on ads in Arizona, Nevada, West Virginia, Indiana, Montana, North Dakota and Indiana. Super PACs must operate separately from political campaigns but can raise and spend unlimited money.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee's independent expenditure arm has made an initial

television buy of \$30 million in Arizona, Nevada, West Virginia, Indiana, Montana and North Dakota.

The party and outside groups also have started to pour resources into more long-shot opportunities to gain seats in Tennessee and Texas, Democrats said.

Recent polls have placed Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke within as few as two to four percentage points of Republican Senator Ted Cruz in Texas.

In Tennessee's open race, former Democratic governor Phil Bredesen, a popular moderate, is now in a close race with Republican congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, according to polls.

# HEALTHCARE, TAXES AND CORRUPTION TOUTED AS WINNING MESSAGE

Internal Democratic polling shows that healthcare and the Republican tax cuts that some voters view as a giveaway to wealthy Americans and corporations are winning issues for Democrats this November.

"Critical issues, like healthcare, are really important to voters. And Republicans thought the tax cuts would be a winning issue, but it's turned into a loser," said Karen Finney, a Democratic strategist at the Chicago gathering. "We have these big issue trends working in our favor."

DNC chairman Tom Perez made clear that Democrats in Senate battles would highlight the legal troubles around Trump after the conviction this week of Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and the guilty plea by his former personal attorney, Michael Cohen.

Cohen pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges including tax evasion, bank fraud and campaign finance violations. He testified that Trump had directed him to pay hush money to two women who claimed they had affairs with Trump, and the payments were made to influence the 2016 presidential election.

Trump, who has denied the affairs, says he paid Cohen out of personal funds and that the payments were not intended to benefit his campaign but to resolve a personal matter.

"The culture of corruption from this Republican

leadership is out of control," Perez told the party's meeting.

Reporting by Tim Reid; editing by Colleen Jenkins

**Our Standards: The** 

**Reuters** by Tim Reid - August 24, 2018

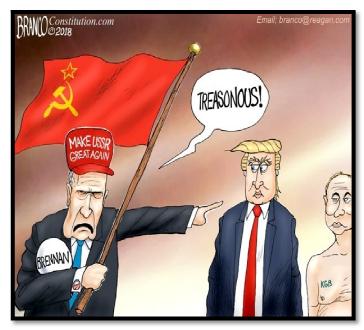
Red Meat & Political Humor, or NOT!!

My guess is that if a dead body was found in the trunk of Hillary's car, the FBI would ask Trump why he did it.















Reminder: Our next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in September, the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be shifting into high gear as we speed toward the fall elections on November 6. We will have two months, October & November, to get our like minded conservative friends out to vote.

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