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President CJ's Letter:

Dear Colleagues,

On September 17th we celebrated Constitution Day marking the 233rd year of life for our Constitution, the founding document of our great nation. To mark the event, President Trump spoke at the White House Conference on American History at the National Archives Museum. In his speech he announced that he would soon sign an Executive Order establishing a national commission to promote patriotic education, calling it the *1776 Commission*. "It will encourage educators to teach our children about the miracle of American history. To grow up in America is to live in a land where anything is possible, where anyone can rise, and where any dream can come true – all because of the immortal principles our nation's founders inscribed nearly two and a half centuries ago."

You would think that such a commission would not be necessary. Yet, today there is a radical movement by the left in this country to distort and defile the American story. The rioting and mob violence in our cities are a direct result of decades of leftist indoctrination in our schools. Radicals today have been aided and abetted by liberal politicians, establishment media, and even large corporations.

The latest attempt to legitimize the movement and indoctrinate our youth is the New York Times' *1619 Project*. This project rewrites American History to teach our children that our nation was founded on the principle of oppression, not freedom. In addition, the Marxist doctrine (critical race theory) holding that America is a racist nation is being forced into schools, imposed into the workplace trainings, and deployed through bullying tactics to divide friends, neighbors, and families.

As a high school Civics teacher and 30 years writing and publishing educational books, I firmly believe we should teach ALL American History – the good, bad, and the ugly,

but not to the point of creating a false narrative or discarding what we know to be true. For this reason, I ask that you join me in supporting President Trump's *1776 Commission* so that our children can receive a balanced and factual education.

C.J. Hatcher, President



**WAC Luncheon Speaker
for October:
Philip Van Cleave
of the
Virginia Citizens Defense
League!!**

Mark your calendars now for our next luncheon on Thursday, October 22 at the Greencroft Club! 11:30am sign-in; lunch at 12:00 noon. Our speaker will be Philip Van Cleave, President of the Virginia Citizens Defense League. With all the efforts going on in Richmond to curtail our second amendment rights, we are grateful to have someone like Philip fighting relentlessly against them! He has fought on behalf of gun owners for many years, and recently organized pro-gun rights rallies in Richmond and has convinced numerous cities in Virginia to become "Second Amendment Sanctuaries" where officials resist any new gun laws, among many other efforts. We look forward to hearing about what's been happened recently in Virginia on gun rights and what we can expect for the future.

WAC Red, White and Blue Picnic!

We have had a great response to our invitation to attend our annual Red, White and Blue picnic this Saturday at the Highland (James Monroe's home)!! We look forward to seeing everyone there, enjoying some Mission BBQ, listening to our featured speakers Rob Schilling and Joe Thomas, and hearing from local politicians.

Trump vs. Biden: Policy Stances

Election Day is right around the corner and it is important for our members to be able to discuss specific policy differences between President Trump and Joe Biden whenever we are in conversations with people who have left-leaning views or are on the fence about their voting decision. Recently, Charlotte Cuthbertson of the Epoch Times wrote a very helpful side-by-side of the basic platforms of the Republican and Democrat parties in the 2020 election, including actions the Trump Administration has taken in its first term. A condensed version of that side-by-side, together with some additional information, appears below for the benefit of our members.

Trump

Economy

Biden

Grant tax credits to companies that move manufacturing back to the United States, tariffs on those that don't. Continue improving trade deals after USMCA, China Phase I, South Korea, and Japan deals. Continue to cut regulations for businesses. Fund on-the-job training, apprenticeships. Make major investment in infrastructure. Launched "opportunity zones" program in 8,766 distressed areas, which, so far, have attracted \$75 billion in private capital. Build on becoming a net energy exporter.	Increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Strengthen worker organizing, collective bargaining, and unions. Make major investment in infrastructure focused on reducing carbon emissions. Make racial equity part of the mandate of the Federal Reserve. Will insist on strong and enforceable standards for labor, human rights, and the environment in any future trade agreements. Will ban anonymous shell companies, expand anti-money-laundering requirements, disclosure of beneficial ownership, and greater oversight of cross-border transactions.
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Trump

Taxes

Biden

Signed tax cut legislation. Cut capital gains tax to 15 percent. Increase the estate tax basic exemption amount from \$5 million to \$10 million. Proposes a cut to payroll tax.	Greatly increase capital gains tax to same rate as income tax. Increase taxes by \$4 trillion over 10 years, including raising taxes on people making over \$400,000 per year.
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Trump**Governance****Biden**

Restore balance and vertical separation of powers between the federal and state governments.

Promote voter ID, urging all states to join program to keep voter rolls accurate.

Supports apportionment and redistricting based on Census count of all citizens, and not including illegal immigrants.

Appoint more federal judges.

Make Puerto Rico the 51st state; keep the District of Columbia as a district.

Pass congressional term limits.

Directed federal agencies to move out of D.C. to opportunity zones.

Make the District of Columbia the 51st state.

Supports removing the confederate flag and statues of confederate leaders from public properties.

Establish a national commission to examine slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and racially discriminatory federal policies on income, wealth, educational, health, and employment outcomes, and to study reparations.

Opposes voter ID laws and supports automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, early voting, and universal vote-from-home and vote-by-mail options.

Supports apportionment and redistricting based on Census count of everyone, including illegal immigrants.

Supports requirement for all federal office candidates to disclose at least 10 years of tax returns.

Trump**Healthcare****Biden**

Rescinded the individual mandate in Affordable Care Act and supports repealing the entire act.

Protect those with pre-existing conditions.

Supports health care price transparency.

Stop “surprise billing” by banning out-of-network charges when the patient doesn’t have control over provider choice.

Drive down prescription drug prices. Allow purchases from abroad; cut out the middlemen who negotiate drug rebates; introduce “favored nation status” where Medicare pays the lowest drug price available globally.

Accelerated generic drug approval.

Signed the Right to Try bill.

Anti-abortion—cut federal spending that supported abortion.

Permanently expand telehealth through Medicare payments and preserve rural hospitals through Medicare incentives.

Enabled short-term insurance; expand health savings acct.

Allow employers to pay employee premiums in indiv. mkt.

Allowed small businesses to band together to access ins plans available to large employers.

Introduce “public option” health insurance plans run by the federal government.

Protect and expand the Affordable Care Act.

Increase tax credits for health coverage. Give tax credits to higher-income people who currently are not eligible.

Provide free health care to illegal aliens.

Expand Medicaid in states that rejected expansion by ACA.

Stop “surprise billing” – ban out-of-network charges when the patient doesn’t have control over provider choice.

Lower drug prices. Repeal law barring Medicare from negotiating lower prices with drug companies; gov’t-set prices for new drugs with no competition; allow consumers to buy prescription drugs from other countries.

Treat abortion as a constitutional right and restore federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

Double federal funding to community health centers.

Target healthcare companies for antitrust violations.

Exclude drug ads from tax deductible costs for pharma cos.

Expand national and global vaccine programs.

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Trump**Education****Biden**

Support school choice—home schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools.

Wants funding to follow child (currently an average of \$12,000 per student per year in public school).

Ensure First Amdmt protections for students on campus.

Sue colleges for discriminating against Asians and whites.

Opposes Common Core and supports alternatives; supports less testing.

Opposes school-based clinics that provide referral or counseling for abortion and contraception.

Restore private sector student loans; lower student costs.

Intends to establish a “1776 Commission” aimed at encouraging our public schools to teach the historical facts of our nation’s founding, as opposed to the 1619 project developed by the New York Times which changes our history.

Triple the funding for Title I schools, increase teacher wages.

Double the number of psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, and social workers in schools.

Increase federal funding for public school infrastructure.

Provide universal pre-K for all 3- and 4-year-olds.

Double funding for home visiting programs for parents of young children.

Make public colleges and universities tuition-free for all students whose family income is below \$125,000.

Forgive student debt for low-income and middle-class individuals who have attended public colleges and universities.

Trump**Border Security/Immigration****Biden**

Halt the diversity visa lottery program that randomly gives out 50,000 green cards annually.

Clarify birthright citizenship to exclude illegal immigrant children and “Birth tourism.”

Possibly resubmit DACA repeal to the Supreme Court.

Continue to build 733 miles of wall on southern border.

Increase merit-based immigration from 12% to 57% +.

Continue Migrant Protection Protocols, where asylum seekers who enter illegally are sent to wait in Mexico for their case to be adjudicated.

Step up workplace enforcement of illegal workers.

Forged cooperation agreements with Central American countries to help with regional asylum issues.

Punish “sanctuary cities” that protect illegals from federal enforcement.

Provide a pathway to citizenship for more than 11 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S., including Deferred Action to Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status recipients.

Halt border wall construction/increase screening at border.

Widen asylum criteria, stop the Migrant Protection Protocol program, increase refugee cap to 125,000 per year (from 18,000) and vastly expand govt resources for all immigrants.

Rescind travel ban from terror-prone countries.

Stop workplace enforcement of illegal workers and promote union organization.

Decrease detention and Immigration and Customs Enforcement interior enforcement efforts. Expand temporary worker visa programs and provide pathway to citizenship for agriculture workers.

Continue chain migration.

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Trump**Infrastructure****Biden**

\$1 trillion investment to fix current infrastructure, including bridges and roads, and expand rural broadband and 5G wireless infrastructure.

\$1.3 trillion over 10 years for infrastructure and Green New Deal plans.

Speed transition to electric vehicles; install 500,000 public charging outlets.

Implement a high-speed passenger rail system between New York and Washington, move the California high-speed rail project ahead, and begin construction of a high-speed rail system from coast to coast.

Provide every American city with 100,000 or more residents with high-quality, zero-emissions public transportation options.

Trump**Housing****Biden**

Keep zoning decisions local, rather than through a previous administration's federally administered Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation.

\$640 billion over 10 years for access to affordable housing.

Create new Homeowner and Renter Bill of Rights.

Create program to help foster children with housing once they age out of the system.

Provide Section 8 housing vouchers to all eligible families paying more than 30% of their income on rent.

Use Housing and Urban Development programs to reduce homelessness, especially for veterans and families with children.

Eliminate local and state housing regulations that "perpetuate discrimination."

Withhold federal funds from states that refuse to repeal zoning regulations, with emphasis on ending single-family housing.

Trump**Environment****Biden**

Focus on clean air and water, not carbon emissions.

Invest \$1.7 trillion over 10 years for "climate and environmental justice."

Expedited environmental assessments.

Implement Green New Deal; move away from fossil fuels and fracking.

Fund national parks cleanup.

Rejects UN Agenda 21 as erosive of US sovereignty, and opposes any form of global tax.

Promises 100% clean energy economy/net zero emissions by 2050. Demand worldwide ban on fossil fuel subsidies.

Narrowed and clarified the EPA's Waters of the US rule that federally regulates waterways.

Require aggressive methane pollution limits for new and existing oil and gas operations.

Supports development of all forms of energy without subsidies.

Upgrade 4 million buildings and weatherize 2 million homes over 4 years. Reduce carbon footprint of US building stock 50% by 2035.

Proposes shift of environmental regulation from federal to states and transform EPA into an independent bipartisan commission.

Recommit to Paris Climate Agreement. Restore funding to Global Environment Facility and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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Trump**Law Enforcement****Biden**

Eliminate “no-knock warrants.”

Fully fund and back police departments.

Decrease funding to police departments and increase diversity.

Establish “no-knock warrant” standards.

Limit the sale and transfer of surplus military weapons to domestic law enforcement agencies.

Limit qualified immunity.

Trump**Criminal Justice****Biden**

Signed the First Step Act in 2018, which allowed for almost 3100 inmates to be released, mostly drug offenders and inmates serving sentences for weapons charges.

Supports death penalty.

Crack down on child sex trafficking and internet sites that facilitate it, as well as pornography.

Opposes federal decriminalization of marijuana, but indicated support for allowing states to legalize it.

Create new \$20 billion grant program to get states to shift from incarceration to prevention.

Supports end of mandatory minimum sentences at federal level.

Decriminalize cannabis use and automatically expunge prior convictions.

End all incarceration for drug use alone and divert individuals to drug courts and treatment.

Eliminate death penalty.

End cash bail and the use of private prisons.

Provide housing to all individuals upon release from prison.

Liberally use clemency powers for certain nonviolent and drug crimes.

Trump**Military****Biden**

Launched Space Force as the sixth branch of the military.

Rebuilt troop numbers and readiness.

Passed the VA Accountability and Veterans Choice Acts.

Dismantled the ISIS terrorist group.

Killed Iranian terrorist Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani and ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Bring more troops home.

Build a strong cyber-security defense system and missile defense system.

Supports sufficient military funding and modernization, but likely decrease to overall defense spending.

Use force only to defend vital interests and with the informed consent of the American people.

End Middle East wars, bring troops home from Afghanistan, end support from Saudi Arabia in Yemen conflict.

Climate change to be at core of Dept of Defense policies.

Allow transgender troops.

Close Guantanamo Bay detention center.

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Trump**Second Amendment****Biden**

Uphold Second Amendment rights. Opposes law that would restrict magazine capacity or ban the sale of the most popular and common rifle. Condemns frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers and the harassment of firearm dealers. Opposes federal licensing or registration of law-abiding gun owners, and registration of ammunition. Banned bump stocks. Repealed law that required the SSA to send mental health information to the national background check system. Supports “red flag” laws.	Ban manufacture and sale of military-style firearms and high-capacity magazines; regulate possession of existing assault weapons. Restrict individuals to one firearm purchase per month. Prohibit all online sales of firearms, ammunition, kits, and gun parts. Increase background check time from 3 days to 10 days. Require background checks for all gun sales, including gun show and online sales. Send information from the Social Security Administration to the national background check system to stop “certain people unable to manage their affairs for mental reasons” from owning a gun. Incentivize expansion of “red flag” laws in all states. Move toward a system where all guns sold are “smart guns,” requiring an owner’s fingerprint to operate.
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Trump**Foreign Affairs****Biden**

Pulled out of Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, Paris climate accord, Iran nuclear deal, U.N. Human Rights Council, U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization, and the International Criminal Court. Escalated sanctions on Iran and Russia. Peace agreement between Israel and the UAE, and between Israel and Bahrain, and aiming to add more countries. Moved US embassy to Jerusalem. Facilitated a larger contribution from countries to NATO. Advance the complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of North Korea’s nuclear weapons program. Expanding defense cooperation with Taiwan and Poland. Cut international aid. Supports Russia rejoining the G7.	Supports rejoining Iran deal, if Iran in compliance. Rejoin Paris Climate Agreement. Rejoin WHO and expand funding to it. Rejoin U.N. Human Rights Council, and U.N. Population Fund. Expand international aid and commit to the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. Increase funding for diplomatic missions. Commits to Israel security. Strengthen ties with Japan, South Korea, and Australia. Call for commitment to NATO. Engage allies, including China, to push for North Korea denuclearization. Nuclear weapons only as a deterrent or retaliation. Supports extending New START treaty with Russia.
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Trump

China

Biden

Completed Phase 1 trade deal. Pushed against proliferation of Huawei in 5G and other IT infrastructure, and took action against TikTok and WeChat. Cracks down on China's influence operations in the U.S. including Confucius Institutes, Chinese state-run media. Cracks down on Chinese nationals stealing intellectual property and trade secrets. Closed consulate in Houston for spying. Expose and uproot Chinese propaganda and surveillance of Americans. Urges universities to divest from china stocks. Divest federal retirement funds from Chinese stocks. Scrutinize US-listed Chinese companies for shady accounting practices. Highlights state-sanctioned religious persecution. Sanctioned Chinese entities for human rights violations.	Make bilateral U.S.-China agreements on carbon mitigation contingent on China eliminating unjustified export subsidies for coal and other high-emissions technologies and making verifiable progress in reducing the carbon footprint of projects connected to the Belt and Road Initiative. Urge tech companies to pledge not to facilitate repression in China.
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Points of Interest

****White House Christmas Ornament:** WAC is taking orders for the 2020 White House Christmas Ornament which honors John F. Kennedy and was featured in last month's newsletter. The price is \$30 for the JFK ornament, and \$26 for the James Hogan White House ornament, the 2018 ornament and the South Portico ornament. If you would like an ornament, please contact Madeleine Chandler at: mbc4z@earthlink.net.

****Absentee and Early Voting** – The election is November 3. The deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you is 5:00 pm Friday, October 23. You can also vote early at the registrar's office (or request an absentee ballot in person) beginning 45 days before election day (September 19) and ending the Saturday before election day (October 31). You do not have to have a reason to vote early. Witnesses are not required for absentee ballots.

You can also submit your "vote by mail" application form by mail, fax, or email. Download and complete the vote by mail application form available here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/media/castyourballot/SBE-701-703.1.pdf>. Return the completed and signed form by mail to the registrar's office by mail, fax, or scan to an email. Applicants will receive their ballots starting 45 days prior to election day. Complete and return your ballot to the registrar by 7:00 pm on election day. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before election day and received by the registrar by noon on the third day after the election.

If you requested an absentee ballot, you may complete it and drop it off at any drop-off location in your county or city. There is a drop-off location at the registrar's office, at every voter satellite office in the county or city, and on Election Day at each polling place in the county or city. If you drop off your absentee ballot, it **MUST BE** returned in the sealed envelopes that are provided.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **September Barbeque** – September 26, 2020, Location: Highlands Pavilion
- **October Luncheon** – October 22, 2020, 11:30am, Location: Greencroft Club, Speaker: Philip Van Cleave
- **WAC Action Committees Sign-Up** - We need members to be involved! Contact: Rena Snow (renasnow@hotmail.com)
- **November Election Polls and Precinct Participation** - Contact: Madeleine Chandler (mbc4z@earthlink.net)
- **November Luncheon** – Date TBA, Location: Greencroft Club
- **Annual White House Bus Trip to DC, Christmas Decorations**—December 4, 5, or 11, 2020. Contact: CJ Hatcher (WomenForTheAC@gmail.com)
- **Spring Gala 2021** – TBA, Jason Chaffetz, Speaker

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