

October 11, 2021

Happy COLUMBUS Day,

# **De Santis TOPS Trump in REAGANITES STRAW POLL**

In the Reaganites Summer Poll, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis beat out former President Donald Trump. DeSantis got over 57% of the vote. Trump received the next highest vote, about 19%. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem received the support of roughly nine percent of those who answered the poll and Texas Governor Greg Abbott received approximately five percent. Various other candidates received a total of just under ten percent cumulatively with none getting more than one vote.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS

#### We urge all Reaganites to participate in local races and WORK FOR CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES.

While, at this time, the Reaganites are not taking positions in the non-partisan local elections, the York Area Conservative Coalition ("YACC") is endorsing candidates. The Reaganites of York County is affiliated with YACC so we have links to those candidates. Just click at the black banner at the top of any page on our website.

Also, let us know your opinion. In the future should the Reaganites endorse non-partisan candidates? If so, are YOU willing to help us screen candidates? Please send your comments to <a href="mailto:Frank.Trotta@Reaganites.com">Frank.Trotta@Reaganites.com</a>.

### **ROCK HILL MAYORAL ELECTION- October 19**

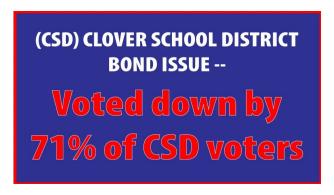
As announced in our July Newsletter, the Reaganites Board voted not to take a formal position this year in the Rock Hill mayor's race coming up on Tuesday October 19. But instead to publish candidate answers to a series of questions. Here are those questions:

- 1. Why are you the right person for Mayor of Rock Hill at this time?
- 2. What is your opinion about the large amount of debt that Rock Hill has on its balance sheet? (\$400 million) And what would be your plan to pay it off?
- 3. How would you change the City Budget? Where do you see money being wasted?
- 4. Has the City of Rock Hill received any Covid-19 grant money, and if so, how has it been spent?
- 5. Do you believe that it was a good idea to give 100% of future tax revenue to the Panthers? Or would it have been better to offer only 65% as the County did?
- 6. Do you believe that Rock Hill's development as a sports destination has been beneficial for the City? What do you see as its main advantages? Main downsides?
- 7. What can the City of Rock Hill do to become more friendly for small business?
- 8. How could the City of Rock Hill attract clean manufacturing industries to increase our tax base?
- 9. What is the best way to bring affordable housing to Rock Hill?
- 10. What would be the best way to invest in the South Side of Rock Hill?
- 11. Regarding the water and electric business run by the city:
  - a. How are profits from the businesses used by Rock Hill?
  - b. What are the total reserves in both?
  - c. What are the "bond rating" or similar credit evaluations, if any, for each of these two businesses?

Those questions were sent to all three candidates and they were given until September 30 to reply. Only one candidate, Ishmael Lowery, replied. He gave 7 pages of detailed answers which can be found here: ROCK HILL MAYORAL CANDIDATE ANSWERS.

NOTA BENE: One of the candidates said our questions were sent to the wrong e-mail address and asked for the opportunity to reply past our deadline. But as of the publications of this newsletter no other answers have been sent to us. Should those answers arrive before the election on Tuesday, October 19, they will be found at the same link above.

## **REAGANITES VICTORY**



The Board of the Reaganites urged Clover School District ("CSD") voters to vote down the CSD bond issue of nearly \$200 million and the voters did just that – and it was a huge victory. The referendum was defeated 71% to 29%. Our participation was mention on the CN2 television news.

### REAGANITES BATTLE "CRT"

A large crowd turned out at our Fall Quarterly Meeting, which was co-sponsored by the Oak Initiative and the South Carolina chapter of Parents Involved in Education (PIE). Those attending were invigorated to fight the adoption of Critical Race Theory ("CRT") in our schools.

If you were unable to attend the meeting you can watch by clicking the image immediately below:



The Reaganites Education Committee has been at the forefront of this battle. Along with the many allies attending the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting we are poised to take on the education establishment. For instance, the Reaganites filed Freedom of Information Act requests about CRT in each of the four school districts in York County and received replies which were either outright lies, or disingenuous at best. We are working with our allies to determine the appropriate legal course of action.

Another outcome of the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was the resolve of many attendees to back ACTIVELY slates of candidates to run for school board seats next year. *If you are interested in running, please contact us at mail@Reaganites.com to learn of candidate-training and other opportunities.* 

# **POLL MANAGERS NEEDED**

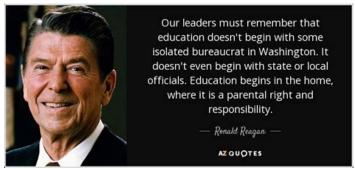
This announcement is from Beth Covington, Public Relations & Training Coordinator for the York County Government Registration and Elections:

I am still 50 people short for the Rock Hill election on Tuesday, October 19. If you are willing to drive to Rock Hill to work this election, please respond immediately. I can sign you up for online training and you'll be ready to go for next week. I appreciate any help. If you can work Rock Hill's election for us, you won't have to retrain for the November elections.

Training is open for the November 2 elections, which include: Clover, Fort Mill, Hickory Grove, Sharon, Smyrna, McConnells, Tega Cay, & York. These are municipal only, so not every precinct is open (just an FYI!). Signups are here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ABAC23A5FE3-nov">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ABAC23A5FE3-nov</a>

Also, please vote absentee if you are in one of these municipalities. Thanks ya'll, and please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

## RONALD REAGAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Source: AZQuotes.com

### UPCOMING REAGANITE EVENTS

#### WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pearl Harbor 80th Anniversary Commemoration

\*December 7, time and location to be determined More information below.

\*December 7, 2021 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Reaganites will be commemorating the occasion with a special presentation. The four-star admiral in charge of Pearl Harbor (and in fact the commander in chief of the entire United States Pacific Fleet) was Admiral Husband Kimmel. Admiral Kimmel is the grandfather of WRHI radio Co-Owner and Managing Partner Manning Kimmel. Manning has agreed to speak to our group about a fascinating book about his grandfather and the attack.

That book, <u>A Matter of Honor: Pearl Harbor: Betrayal, Blame, and a Family's Quest for Justice</u> is available at the York County Public Library and the <u>Winthrop University library</u>, or <u>here</u>. Both Manning and I urge you to read the book before our December meeting. It tells in detail about the events leading up to and following the attack. The book details attempts by the Admiral and his sons and now his grandchildren, as well as numerous Navy admirals and veterans groups, to clear the Admiral's name.

### PHOTOS STILL NEEDED

Check out our new website, designed by local resident Wendy Taylor.

We are looking for high-quality photos of past Reaganite events to post on the website.

Did you take any photos at any of these past Reaganites events? Please e-mail copies to us at mail@Reaganites.com

- Inaugural Meeting with Ashley Landess, South Carolina Policy Council.
- Campaigning for Joel Hamilton or Raye Felder or Bruce Bryant.
- Luncheon with Congressman Ralph Norman at Hickory Tavern.
- Forum with York County State Delegation at Westminster Towers.
- Forum with York County Council Members at Aldersgate Methodist Church.
- Luncheon with SC Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman at Famous Toastery.
- Law Enforcement Forum with Sheriff Tolson and Solicitor Kevin Brackett at Aldersgate Church.
- FreedomWorks Rumble Up Texting for Congressmen Ralph Norman and Dan Bishop.
- FreedomWorks Road Map to Victory Regional Conference in Columbia, SC.
- Fundraiser with Rev. C.L. Bryant.
- Visits to Senator Lindsey Graham's Office to Stop Socialized Medicine.
- Stephen Moore on "the Biden Economy." Cambria Hotel.

LINK ON ANY NAME BELOW TO E-MAIL THAT REAGANITE BOARD MEMBER DIRECTLY:

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Respectfully submitted, Frank Trotta, President