

Washoe Freedom Coalition Meeting Summary 06/24/2025

Overview

This document summarizes a meeting of the Washoe Freedom Coalition, a hub for Republican and conservative organizations in Washoe County, Nevada.

The meeting involved legislative updates, coalition strategy, education reform advocacy, event announcements, candidate recruitment, communications improvements, and community engagement, with a focus on upcoming elections and grassroots activism.

Legislative & Political Updates

- **Legislative Successes:** Nevada Right to Life reported monitoring 14 key bills, successfully blocking 13; the remaining bill, allowing abortion/transgender doctors to hide addresses, also protects crisis pregnancy centers.
- **Veto Efforts:** Of 8 vetoes requested, 7 were granted.
- **National Abortion Ballot Measures:** Noted losses in 2022–23 but recent wins in Florida, Nebraska, and South Dakota offer strategic hope. Plans for targeted messaging and research in Clark County are underway.
- **Resource Needs:** Emphasis on the necessity for both volunteers and significant fundraising for media campaigns.

Coalition Structure & Communication

- **Coalition Growth:** 29 groups represented, aiming for expansion.
- **Central Hub Model:** Coalition serves as a communication and coordination hub, reducing duplicated efforts and amplifying reach via a new text message system and centralized website (washoefreedomcoalition.com).
- **Organizational Vision:** Compared to an orchestra, with the coalition as the conductor to synergize efforts across groups.
- **Education Reform Discussion**
- **Speaker Paul White:** Criticized Washoe County schools as unfixable due to entrenched bureaucracy, administrative bloat, lack of competition, and a perceived decline in moral values.
- **Proposed Solution:** Advocated for universal school vouchers and privatization, calling for grassroots advocacy through op-eds and public engagement.

Announcements & Events

- **Upcoming Events:**
- Washoe County GOP MAGA Family Fiesta (July 19, South 40, \$75/person).
- Candidate School (August 5, Nevada Transportation facility, \$25 fee, all-day training).
- Red Move events (July 11th, Luncheon 11:30am, First Friday 5:30pm)
- **Meeting Logistics:** Future coalition meetings to be held at Calvary Chapel, fourth Thursday monthly, with potluck format and expanded space.

Candidate Recruitment & Support

- Candidate Shortage: Few confirmed candidates for down-ballot races; active recruitment and support needed.
- Candidate School: Training for prospective candidates and campaign volunteers is being prioritized.
- New Policy: Washoe County GOP will now endorse candidates before primaries, requiring adherence to the party platform and candidate school attendance.

Voter Registration & Outreach

- Registration Drives: Plans for events targeting Hispanic and Gen Z communities, with dedicated committees and volunteers.
- Hispanic Coalition: Formation of a Hispanic outreach subcommittee; collaboration with LIBRE and planned Spanish-language events.
- Communications & Social Media
- Twitter/X Training: Members encouraged to join and use Twitter/X for political messaging and outreach, with practical instructions provided.
- Website Integration: Coalition website to serve as a central calendar and information hub, linking all member organizations and events.

Fundraising & Merchandise

- PAC Formation: Coalition forming a PAC for legitimacy and fundraising, with funds supporting candidates and outreach.
- T-shirts: Coalition-branded shirts available for \$20 as a fundraising and visibility tool.
- Ongoing Donations: "Pass the hat" for operational expenses.

Committee Formation & Volunteer Opportunities

- Committees: Active sign-ups for canvassing, campaign corners, messaging, and more.
- Volunteer Appeal: Ongoing need for more volunteers, especially for canvassing and event support.

Community & Member Engagement

- Support & Prayer: Recognition and support for members facing personal challenges.
- Inclusivity: Emphasis on welcoming all who share Republican and Christian values, with outreach to new and diverse members.

Closing & Next Steps

- Next Meeting: Scheduled for the fourth Thursday of next month at Calvary Chapel.
- Action Items: Continue candidate recruitment, event planning, voter registration, and coalition communication enhancements.