2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS
August 27, 2012 – August 30, 2012
AGENDA

Monday, August 27 | 10:00 am
“We Can Do Better” presented by Newt Gingrich
HYATT REGENCY DOWNTOWN
REGENCY 2-3
211 NORTH TAMPA STREET
TAMPA, FL

Tuesday, August 28 | 10:00 am
“We Built It” presented by Newt Gingrich
ST. PETERSBURG MARRIOTT CLEARWATER BALLROOM
12600 ROOSEVELT BLVD NORTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Wednesday, August 29 | 10:00 am
“We Can Change It” presented by Newt Gingrich
WYNDHAM TAMPA WESTSHORE
ROYAL PALM 3
700 WESTSHORE BLVD
TAMPA, FL

Thursday, August 30 | 10:00 am
“We Believe in America” presented by Newt Gingrich
HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH RESORT, GRAND BALLROOM D
400 MANDALAY AVENUE
CLEARWATER, FL
Monday, August 27th

We Can Do Better

Protecting Medicare

Creating Jobs, Balancing the Budget, Lifting Up the Poor

Speaker Newt Gingrich

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Betsy McCaughey

Betsy McCaughey, Ph.D. is a patient advocate, scholar of the U.S. Constitution, and former Lt. Governor of New York State. In 1993, she read the 1,362-page Clinton health bill, warned the nation what it said, and made history. Her expose won a National Magazine Award and led to her election as Lt. Governor of New York State. She has taught constitutional history at Vassar College and Columbia University, authored two books on the history of the United States Constitution, and produced prize-winning studies while at two think tanks, the Manhattan Institute and the Hudson Institute. She is the author of Decoding the Obama Health Law: What You Need To Know.
John C. Goodman, Ph.D.

John C. Goodman is President of the National Center for Policy Analysis, Research Fellow at the Independent Institute, and author of *Priceless: Curing the Healthcare Crisis*. The Wall Street Journal and the National Journal have called him the "Father of Health Savings Accounts." Dr. Goodman's health policy blog is the premier right-of-center health care blog on the Internet. Goodman regularly appears on television and radio news and talk programs and authors editorials on economic policy issues. He also regularly contributes columns to *The Wall Street Journal*, Kaiser Health News and other national publications.

Congressman Aaron Schock (R-IL)

Congressman Schock, 31, is the youngest member of Congress and represents the 18th District of Illinois. Schock currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and three of its subcommittees: Trade, Oversight and Social Security. Schock also serves on the committee on House Administration and as the Chairman of the Franking Commission. In addition he serves as a Deputy Republican Whip and as a member of the Conference Advisory Committee.

Jimmy Kemp

Jimmy Kemp is a former Canadian Football League quarterback, the brother of former NFL quarterback Jeff Kemp, and the son of the late American Football League Most Valuable Player and U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp. Currently Senior Executive Vice President of Federal Systems at Group 47, Jimmy is also President of the Jack Kemp Foundation where he focuses on developing, engaging, and recognizing exceptional leaders who champion the American Idea.

Larry Kudlow

Larry Kudlow is host of CNBC's primetime “The Kudlow Report.” He is a renowned free market, supply-side economist armed with knowledge, vision, and integrity acquired over a storied career spanning three decades. The host of “The Larry Kudlow Show,” he is also the founder and CEO of Kudlow and Company, LLC, an economic research and consulting firm.
Governor Gary Herbert

Utah’s 17th Governor, Gary Herbert began his career in the real estate industry, founding Herbert & Associates Realtors, an Orem-based brokerage firm. He and Jeanette also began a childcare service, The Kids Connection, which they operated for 23 years. Prior to becoming governor, he served as Lieutenant Governor under Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr. for nearly five years.

Governor Scott Walker

Wisconsin’s 45th Governor, Scott Walker has proposed bold reforms that have eliminated the state’s $3.6 billion budget deficit without raising taxes and gave school districts and local governments the tools to balance their budgets without the massive layoffs seen in other states. To date, these profound changes are saving Wisconsin taxpayers over $765 million and counting. Governor Walker also remains committed to helping Wisconsin’s private sector create 250,000 jobs by 2015.

Lanhee Chen

Lanhee Chen, who worked with Mitt Romney on his 2008 presidential bid, joined Romney’s Free and Strong America PAC as policy director early in 2011. In 2003, Chen was a visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation, and in 2004, he worked with the Bush-Cheney campaign on domestic policy. As a visiting scholar at Heritage and at the University of California’s Institute of Governmental Studies, Chen’s has focused on health policy. He also advised Bush-Cheney ’04 on health-care issues.

J.C. Watts (invited)

J. C. Watts served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003 as a Republican, representing the 4th congressional district in south-central Oklahoma. After leaving Congress he established a lobbying and consulting firm, served on corporate boards, and worked as a political commentator. Watts became a Baptist minister and was elected in 1990 to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission as the first African American in Oklahoma to win statewide office. Watts was elected Chair of the House Republican Conference in 1998. He retired in 2003 and turned to lobbying and business work.
We Built It

We the People Build America through

Small Businesses and Civil Society

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Callista Gingrich

Callista Gingrich is President of Gingrich Productions, a multimedia production company based in Washington, DC. She is the author of a New York Times bestselling children’s book about American exceptionalism, Sweet Land of Liberty, as well as its sequel, Land of the Pilgrims’ Pride, due out in October 2012. In addition to her active role in the 2012 campaign, Callista offers nearly two decades of staff experience in the United States House of Representatives, where she served as Chief Clerk of the House Committee on Agriculture until 2007. She graduated from Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa.
Herman Cain (invited)

Herman Cain has more than 40 years’ experience in the private sector, where he balanced budgets, created jobs and rescued failing companies. He served as an analyst for Coca-Cola, an executive at Pillsbury, a regional Vice President with Burger King and CEO of Godfather’s Pizza. He has been on the boards of directors for several multi-national corporations, including Nabisco, AGCO, Hallmark Cards, Whirlpool, SuperValu, Acquila, and Reader’s Digest. He now leads Cain Media Division, writes a syndicated column, and will replace full-time radio talk-show host Neal Boortz when he retires in 2013.

Sher Valenzuela

Sher Valenzuela is a successful business owner and a nationally recognized business strategist. Her growing company, First State Manufacturing, provides meaningful employment to more than 70. A national recognized public speaker and writer, Sher has written for various daily newspapers and spoken to all types of audience including the US Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise and the Defense Logistics Agency.

Ellen Barrosse

The GOP National Committeewoman-elect from Delaware, Ellen Barrosse founded Synchrogenix Information Strategies Inc. in 1986. She has since built the company into a global multimillion-dollar pharmaceutical-services company. Ellen also founded A Rose and a Prayer, a Delaware charity committed to reducing the number of abortions in Delaware by half.

David Park (invited)

David is the Founder and CEO of Austin Capital, LLC, a boutique merchant bank that assists small companies with financial consulting with a focus on Private Equity. David has started or acquired 29 companies during his 20 years with Austin Capital with a focus on small and mid-size companies with revenues less than $100 million a year. Prior to starting Austin Capital he worked as a financial analyst at an emerging market money management firm focused on pension plans and traded derivatives on Wall Street.
Secretary James Nicholson

Jim Nicholson is an attorney, real estate developer, and a former Republican Party chairman. He was the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs from January 26, 2005 until October 1, 2007. In 1993, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the RNC, and was the "surprise pick" for GOP national chairman in January 1997. He served in that role through the 2000 presidential election. Between 2001 and his appointment as Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 2005, Jim served as the United States Ambassador to the Holy See (the Vatican).

Mayor Mia Love (invited)

Mia Bourdeau Love is the mayor of Saratoga Springs, Utah, and the Republican Party 2012 nominee in Utah's 4th congressional district. She will face six-term incumbent Democratic Representative Jim Matheson for the seat in November 2012. Mia favors fiscal discipline, limited government, and personal responsibility, and asks herself three questions whenever she approaches an issue, "Is it affordable? Is it sustainable? Is it my job?"

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Rick Cochran

Rick Cochran, President and CEO, founded Mobile Medical International Corporation (MMIC) in 1994. MMIC is recognized as the leading manufacturer and developer of rapidly deployable, fully integrated and self-contained mobile solutions. Mr. Cochran has published articles and provides presentations relating to MMIC product lines and services to military and commercial audiences around the world.
Fred Lampropoulos

After serving as the Chairman and Chief Executive of Utah Medical, Fred Lampropoulos founded Merit Medical Systems, Inc. in 1987, where he currently serves as Chairman and CEO. He has invented and holds almost 200 patents on devices used in the diagnostic and therapeutic treatment of cardiovascular disease. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Governor’s Medal for Science and Technology, and was inducted into the Utah Business Hall of Fame. He is an Honorary Colonel in the Utah National Guard and received the 2011 Bronze Minuteman Award.
We Can Change It

More American Energy for a Better American Economy and
More Take-Home Pay
More American Energy for More American Jobs
More America Energy for North American Energy Independence

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Scott Noble

Scott Noble, 49, founded Noble Royalties, Inc. (NRI), America’s largest privately-held oil and gas royalties firm, in November 1997 and has more than 25 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. NRI is a niche energy company that does not drill or operate. Instead, NRI specializes in acquiring valuable mineral, royalty and overriding royalty properties. Mr. Noble also serves as Chairman of the New American Energy Opportunity Foundation.
**Congressman John Shimkus**

John M. Shimkus is serving his 8th term in Congress and represents the 19th District of Illinois. John has also served in the Army, as a high school teacher, and as a county treasurer. Among his duties in Congress, John serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is the chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. A U.S. delegate to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, John relies on his Lithuanian heritage to help focus attention on Eastern European issues and highlight the plight of people seeking democracy.

**Congressman Allen West**

Allen West is the U.S. Representative for Florida's 22nd congressional district. He is the first black Republican Congressman from Florida since Josiah T. Walls left office in 1876 near the end of Reconstruction. West served in the United States Army for more than 20 years of active duty service, including several combat deployments in Iraq. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel. After leaving the military he and his family moved to Florida where he taught high school for a year and worked for a defense contractor, part of his time spent in Afghanistan as a civilian adviser to the Afghan National Army.

**Keith Rothfus (invited)**

Keith Rothfus is a conservative running for Congress in Pennsylvania’s 12th congressional district. A graduate of Notre Dame, Keith has been as an attorney in the private sector and a director with the Department of Homeland Security, creating and heading the office that was set up to work with faith-based organizations to provide disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters. In May 2011 he ran in the Pittsburgh Marathon for VLP, raising $4,500 for the organization’s programs for local veterans.
Harold Hamm

A pioneer in drilling the Bakken shale of North Dakota, Hamm thinks the project has the potential to yield 24 billion barrels of oil in the decades to come. Hamm owns 70% of the publicly traded shares of Oklahoma City-based Continental Resources, the company with the most acreage in the region. He has signed Bill Gates' and Warren Buffet's Giving Pledge, promising to give away more than half of his fortune. Wife Sue Ann has donated $30 million to create a diabetes center at the University of Oklahoma.

Rebecca Rosen

Currently Mitt Romney's Energy & Environment Policy Adviser, Rebecca Rosen has held positions with the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources; PFC Energy; the Brookings Institute; and several financial securities companies. A graduate of American University, she earned a Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs, with a focus on International Economics.

Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) (invited)

After serving 10 years as Governor for the state of North Dakota, John Hoeven was sworn in as North Dakota's 22nd U.S. Senator. Under his leadership, North Dakota expanded and diversified its economy and gained almost 50,000 new jobs. While much of the nation is struggling through a recession and budget deficits, North Dakota has balanced its budget, set aside more than $1 billion in reserves for the future, cut taxes, and invested in priorities like education, health care, strong law enforcement, and quality infrastructure.

Kellyanne Conway

Kellyanne Conway is Founder and President of the polling company, inc. a privately-held, woman-owned corporation founded in 1995. Kellyanne is one of the most quoted and noted pollsters on the national scene, having provided commentary on over 1,200 television shows and numerous radio shows and print stories. Her polling data and op-eds have been published by The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Washington Times, National Review, Human Events, and Politico.
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We Don't Believe in Obamacare

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Congressman Tom Price (R-GA)

Congressman Tom Price currently serves as the fifth ranking Republican in the House of Representatives as the Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, sits on the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Budget Committee, and has served as the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee. He is dedicated to principled leadership and shows an unwavering commitment to policies that create private sector jobs.

Governor Bobby Jindal (invited)

Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana, is the youngest governor currently serving in the nation. Jindal ran and was elected on a platform of ethics reform. Jindal was successful during an historic session in passing his main reform measures of increasing financial disclosure of elected officials, prohibiting elected officials from receiving unlimited meals from lobbyists, eliminating the loophole for free cultural and sporting event tickets for elected officials, and prohibiting elected officials from entering into contracts with the state.
Grace-Marie Turner

Grace-Marie Turner is president of the Galen Institute, a public policy research organization that she founded in 1995 to promote an informed debate over free-market ideas for health reform. She speaks and writes extensively about incentives to promote a more competitive, patient-centered marketplace in the health sector. For 12 years, she was president of Arnett & Co., a health policy analysis and communications firm. Grace is a co-author of *Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America* and editor of *Empowering Health Care Consumers through Tax Reform*.

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Senator Mike Lee

Senator Mike Lee (UT) has spent his career supporting constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, and economic prosperity. Lee is a member of the Judiciary Committee; serves as ranking Member of the Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee; is the top Republican on the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and serves on the Foreign Relations Committee and the Joint Economic Committee.
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Tommy Thompson (invited)

Republican nominee for U.S. Senate from Wisconsin, Tommy Thomson served as Wisconsin’s 42nd Governor where he reformed welfare, dramatically cut taxes, reduced unemployment to record lows, and instituted a first-of-its-kind School Choice program. His compelling leadership enabled these reforms to take hold despite working with a Democrat-controlled Legislature for much of his 14 years in office. After serving as President George W. Bush’s Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy took his wealth of experience to the private sector, helping to create jobs and drive innovation in the healthcare industry.

Donna Williams

Donna Williams, 1st Vice-Chair of the Wake County (NC) Republicans, became involved in politics when her youngest child left for Iraq as a U.S. Marine. A former ICU nurse, she has been self-employed in direct sales for 25 years and volunteers as a GOP leader in her community. She founded the Northern Wake Republican Club in 2008, helping it grow to 300 current members.