

Chairman's Pen

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All across this country American citizens yearn for the day when they can return to their jobs, visit with family and friends, attend sporting and other social events, and go to their places of worship without fear of contracting this dreaded virus.

The COVID 19 Virus has sadly claimed the lives of thousands of our citizens. The pandemic has also negatively impacted our economy. The question on everyone's mind is: "When will it be over so we can return to a state of normalcy? "

President Trump, along with the White House COVID 19 Task Force led by Vice President Pence, have worked untiringly to provide needed guidance, materials, and equipment. The task force has presented televised briefings daily to all the citizens in every state across our nation.

President Trump took every action required to protect the American people and to slow the spread of the virus. Despite false accusations and attacks from his political rivals and their media cohorts, President Trump continued to do what he does best: "Put America First." His foresight and insight into managing this unprecedented crisis has saved thousands, perhaps even millions, of lives.

Getting Back to Business

Our Governor has recently released the initial phases of his plans to reopen Georgia. It stands to reason there are inherent risks involved in doing so. Nonetheless, a step-by-step approach, i.e. a gradual and cautious return to normal and "business as usual," is wise and moreover less difficult to retract should it become necessary.

As you know we successfully conducted our local county convention 'pro forma' in mid-March. Unfortunately, by order of the State GOP Chair, the April District Conventions and the State Convention, which was scheduled for May 29-30, have also been cancelled for in-person gatherings.

Electing National Delegates

With emergency rules changes approved by the state committee, the executive boards of the 3rd and 13th Districts will be conducting a teleconference sometime during the week of May 2 – 9 with the purpose of electing the district delegates to the National Convention. The executive boards of each district include representatives of the FCRP who were approved by our County Committee.

Upcoming Elections are Top Priority

Throughout the shelter-in-place mandate, our executive team has been effectively managing our affairs. The current priority of FCRP: ELECTIONS – local, state, and national.

The various members of the FCRP leadership have been working remotely making plans to conduct candidate interviews to be broadcast via our newly developed [FCRP YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) so you can learn about the candidates from the safety of your homes. **See below for how you can submit your candidate questions.** Many thanks to Fred Werginz for the development of this channel.

Reopening the FCRP office

In closing, it is my desire to see us resume normal activities soon including the reopening of the office operations. Leadership is in discussions considering opening two to three days a week to start. The decision will be made keeping in mind that we want to remain cautious in order to ensure that all remain protected and safe. We will implement the same procedures recommended by the governor for other businesses scheduled for reopening in the coming days. During this critical election year, the business of the FCRP to ensure we keep good conservatives in office is ever so important. But the health of you and your families is so much more important. We will announce the opening date as soon as we make this very important decision.

Thank you for your continued support of our beloved FCRP. May God continue to bless you and our nation...keeping us, SAFE, FREE, STRONG, PROSPEROUS AND GRATEFUL!