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From the Chairman



Fellow Members of Our Committee and Friends of Our Party,

The season for Republican candidate qualification and certification has begun. Last October the CCREC passed a fundamentally sound document as the 2022 Primary Resolution that has promulgated the rules and responsibilities for this, the most important duty of our Committee. It is now up to the members of the Elections Committee to gather the qualifications and declarations of candidates and consider their certification to the Republican Primary ballot. As I said last year, our ultimate goal must always be to provide our voters with a slate of candidates that gives them the choice of who best represents their conservative values and the principles of the Republican Party.

I will elaborate further on qualification in later sections, but it is important to emphasize that declarations of candidacy will not be accepted after the 5:00pm January 28th deadline.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at the next meeting of the CCREC at Donna and Friends restaurant on Monday, January 24th at 6:30pm.

Phill Green, Chairman, CCREC

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January Agenda

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 24th.

Candidate for Alabama Supreme Court, Judge Debra Jones, will be visiting and speaking to the CCREC.

Qualification and Certification: Deadline is January 28, 2022

There is still time for anyone seeking to serve in public office or on the state or county Republican Party committees to submit their declaration of candidacy. The best source of information about the process to become a Republican candidate is the CCREC website at

www.colbertrepublicanparty.com

After finding the CCREC homepage, follow the link to "Candidate Qualification 2022" at the top.



The goodness of government is measured by the property of the people, not of itself.

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About

The Colbert County of Republican Executive Committee is responsible for all activities of the Republican Party in Colbert County. We are chartered by the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee. Our members are elected by voters in the Republican primary election every four years in the gubernatorial election year. Republicans who are registered to vote in

This will take you to a page with information about the public offices and committee seats that are up for election. For each position, the



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qualification fee is listed. There is a link to the candidacy declaration form for positions in Colbert County, and a button that will allow you to pay your qualification fee online. For candidates seeking to appear on the Colbert County Republican ballot on May 24th for Sheriff, Colbert Board of Education districts 1&6, Coroner, and any seat on the Republican Executive Committee, this page on the CCREC website has all the information that you need. For information on the current members of the CCREC and the seats they occupy, use the following link to the “About” page of the website:

<https://colbertgopchair.wixsite.com/website/about>

For candidates seeking to run for District Judge, District Attorney, State Representative for districts 3, 7, & 18, and State Republican Executive Committee representing Colbert County in places 1 or 2, the state Republican Party website qualification page can be found at

<https://algop.org/2022-qualifying-information/>



2022 Candidate Qualifying

Qualifying for the 2022 Republican Primary will open Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. CDT and close on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. Please read the following guidelines. All qualifying fees are non-refundable.

Please note that District Attorneys, District Judges, Circuit Judges and Circuit Clerks cannot pay the qualifying fee online. For information on how to pay please call the ALGOP at 205.312.9000. All manual checks must be received by the qualifying deadline at the ALGOP Headquarters: 3505 Lorna Road, Birmingham, AL 35216.

If you are running for a Federal Office (U.S. House and U.S. Senate):

- Complete and return Declaration of Candidacy form and qualifying fee to ALGOP.
- Submission of your on-line qualification form is the equivalent of your signature and acknowledgement that you have fully read and understand the contents of the form.
- Please refer to the Federal Election Commission website to complete additional documentation that must be filed.

If you are running for a State Office (State Constitutional Officers, Legislature, Judiciary):

- Complete and return Declaration of Candidacy form and qualifying fee to ALGOP.
- Submission of your on-line qualification form is the equivalent of your signature and acknowledgement that you have fully read and understand the contents of the form.
- Complete and file the Statement of Economic Interests form to the Alabama Ethics Commission or complete online. ALGOP highly suggest filing before qualifying as a candidate with ALGOP or a county chairman. You have five (5) calendar days after qualifying to complete and submit this information. If you do not fill this out on time you can be disqualified.



This page contains links to an online declaration of candidacy as well as a payment button for qualification fees for state offices.

These online resources were created to make the process more convenient and accessible to busy people who want to serve. The most important point to remember is that the deadline to declare your candidacy is 5pm on January 28th. The elections committee will be at the Hellen Keller Public Library at 511 N Main St, Tuscumbia from 2-5pm to accept declarations from candidates.

If you have any questions about what offices/seats are available or how to submit your declaration, please give me a call:

Phillip Green, Chairman-CCREC, 256-762-4072, colbertgopchair@pm.me

Upcoming Events

Following is the most current calendar of events for the Committee. The primary focus of activities will center around certification of candidates for the important offices of sheriff, district judge, coroner, district attorney, and members of the county board of education for districts 1&6. In addition to those public offices, seats on both the Alabama State Republican Party Executive Committee and the Colbert County Republican Executive Committee are also up for election. All of these positions will be elected from qualified candidates in the primary election on May 24th.

Keep these dates in mind when planning your individual and campaign calendars.

Colbert County Committee Events Calendar

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Jan 4-28, 2022	Qualification for Sheriff, Colbert Board of Ed dist 1&6, Coroner, District Court Judge, District Attorney, ALGOP State Exec Committee, and Colbert County Republican Executive Committe
January 24, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
February 28, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
March 28, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
April 25, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
May 23, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
May 24, 2022	Primary Election
June 21, 2022	Primary Runoff Election (if needed)
June 27, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
July 25, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
August 22, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
September 26, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
October 24, 2022	CCREC regular meeting
November 8, 2022	General Election

CCREC Special Events for 2021

Dates and information for special events will be announced here as they become available.

Colbert County Republican Primary Debates

Planning continues for the Republican Primary debates and candidate forum to be held in the spring near the May primary election.

Mr. Phil Williams of the API's Rightside Radio program, featured weekdays at 2pm on WVNN, has agreed to be our moderator.



The following was taken from the Rightside Radio website, and the full version can be found at the link below. I'm sure you will agree that Mr. Williams will make a great choice as moderator with races this year deciding who will lead in law enforcement and the courts for years to come.

<https://rightsideradio.org/about/>

Phil Williams is the Chief Policy Officer & General Counsel for the Alabama Policy Institute. (Attendees of the 2021 CCREC Constitution Day Dinner will recall that our speaker, Chief Justice Tom Parker, along with Congressman Gary Palmer founded the API over 30 years ago.) API is an Alabama based conservative think tank and policy advocacy organization whose focus is on matters of law that affect all Alabamians. API has advocated for conservative principles of limited government, free markets, and strong families for over thirty years and is recognized nationally as a leading voice in the realm of public policy.

As a licensed attorney, Phil is also the managing member of Williams, Driskill, Huffstutler & King, a law firm based in Gadsden, AL. His legal experience covers all levels including appellate, and he is admitted



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to practice in the State and Federal Courts in Alabama. His primary focus in the practice of law is largely in the areas of civil litigation, corporate, municipal, and governmental general counsel, as well as a thriving real estate practice. He has been ranked as “AV-Preeminent” as a peer-evaluated Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

Prior to practicing law Phil was in full time ministry for seven years with the international youth outreach organization YoungLife. With YoungLife Phil served as an Area Director which involved direct ministry and counseling with teens, recruiting and training volunteers, public speaking, public relations, fund raising and close work with the members of the YoungLife Committee.

In addition to his day-to-day employment Phil recently served two terms as the State Senator for the Tenth District of Alabama. During his tenure in the Senate Phil served as the Chairman for the Alabama Senate Committee on Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development, and the Vice Chair for the Committee on Judiciary. He also served as the Vice Chair for the Committee on Finance and Taxation (General Fund), and as a sitting member of the Committees for Rules, Government Affairs, Veterans and Military Affairs, and the Joint Committee on Transportation.

Aside from his civilian experience Phil also comes from a family with a long military tradition. He is an Airborne Ranger and retired in July 2017 after 30 years of service with the rank of Colonel (USAR). Phil served two combat tours in the Global War on Terror, one each in Afghanistan and Iraq, as

well as one tour in the Pentagon on the Army Staff’s Special Operations Division. His service was at all levels with time spent as a Long Range Surveillance Platoon Leader, twice a Company Commander, and various staff positions at Battalion, Group, and Army Staff levels. His last troop leading position was as the Battalion Commander for the 1-167th Infantry – the legendary “4th Alabama”. His final duty assignment was as a reserve instructor for the Joint Special Operations University, US Special Operations Command.

Phil’s education includes a BS from the University of South Alabama and a Juris Doctorate from the Birmingham School of Law. He is also a graduate of the US Army’s Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the US Army Command and General Staff College. He is also a certified higher education instructor as a result of coursework through the Joint Special Operations University.

Among his associations and awards are the following: Phil is a member in good standing of the Alabama Bar Association (Alabar); He has been ranked as “AV-Preeminent” as a peer-evaluated Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); The National Infantry Association; The Order of St. Maurice; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International; and the Etowah County Patriots Hall of Honor. In addition he was licensed and ordained to ministry by the Southern Baptist Association. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Army Commendation Medals,



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two Army Achievement Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, both the Afghan and Iraq Campaign Medals with 3 campaign stars, The Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Wings, the Pathfinder Badge, German Parachutist Wings and the Combat Action Badge.

New State Representative and Senate District Lines for Colbert County

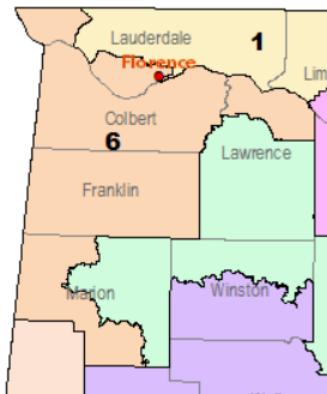
I first saw the proposed maps for the new lines defining state representative and senate districts when they were published on October 31st in the AL.com story I have linked here:

<https://www.al.com/news/2021/10/take-a-look-at-alabamas-new-proposed-state-house-and-senate-districts.html>

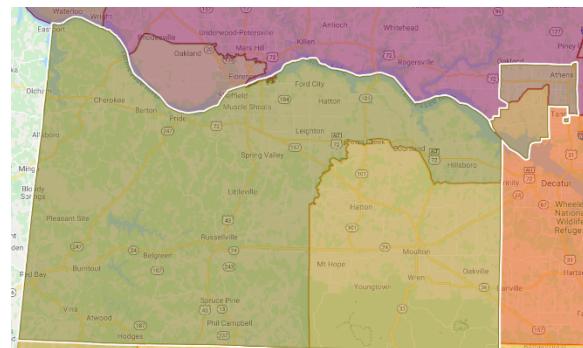
The consequences for Colbert County on the representative side are big, with many thousands of voters being moved between districts, and a new district being added. While this was not completely unexpected, seeing such drastic changes that must have been in the drafting process for weeks or even months makes me wish that those of us planning for the May primary could have at least gotten a preview. When I asked about the process a few months ago, I was told that private consulting firms had been contracted to draw the new lines, but I'm still curious about the criteria they were given and the process in general. For future reference, I think this is a subject that deserves more attention.

Nothing has changed for Colbert County on the state senate side. While senate district 6 lost those sections of Lauderdale and Marion Counties that it previously included, it still

keeps the entire Colbert and Franklin Counties. In addition, the district now includes the entire Lawrence County and a portion of Limestone County where the City of Athens is located.



The old district 6 included sections of Lauderdale and Marion Counties.



The new lines for AL Senate district 6 keep Colbert, Lawrence, and Franklin counties whole, while carving out a section of Limestone county.

Quotes:

https://uspolitics.einnews.com/article/555808260?lcf=hnsD75r6PaKruFuO1ci_PuGmYu xe2SKtjcUUCOvx1XI%3D

All congressional, Alabama Senate and House, and State Board of Education redistricting maps passed, nearly unscathed, through the Alabama Statehouse during the special legislative session on redistricting, in what Alabama Speaker of the House Mac



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McCutcheon, R-Monrovia, has described as “one of the most successful special sessions in Alabama History.”

https://uspolitics.einnews.com/article/556120764?lcf=hnsD75r6PaKruFuO1ci_PuGmYu xe2SKtjcUUCCovx1XI%3D

After months of lobbyists, and those paying for the lobbyist, drawing maps in secret, our maps for the next decade were approved despite the fact they were not released for the public until hours before they were voted on by the reapportionment committee. Maps then were passed without any changes requested by the public or some fellow members.

ALGOP Winter Meeting Dates Announced

The upcoming ALGOP Winter Meeting is quickly approaching. This event will be held February 18-19, 2022 at the Birmingham Ballroom, located in the Sheraton Hotel (BJCC Complex) in Birmingham, Alabama.

For those who wish to attend (the dinner and meeting are open to everyone) a block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Hotel and are available for Friday night. Click the link below to reserve your room TODAY!

[DISCOUNT ROOM BLOCK- CLICK HERE](#)

Itinerary:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

5:30 pm- ALGOP Sponsor Reception

7:00 pm- ALGOP Winter Dinner (watch for ticket link coming soon)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

9:00 am- State Executive Committee District Meetings

10:00 am- State Executive Committee Business Meeting