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TAPING:

INTRODUCTION TO WASHINGTON STATE PRECINCT

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL WORKSHOP

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS HERE IN WASHINGTON STATE.

I AM HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU HERE AND TO OPEN

THIS VERY IMPORTANT SESSION.

IN THIS ROOM ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY ELEMENT

OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. SHORTLY, YOU WILL HEAR FROM

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ROSS DAVIS, YOUR REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN.

WILL SPEAK.

THEN HERB WILLIAMS FROM THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S STAFF

BESIDES THESE STATE AND NATIONAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES,

YOUR COUNTY REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE PRESENT.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE HERE ARE YOU --

OUR REPUBLICAN PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN AND WOMEN.

TOGETHER WE MAKE UP THE REPUBLICAN TEAM.

BY OUR EFFORTS IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, OUR TEAM

WILL DETERMINE WHO SETS THE COURSE FOR THIS COUNTY,

THIS STATE, AND THIS COUNTRY. IF WE DO OUR JOBS WELL, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES WILL WIN AND REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES WILL GUIDE OUR GOVERNMENT. THE STRENGTH OF OUR PARTY HAS BEEN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS -- WITH YOU, OUR PRECINCT WORKERS. I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S PRECINCT SYSTEM -- THAT IS WHY I PLEDGED THAT MY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE RUN BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AFTER THE CONVENTION IN AUGUST. TODAY YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO PERFORM YOUR PARTY

RESPONSIBILITIES IN A MORE ORGANIZED, EFFECTIVE WAY.

THIS PRECINCT WORKSHOP, DEVELOPED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,

IS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE COUNTRY. IT HAS BEEN COPIED WIDELY.

I CONGRATULATE YOUR COUNTY AND STATE CENTRAL

COMMITTEES FOR THIS EXCELLENT APPROACH TO PRECINCT POLITICS.

NOW, IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK.

TO PRESENT THIS PRECINCT WORKSHOP LET ME INTRODUCE

YOUR REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN, ROSS DAVIS.

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