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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

Vivek Ramaswamy - A Star In the Making

For those of you who watched last night's RNC candidate forum on Fox, you saw the making of a future star in the Republican Party. Vivek Ramaswamy, a bio tech startup mogul, clearly showed why he is the likely main challenger to Donald Trump for the 2024 Presidential nomination.

The fact that every other candidate went after Mr. Ramaswamy shows that he is clearly the main alternative to Trump. For more information on Mr. Ramaswamy, his website is www.vivek2024.com

Winners and Losers from Last Night

Winners

Vivek Ramaswamy – 1st off, he looked Presidential, and clearly shows that he can take on Joe Biden, if something happens and Trump is not the nominee.

Ron DeSantis – is 100% correct when he says that the country is in decline, but that the decline is not inevitable. Governor DeSantis also scored points when talking about government deficits as far as the eye can see.

Tim Scott – He always looks like the adult in any room. So much of presidential politics is showmanship. Tim Scott looks the part. He will never be a fiery orator, but he is an intelligent man who didn't hurt himself last night.

Donald Trump – even when not there, Donald Trump clearly was the driving force for last night's candidate forum.

Losers

Chris Christie – suggesting that Mr. Ramaswamy reminded him of "ChatGPT" was rather insulting. Mr. Ramaswamy has an accent – and for Mr. Christie to make fun of it was rather classless. He also got booed for his derision towards President Trump. Bad idea in an audience where Trump was the likely choice of over 50% of the attendees and over 50% of the party at large. Mr. Christie needs to learn his audience a bit better.

Asa Hutchinson – why is he there?

Again, why is he there.

Mike Pence – showed that he is out of touch with the rapidly changing GOP base – who no longer trust the foreign policy elites when it comes to ever lasting wars. Pence's going back and forth on how he feels about Trump is not a winner. This clearly pains me, as Mr. Pence was a great Congressman and an even better Governor.

Nikki Haley – sorry to say, she whiffed on the abortion issue. Also, Ms. Haley actually saying that climate change is a serious issue shows to me that she's more interested in placating some special interests rather than governing from the right.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on who you thought won and lost last night. Also, on a personal note, I wish that they had allowed E. W. Jackson to be on the debate stage last night. Yes EW has filed to run for President. EW has been a warrior for cultural issues that so many of us are in agreement on. He is a champion and continues to be, and quite frankly, his voice should be heard.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Chair. Together we will take back Virginia

I remain

your servant

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S John Massoud
6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

Clarke County GOP Meeting - 7 PM Berryville Court House

August 28 – Botetourt County GOP Meeting – 7 PM Bailey Wick Farm.

August 30 – Chris Runion Stogies and Sporting Clays. For more information contact 540 255 0504. Event starts at 9 am and lasts until noon.

August 31 – Roanoke County GOP Meeting – 7 PM Roanoke County Administration Building

September 4 – Labor Day Breakfast/Parade in Buena Vista. Contact rockbridgegop@gmail.com for more information.

September 9 - State Central Meeting - 10 am. Details to follow

September 9 – Chris Plante Fundraiser – 4-7 PM. James Charles Winery – 4063 Middle Road Winchester. Contact Patrick Sullivan at Treasurer@WinchestrGOP.org Checks should be made payable to the Winchester Republican Party. To purchase online click on this link: <https://ticketstripe.com/An-Afternoon-with-Chris-Plante>

September 9 – Northern Valley YR's 3rd Annual BBQ. 1 PM. Marker Miller Orchards – 3035 Cedar Creek Grade Winchester.

September 18 – RARC Meeting – 7 PM Magnolia Road Buena Vista Va.

September 20 - The Roanoke Valley Republican Women are hosting a Candidate Forum at the Roanoke South County Library Auditorium, 6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA, from 6-7:30 pm. Local candidates running for state and local offices will be speaking. Also invited is LTC (Ret) Kevin L. Shifflett, "Training Conservatives to Fight Back".

September 22 - early voting begins

October 17 – Roanoke Valley Republican Women General Business meeting at Lydia's Italian Kitchen, 1713 Riverview Dr, Salem, VA 24153 at 7:00pm (Meet & Eat will begin at 6 pm).

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