

January 30, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

Now that the dust has settled from the 2022 midterm election, Democrats are smartly preparing for the coming battle in 2024 with urgency. Instead of basking in what the pundits have declared an unlikely victory, we are now focused on maintaining this momentum into 2024 by assessing the strategies, tactics, and investments that helped us buck historical trends and expand our majority in the US Senate, a feat that was cemented this month with the reelection of Sen. Raphael Warnock in Georgia.

As Democratic leaders who have had to compete for votes in some of the most contested battlegrounds in our country, we humbly offer our own piece of advice: The Democratic Party should immediately select the city of Atlanta as the site of its 2024 presidential nominating convention.

Democratic turnout in the state of Georgia is the single greatest reason that you and Vice President Harris are in the White House today instead of Donald Trump and it is the single greatest reason why Democrats have maintained a majority in the United States Senate. Everything we have accomplished as a party since January of 2021 can be traced back to Georgia, and specifically, to the metro Atlanta area which swung the state in our favor.

While some pundits might argue that there is no correlation between a convention site and partisan performance in the ensuing election, holding the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta will have effects that reverberate far beyond Georgia's borders. Selecting Atlanta in the aftermath of the 2022 election cycle will send a message to the base of our party that we will never take you for granted; that we see you, we respect you, and we are counting on you to reelect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Selecting Atlanta will inspire Democrats in other competitive Southern states to run, to organize, to fundraise, and to volunteer in what is now truly fertile Democratic territory. Selecting Atlanta will put Republicans on notice, making it abundantly clear to them that they will have to compete and allocate resources across every corner of the map if they want to keep pace with the gains we are making as Democrats.

Equally important as these tactical imperatives, selecting the city of Atlanta will offer our nation a vision of America at its best. Atlanta served as the cradle of America's civil rights movement. It stands as a beacon of LGBTQIA+ rights in the Deep South. As the cultural and economic hub of Black America, the city embodies the American Dream in the 21st Century. A nominating convention in the city of Atlanta will provide you with a backdrop that reflects your personal values and embodies your vision for America.

So, as we look forward to 2024, we have many choices to make as Democrats. But in our opinion the first choice is very clear. Let's nominate Joe Biden in the very building where over 40,000 Georgians cast their ballots – the deciding ballots for Georgia's 16 electoral votes – for him in 2020. Hosting the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia will reignite the sense of enthusiasm that led him to victory and inspire Democrats around the country down the home stretch in 2024.

Warmest Regards,

ALABAMA

State Rep. Anthony Daniels, House Minority Leader
Jim Folsom, Jr., former Governor
Doug Jones, former U.S. Senator
Randall Kelly, State Party Chair
Walt Maddox, Mayor of Tuscaloosa
Steve Reed, Mayor of Montgomery
U.S. Representative Terry Sewell
Randall Woodfin, Mayor of Birmingham

ARKANSAS

Blanche Lincoln, former U.S. Senator
Mark Pryor, former U.S. Senator
Mike Ross, former U.S. Representative
Frank Scott, Jr, Mayor of Little Rock
Grant Tennille, State Democratic Party Chair

FLORIDA

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State Rep. Fentrice Driskell, House Democratic Minority Leader
Oliver Gilbert, Chair – Miami-Dade County Commission
State Senator Shevrin Jones
State Rep. Michele Raynor-Goolsby, House Democratic Whip

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Stacey Abrams, former candidate for Governor
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U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop
Hardie Davis, Jr., Mayor of Augusta
Andre Dickens, Mayor of Atlanta
Shirley Franklin, former Mayor of Atlanta
Kelly Girtz, Mayor of Athens
Skip Henderson, Mayor of Columbus
U.S. Representative Hank Johnson, Jr
U.S. Representative Lucy McBath
U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff
U.S. Representative David Scott
U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock
U.S. Representative Nikema Williams

KENTUCKY

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Joni Jenkins, former House Democratic Leader
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Cedric Richmond, former U.S. Representative

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