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MEMORANDUM

To: Democratic Candidates seeking office in the General Election on November 6, 2018

From: Joe L. Reed, Chairman *J. Reed*

Date: October 11, 2018

RE: **Convention Screening and Endorsements**

Please know that we look forward to your presence at the ADC Convention in Birmingham on October 19-20, 2018. We have a full day planned for all Democrats and look forward to victory in November. Some of you have asked about the screening schedule and the luncheon. My previous communication to you outlined the Q.D. Adams Leadership and Prayer Breakfast, Luncheon Schedule and prices for tickets and tables. We expect all Democrats seeking office to participate by purchasing tickets or tables.

Concerning screening and endorsements: read this carefully. If you have already been screened and endorsed at the state, you do not have to be screened again. If you have not been screened and do not have an opponent, you do not have to be screened. If you had no primary opposition but currently have an opponent, whether Democratic, Republican, Independent or Write-in, **you must be screened because endorsements are not automatic.** Therefore, you must make plans to be in Birmingham on Saturday, October 20. The screenings will not take long but you must be there. Your county unit cannot endorse you if you are a state candidate. I cannot endorse you even though I may like you, only the appropriate members of ADC and voters can endorse you. People who are not endorsed will have the words "no endorsement" by their names on our Guide Ballot. Screening will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If you have any questions, call me right away. We will do everything reasonable to accommodate you. Our number is 334-263-4040.

Finally, under separate notice, I will advise you on your fair share of the GOTV expenses. Every candidate is expected to pay his or her fair share to turn out the vote on November 6. There are no volunteers anymore. Every candidate has an obligation to financially assist in his or her own election. We look forward to victory and we wish you the very best. When you win, we all win.

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"Political Strength Through Unity"