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Subject: Stephen Varela Designation as CD3 Republican Candidate for BOE

To Justin and Stephen:

Special Conditions Apply to this designation of Stephen Varela to be placed on the June 30, 2026 Colorado Primary Ballot for the position of: Representative for Congressional District 3 to the Colorado State Board of Education.

A Special Emergency Meeting of the Colorado Republican Party State Executive Committee (SEC) was held on the evening of April 29, 2026, to hear the controversy regarding the denial of entry of Republican Party member Stephen Varela into the CD3 Assembly room at the time of floor nominations for that position. Because of the possible violations of Stephen Varela's First Amendment Rights under the US Constitution, namely his right to assemble, and his right to exercise free speech, the COGOP SEC voted overwhelmingly to designate Stephen Varela for the ballot.

The SEC voted on the following question: "Shall the COGOP SEC designate Stephen Varela as a Republican candidate for CD3 Board of Education in the upcoming 2026 primary?"

The vote was 18 to 3 in favor, with 2 abstentions.

Therefore, as the Acting Chairman of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, I hereby declare Mr. Varela as a valid 2026 candidate CD3 BOE for the June primary ballot, on behalf of our Executive Committee April 30th, 2026.

Sincerely,

- Eric Grossman, Acting Chairman

Colorado Republican State Central Committee

P.S. Candidate Varela will supply necessary paperwork, and this email serves as explanation to the unique circumstance.



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