



Republican National Committee

Office of the Chairman

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Chairman Ron Carey
Republican Party of Minnesota
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Dear Chairman Carey,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the State of Minnesota's official Republican presidential nomination votes cast during the 2008 Republican National Convention. Your letter requested my office rectify a vote discrepancy related to the official votes cast on behalf of Minnesota during the nominating process to elect the Republican presidential nominee. The official 2008 Republican National Convention's records showed that Minnesota was eligible to cast 41 votes during the presidential nomination process, of which 35 votes were cast for John McCain, with 6 votes not cast at all.

Your letter notified my office that this vote tally was incorrect as the 6 non-recorded votes were actually cast on Ron Paul's behalf during the Republican presidential nomination roll-call. As such, your letter asked that the official record be changed to reflect this vote. My staff investigated your request upon receiving your letter, which was the first time we had been notified of this concern. My staff determined during its investigation that your request, in conjunction with additional supporting documents provided by your staff, allow the Republican National Committee to revise the official 2008 Republican presidential nomination vote tally at this time.

The revised official vote tally for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination will record that Governor Pawlenty, as the State Delegation Chairman for the State of Minnesota at the 2008 Republican National Convention, cast 35 votes for John McCain and 6 votes for Ron Paul on the official Republican nomination ballot. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and allowing my staff to resolve the situation. As noted in your letter, it is important that every validly cast vote be counted, including these nomination votes for Congressman Paul. On behalf of the Republican National Committee, I apologize for the previous inaccuracy in our records and any problems this error may have caused you and the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Michael Steele
Chairman

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