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And most of all, we need to stand in solidarity as fellow Americans.  
To see each other, our pains, our struggles, our hopes, our dreams.

We are a great nation. We are a good people.

We may come from different places and hold different beliefs, but we share a love for this country. A  
belief in its limitless possibilities.

And so, as we start the hard work to be done, may this moment give us the strength to rebuild this  
house of ours upon a rock that can never be washed away.

And as in the Prayer of St. Francis, for where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is darkness, light.

This is who we are as a nation. This is the America we love.

And that is the America we will be.

May God bless you all.

May God protect our troops and all those who stand watch over our democracy.

*Text from the Joe Biden Acceptance Speech December 14, 2020*

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## EDITORIAL

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.”

### We have survived! Let the healing begin!



Overlooking Salzburg

We visited Germany and Austria in 2015 witnessing first hand the good people and local life. Our visit was during the Syrian crisis. Munich, Salzburg and Vienna were full of sojourners seeking peace and freedom.

Admittedly, we were concerned about what we would find and experience as foreigners, Americans, speaking only English.

The cities were bustling and filled with many people. The areas, the countryside, were beautiful and welcoming. A performance Mozart's 'Requiem' at St. Charles' Church (Karlskirche) in Vienna is etched in my soul forever.



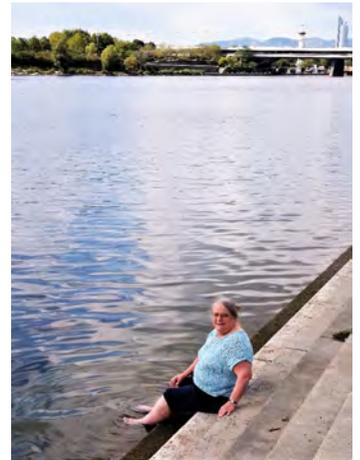
Across from the Mozart Museum

The train stations and the surrounding areas housed the many refugees, families carrying their few belongings seeking safety, gently shepherd by officials and local people.

In the entire 13 days, we never saw a drawn gun or heard an angry tirade. Many times, we saw officers bend down to care for the people assisting them on their journey. Chancellor Merkel issued words of welcoming and caring.

How far Germany and Austria has come from the Nazi Germany and the evil Hitler regime. Healed and providing peace, compassion and freedom for all people.

Our land, these United States of America has suffered a deep wound and will take a great deal of work and love to restore our homeland to the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Wading in the waters of the Danube in Vienna.

As the brave patriots in our history rolled up their sleeves, we can and will return our homeland to greatness, regardless of the threats and turmoil all around us. COVID19 will be conquered. We will bury our dead, heal the ill and return to the rule of law, and the security of the U.S. Constitution.

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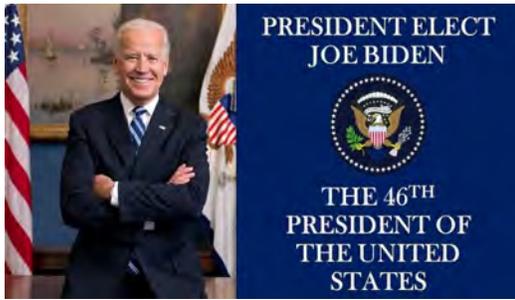
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Joe R Biden, President elect of the United States of America.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

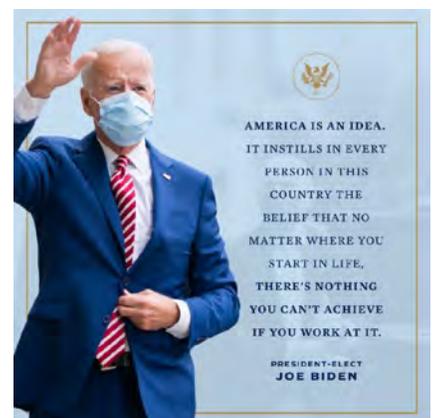
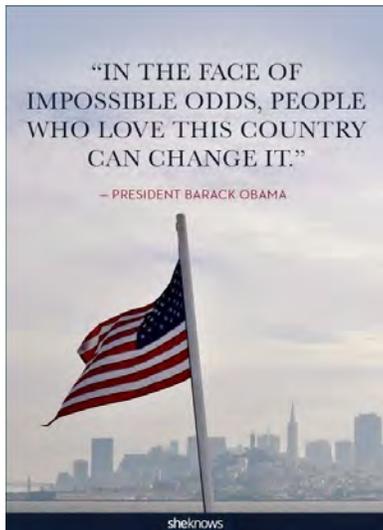
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## INAUGURATION JANUARY 20, 2021



Rosa sat so Ruby could walk, so Kamala could run.

#powertoblackwomen #thedreamisalive



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## COLIN ALLRED REPORT

### Representative Colin Allred D32

### The LONE Star from Texas



Colin Allred represents Texas Congressional District 32 in the U.S. House of Representatives. The man is a human dynamo. He takes every opportunity to ensure that Texans are properly represented in the House of Representatives on every important issue as they arise.

Colin Allred's achievements for his first two years in Congress are summarized in a 48 page report titled, "2019-2020 End of Term Report Working for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Texas."

<https://allred.house.gov/media/press-releas/allred-releases-end-term-report-working-32nd-district-texas>

### Allred has worked on a multitude of issues. Three stand out

1: COVID-19 RELIEF: "Our nation must come together to fight this virus, and I am here to help all North Texas, whether you are a small business owner or are just trying to put food on the table for your family, get through this crisis."

Allred has worked to improve the care of the ill, improve the care for the families of the ill and the unemployed, and to assist businesses to stay in business and keep employees on the payroll.

2: HEALTHCARE: "Everywhere I go I hear stories from North Texans who need real relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. One in four people are rationing insulin because of the high cost, and one in ten adults don't properly take their medicine for the same reason. The time for action is now."

Allred has worked to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare. This is the most likely path to affordable, quality care for everyone.

3. SERVING OUR VETERANS: "Our veterans have made incredible sacrifices in serving for our country. It is our duty to make sure that when they return home, they have the resources they need to transition back to civilian life."

Better care of the veterans has been a primary goal of Rep. Allred since his first day in Congress. The conversion of the Baylor Scott and White Hospital, here in Garland, to a Veterans Affairs health care facility is an achievement Allred can brag about the rest of his days but he has achieved much more as listed in his report.

SUMMARY: There are many worthwhile accomplishments in the report which lists actions, bills and activities from Representative Allred's first two years in Congress. Allred has worked hard in Congress to serve the people and make our lives better.

Does anyone know where to find a similar report from Senators Corny and Crude, or Screwy Louie Ghomert?

The full report is available at:

<https://allred.house.gov/media/press-releas/allred-releases-end-term-report-working-32nd-district-texas>

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## LOVE THOUGHTS

### Understanding The Election — The History, The Future

— Steve Love

PART ONE: Section 9, paragraph 8 of the Constitution: “No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States...”

Why is this in the Constitution? A clue might be that in May of 1783 (only two years after the adoption of the Articles of Confederation, which was failing as a foundational document) the Society of the Cincinnati was founded as a hereditary association with George Washington as its first president general.

The forming of the society was greeted with enthusiasm resulting in 2,270 former officers of the Revolutionary Army joining the society in the first years after its establishment. Position this in time. It had all the possibilities of creating an American noble class composed of former high-ranking military veterans. *[Sidebar: The military is a top-down autocratic institution as opposed to the bottom-up republican form of government.]*

Couple that with the fact that not all loyalists had gone back to England when independence was declared. There remained a significant part of the population (called Tories) content to see the Confederacy fail, thus opening the way for a return to British rule or the states dissolve into chaos and opening the door to 13 independent states vying for power in North America. [Imagine the Kingdom of Virginia with a King George the first, and a ruling royal class composed of the Society of Cincinnati.]

The stakes could not be higher for the Framers because they would be the first hanged in such a future.

PART TWO: Why do we have the electoral system no other nation has?

We have it because the Framers were concerned that the fear of what might happen under this new idea of a “Chief Executive,” being proposed by the Constitution would devolve into an American King George. [All the prerequisites were in place.] By putting the state legislature in the position of determining the electors they could control who became that Chief Executive.

The problem is that, except for a small group of anti-democratic rear-enders, the citizens of the nation want everyone to have a voice in who elects the president. They do not approve of voters in three states effectively nullifying the votes in the other 47.

We want the country to be a REAL republic/democracy when selecting our president.

MOST Americans are NOT happy that two of the last three presidents have entered the White House WITHOUT the mandate of a majority of the popular vote. And it has not helped that one of those presidents, by gross deception, led us into a 20-year war in the middle east and the other into a 320,000+ death toll from the COVID-19 virus to GET HIMSELF RE-ELECTED by ignoring the virus, demonizing wearing masks and social distancing and acting like nothing is happening!

There is a short-term method to end this travesty. It is by states with a total of 270 electoral votes all adopting the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact that instructs their electors, of both parties, to cast their vote for the winner of the NATIONAL popular vote, not the state’s popular vote. Some states have already joined the compact.

It is time for other legislatures to decide to get on the REAL republican/democratic bandwagon.

*(Posted on Facebook 12/21/2020)*

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### On Ethics and Pardons

When I left public office as elected County Treasurer of Dallas County after eight years of public service, it never occurred to me to request a pardon for myself and my children. If I had made such a request it would lead to the question what exactly had I been doing for eight years that I would request a pardon for?

Should Trump issue pardons for himself and his family he, his sons, daughter and son in law should have to explain to the American people what laws they think they violated what crimes they think they committed that require a pardon for?

#RepublicanTrumpCorruption #disgraceful

FaceBook 12/2/2020 Joe Wells

### Hanukkah

Hanukkah is the holiday of rededication. When the pandemic ends, we will all have to devote ourselves to rebuilding and renewing that which has been neglected or injured or destroyed.

We will need a world wide Hanukkah -- a rededication that brings light. FaceBook 12/14/20 Rabbi David Wolpe

### Resist Trump's Agenda

Fear of imprisonment is why T\*\*\*p has been committing acts of sedition in a desperate attempt to stay in office. He will no longer be above the law after Jan. 20, 2020.

He must be prosecuted to restore the rule of law.

FaceBook 12/11/2020 Kathleen Chorbagan

### Wear the damn mask!

I am not inviting a huge debate on this. I am stating my beliefs.

I have been wearing a mask every time I leave home since March 2020.

I'm not sure why being considerate to others for the common good is now being mocked by some who are calling it "living in fear", but it needs to stop!

When I wear a mask over my nose and mouth in public and in the stores/Supermarkets/Pharmacies/Offices I want you to know the following:

I'm educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.

No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.

I don't feel like the "government controls me." I feel like I'm an adult contributing to the security in our society and I want to teach others the same.

If we could all live with the consideration of others in mind, the whole world would be a much better place.

Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid or even "controlled." It makes me caring and responsible.

When you think about your appearance, discomfort, or other people's opinion of you, imagine a loved one — a child, father, mother, grandparent, aunt, uncle or even a stranger— placed on a ventilator, alone without you or any family member allowed at their bedside... Ask yourself if you could have helped them a little by wearing a mask?

Wear the damn mask!

Spread the message: The life you save is your own and others!

FaceBook 12/21/2020 Jane Alvizo

### Responsibility price of rights

"You can't make me," they say.

Do you smoke inside buildings? No. Do you wear a seat belt? Yes. Do you stop at red lights and stop signs? Yes.

Why? Because the government makes laws for public safety and because decent people in civilized societies show respect and care for fellow human beings even if it is not the law.

"You can't make me" is the response a young child having a tantrum makes to their parents who are trying to teach them to be responsible, good, caring people.

Citizenship carries both rights and responsibilities.

Wear a mask.

SUSAN RICHARDS  
Sylvania

Facebook Being Liberal.com 12/21/2020

"We don't elect saviors in this country, we elect servants who promise to be leaders."

Stacey Abrams

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## OUT AND ABOUT



### Hope — A New Day has Dawned

“Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning” (*Psalms 30:5, NKJV*)

Thank you Mother Nature for today’s glorious sunrise.

Sunrise over the Red’Arc Farm near Paris, Texas. Photo by Julia Trigg Crawford.

### A Whale of a Tale



The arched back of a humpback whale breaks the water surface of the bay just as it passes Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty

Photographer Bjoern Kils, NY Media Boat captured this image of a humpback whale as it passes the Statue of Liberty on December 8, 2020.

Humpback whales live in oceans around the world. They travel incredible distances every year and have one of the longest migrations of any mammal on the planet. Some populations swim 5,000 miles from tropical breeding grounds to colder, productive feeding grounds. In recent years, the mammals have entered the New York Upper Bay with greater frequency. This whale appears to be heading southeast toward the Atlantic Ocean.

Here’s hoping he or she enjoyed their urban adventure.

The arched back of a humpback whale breaks the water surface of the bay just as it passes Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty.

*(National Park Service, 12/9/2020)*

### We Must Never Forget



December 7, 2020 1:32 PM ·

The flag at the Statue of Liberty National Monument is flown at half staff today for National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The ceremony featured a multisite wreath presentation video and a Veterans tribute video narrated by USS Arizona Survivor Lou Conter produced in partnership with Defense Media Activity.

<https://visitpearlharbor.org/uss-arizona-survivor-lou-conter-returns/>

“Human capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but human inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.”

*Niebuhr*

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Stacey Abrams @staceyabrams

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**WE DID IT!**



**HE'S DONE!**

In case there is any confusion we have made this handy chart



■ States where Biden will Be President  
■ States where Trump will Be President

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*From the editor: For the last several years, I have collected images from Facebook to put on postcards for a dear friend who is in care. I send one to her everyday, trusting they will bring smiles and memories. I share these with you today, on this Giving Celebration day to bring each of you thoughts and memories. Rachel Baker Ford, editor*

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