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Trump campaigns in Biden’s Pennsylvania hometown

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Determined to keep Pennsylvania in his column, President Donald Trump took the fight to Joe Biden’s old backyard Thursday and insisted his Democratic rival would be the state’s “worst nightmare” if elected president.

In a particularly in-your-face bit of campaign trolling, Trump staged a small rally just outside the former vice president’s birthplace in Scranton mere hours before Biden was to formally accept the Democratic presidential nomination.

The campaign framed Trump’s speech as a review of “a half-century of Joe Biden failing America,” and the location pointed to the importance of Pennsylvania as a battleground state.

“Joe Biden is no friend of Pennsylvania — he is your worst nightmare,” Trump declared.

Biden was born in Scranton but his family moved to Delaware when he 10.

“He’ll remind us that he



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President Donald Trump greets supporters Thursday at the Wilkes-Barre Scranton (Pa.) International Airport. Trump hopes to win Joe Biden’s home state again, as he did in 2016.

was born in Scranton, but you know he left like 70 years ago, right?” Trump asked.

Trump visited two other battlegrounds — Wisconsin and Arizona — as well as Minnesota, one of the few blue states from 2016 that Trump’s team feels like he may have a chance to flip this fall.

The so-called Blue Wall of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, meant to provide Electoral College insurance for Hillary Clinton, instead all broke for

Trump by slim margins in 2016. He captured Pennsylvania by a mere 44,000 votes four years ago and has since clashed with the state’s Democratic governor over efforts to reopen its economy.

Trump returned to northeastern Pennsylvania, where he did unexpectedly well in 2016, winning Luzerne County and nearly winning in Lackawanna County, both of which have a solid registration advantage for Democrats. They bear the hallmarks of Trump coun-

try: They are whiter, with lower median incomes and fewer people with college degrees, than the rest of Pennsylvania.

The number of GOP registrations in Pennsylvania has outpaced Democrats this cycle and many political observers believe the state, which has many white, older voters, could become stronger for Republicans. But Trump has trailed Biden, whose team aims to return Pennsylvania to the blue column, where it had been from 1992 until 2016.

To that end, Trump is seeking to portray Biden as out of touch with more moderate and conservative parts of the state, making the argument that Biden is a “puppet of the radical left.”

“If you want a vision of your life under a Joe Biden presidency, imagine the smoldering ruins of Minneapolis, the violent anarchy of Portland and the blood-stained sidewalks of Chicago coming to every city and town in America,” Trump said.

The outdoor rally drew a few hundred supporters. Many, but not all, wore masks and seats were lined up closer than 6 feet apart, the space recommended by public health experts to reduce the chance of transmission of the coronavirus.



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Miami-Dade Home Prices Rise in 2Q Due to Strong Demand and Limited Supply

Miami-Dade County home prices increased year-over-year in 2Q 2020, according to the MIAMI Association of Realtors (MIAMI) and the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) system.

Miami single-family home prices increased 5.6% year-over-year, from \$360,000 to \$380,000. Miami existing condo prices rose 6.2%, from \$247,000 to \$262,250. Median prices have now increased for 34 consecutive quarters, a streak spanning 8.5 years.

Historically low mortgage rates, virtual tools and services, and pent-up demand have many buyers continuing their home buying process, which is generating strong demand from local and out-of-state buyers, particularly those in high tax and high-density areas.

Pending sales began surging in mid-April and are stronger than they were before the COVID-19 stay home orders. New pending sales for Miami-Dade single-family homes decreased 8.9% year-over-year, from 4,482 to 4,081. New pending sales for Miami-Dade condos decreased 33.3% year-over-year, from 4,499 to 3,003.

Hot Markets Overview Reveals Strong Demand and Limited Supply in Many Local Areas

Months’ supply of inventory is a strong indicator of real estate activity. Top Miami-Dade County neighborhoods with the lowest months of supply of inventory (at least 100 new pending sales) in 2Q 2020:

Single-Family Homes

1. The Hammocks, a community in south Miami-Dade east of The Crossings, had 1.8 months supply.
2. Cutler Bay, a town in south Miami-Dade County, had 2.2 months supply.
3. Miami Gardens, a city in north Miami-Dade north of Opa-locka, had 2.4 months supply.
4. Homestead, a south Miami-Dade city, had 2.6 months supply.
4. Princeton, a community in south Miami-Dade south of Cutler Bay, had 2.6 months supply.

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Trump must turn over tax returns to D.A., judge rules

A federal judge on Thursday rejected President Donald Trump’s latest effort to block the Manhattan district attorney from obtaining his tax returns, roundly dismissing Trump’s arguments that the prosecutor’s grand jury subpoena was “wildly overbroad” and issued in bad faith.

The ruling by Clinton-appointed Judge Victor Marrero of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York marked another setback for the president in his year-long fight to block the sub-

poena. The conflict has already reached the Supreme Court once and could end up there again as Trump’s lawyers quickly filed papers saying he would appeal. The legal wrangling means an ultimate decision is unlikely before the November elections.

The district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., a Democrat, has been seeking eight years of Trump’s personal and business returns and other financial records as part of an investigation into the president’s business practices.

The Supreme Court, in a landmark decision last month, denied Trump’s initial argument that a sitting president had immunity from criminal investigation. But that ruling opened the door for the president to return to the lower court in Manhattan and raise other objections to the subpoena.

Trump renewed his fight with an argument that the subpoena was seeking information far beyond the jurisdiction of a local district attorney.

But in his decision, Marrero dismissed the presi-

dent’s new objections, saying that the judicial process did not “automatically transform into an incidence of incapacitating harassment and ill will merely because the proceedings potentially may implicate the president.”

Soon after Marrero’s decision was released, William Consovoy, a lawyer for the president, filed an emergency motion asking the judge to bar Mazars USA, the president’s accounting firm, from turning over Trump’s tax returns and other financial records to the prosecutors until Trump can appeal.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



TOWN OF CUTLER BAY PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Governor DeSantis’ Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52, in which the Governor declared a public health emergency and a state of emergency, there is a recommendation to limit public gatherings. On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, “Emergency Management - COVID-19 Local Government Public Meetings.” Pursuant to Executive Order 20-69, “any Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place” is suspended, and the Town is authorized to hold public meetings through the use of communications media technology, subject to the adoption of rules pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes. On July 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-179, which extended Executive Order 20-69 until 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2020. On April 14, 2020, Town Manager Casals issued Emergency Order No. 20-03, providing rules of procedure for Public Meetings utilizing communications media technology, including instructions on how to access the public meeting either via telephone, video conference, or other communications media technology utilized by the Town.

A TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD USING COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY ON:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

FROM 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

The Workshop agenda may be found on the Town of Cutler Bay’s website at <https://cutlerbay.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> The Town’s elected officials and Town staff will participate in this Workshop through video conferencing. Additional instructions are available online at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov. The Workshop is accessible to the public live via web link <https://cutlerbay.adobeconnect.com/rtc/> where you must then select “guest”, enter your name, and then click “enter room”. The Workshop should open directly in your browser.

If you wish, you may also download the app at <https://www.adobe.com/go/Connectsetup>

If prompted to Enable Flash Player, select “Enable” Enter the audio room number 2294226#

To participate via telephone during the live Workshop, dial **1-800-832-0736** enter the audio room number 2294226#

Questions regarding the meeting procedure may be directed to deastman@cutlerbay-fl.gov by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA), persons needing reasonable special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the Town Clerk for assistance at (305) 234-4262 no later than four days prior to the meeting.

This meeting will be recorded and available to the public post meeting.

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Town Clerk

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