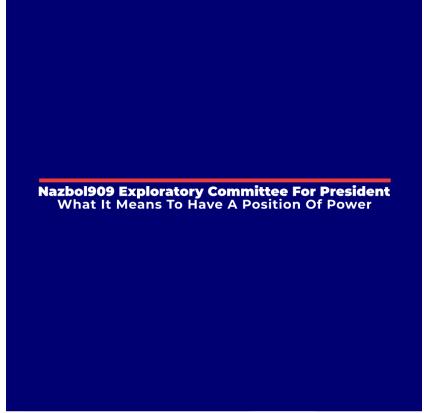


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What It Takes To Make A Better World - Coming Out As a Trans Woman, Endorsing Governor Cuba, And Announcing The Formation Of An Exploratory Committee To Run For President



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Preface:

It may have been in the title yes, but I'm going to keep this short, for personal and emotional reasons. I am a transgender woman. I intend to medically and socially transition, and I ask that all media sources and fellow political leaders refer to me with she/her pronouns. I do not want this announcement to be talked about because it's me coming out. I want it to be talked about because I am just one member of a community which is facing persecution, social rejection, and discrimination and which needs definitive social change. This is not about me, this is about the community which I now represent in a small way. Thank you.

I've been gone for a while, haven't I? The days of me slamming /u/nmtts and of me placing burn notices on radical right wing groups appear so, so far in the past. I mean, it hasn't been too long, and it's only been 2 and a half weeks since I issued a major directive for Lincoln's infrastructure operations, yet it feels far longer. It feels this way, because things are only getting worse. When you turn on your TV(I know people don't really do that anymore, but bear with me), and see a radical right winger posing as a Civics member running for Governor in Lincoln, see the untimely collapse of a party which, though I was never a member, pushed the overton window to the left and helped create greater social and economic equality for countless Americans, a sense of dread washes over you. A dread which seems to slow down time. You think, "Well, America is looking nice and shitty today!".

However, if you think about it, I shouldn't be among those thinking this. I've run in a Presidential Election I was never going to win, I've started political fights with people with more experience and skill than I could ever muster. If there is anyone who could look at the current political landscape and say, "We can get through this.", it should be me. Especially because, for all the bad, there is an insane amount of good in the current political scene. Democrats are doing better than ever in Lincoln and Nationally, Lincoln Democrats are rallying to pass and support amazing legislation, and my position as Secretary of Finance and Infrastructure has given me the platform to aid the African American community, to remove the dangerous influence of PPPs from Lincoln's infrastructure operations, and to make the announcements I am giving today.

However, things still feel wrong. The political climate still feels divided and vitriolic. The economy still feels like a few handful are getting wealthier while the rest of us are left out to dry. Society still feels actively opposed to the freedoms of immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, and the LGBTQ+ community. And the thing is, these aren't just feelings, these are truths. The world won't get better just because the Democrats are doing well electorally. We need people who are willing to make it better. We need effective leaders who will not just pass Executive Orders or who will propose bills. No, we need leaders who will use their positions to bring positive changes culturally and socially. We need political leaders who will use their offices, their powers, and their platforms to fight for what is right consistently and effectively. Because holding a position of power is not just what you do directly with that power, it is also the voice that you have.

Look at Governor Cuba, who, for example, signed a burn notice placed on the E.M.B.E.R Initiative which was written by me. This act was not something he needed to do. It was not required, and it was not an act in which he was simply exercising his power as Governor of Lincoln. It was an act in which he used his position, his voice, to create positive change for Lincoln and for all Lincolnites. He didn't throw out an Executive Order, or write a bill. No, he did something more. He used his voice to truly affect the political and social climate of Lincoln. You can win an election and do whatever you want with that power, but if you aren't actively affecting social discourse, using your voice to build the framework for greater social and political change, you don't deserve that voice.

That's why I'm using my voice as a public figure to endorse Governor Cuba in his Gubernatorial race today. Because I know for a fact that he is an effective leader who uses his power beyond the confines of his office. I am also endorsing him because his main opponent, /u/nmtts, has issued memorandums stripping illegal immigrants of their rights, and has proposed bills threatening the reproductive rights of women. He may be a member of a centre/centre right party, but his agenda is dangerous. I'm using my voice as a Lincoln public figure to say that and to warn people away from him.

Because how a politician uses their voice can change not just the course of Gubernatorial elections, but also the social discourse around /u/nmtts' ideas, and I recognize this. That's why I have one last major announcement today. I've been talking about how political leaders use their voice, and by "voice", I don't mean just their words. I mean everything that they do beyond the confines of their office. The political nonprofits they found, the burn notices they issue, and the future political paths they forge. I'm talking about these things because these are the things that truly matter. You cannot fix Lincoln, fix America, heal our divides, ensure rights for the marginalized groups of our nation, if you cannot change the conversation. Change does not come from the top, no, it comes from the bottom, from the conversation on the ground. It comes from the prevalence of left wing ideas on the ground. It comes from advocacy groups being supported and fundraised for by political leaders so that they can genuinely spread liberal and left wing ideas on the ground. Everything starts on the ground. All bills, all Executive Orders, need a genuine shift in the political and social culture on the ground if they intend to truly matter.

I am forming an Exploratory Committee to explore the possibility of me running as a Democrat for President in the next Presidential Election. I am not doing this because I have any deep grievances with the possible candidates, or with President Zero. No, I am doing this because we need a leader who will use their voice properly. One who will be an activist for true and noble ideas and ideals. One who will build up left wing and liberal groups to build lasting changes in our culture and society. Being a leader is so much more than the job. It is how you affect the culture and nation around you. It is how you build up certain politicians, parties, and advocacy groups. It is the legacy you leave with this nation. I intend to leave a legacy. Not of my personal glory, no, but a legacy of the positive changes I was able to make as a political leader outside of my office. Positive changes which popularized and energized the ideas of restricting the President to one term, strengthening the relationship between Congress and the Executive Branch, implementing a Universal Basic Income, promoting democratic representation for all groups, and abolishing poverty. I am not exploring the possibility of challenging President Zero because I have a lust for power, or because I have some irreparable disagreement with him. I'm exploring it because I want to use my power as President in ways which will change this nation forever from the ground up.

I know what it means to have a position of power.