

BIDEN DROPS OUT OF RACE, ENDORSES VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS

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My Fellow Americans,

Over the past three and a half years, we have made great progress as a Nation.

Today, America has the strongest economy in the world. We've made historic investments in rebuilding our Nation, in lowering prescription drug costs for seniors, and in expanding affordable health care to a record number of Americans. We've provided critically needed care to a million veterans exposed to toxic substances. Passed the first gun safety law in 30 years. Appointed the first African American woman to the Supreme Court. And passed the most significant climate legislation in the history of the world. America has never been better positioned to lead than we are today.

I know none of this could have been done without you, the American people. Together, we overcame a once in a century pandemic and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. We've protected and preserved our Democracy. And we've revitalized and strengthened our alliances around the world.

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek reelection, I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term.

I will speak to the Nation later this week in more detail about my decision.

For now, let me express my deepest gratitude to all those who have worked so hard to see me reelected. I want to thank Vice President Kamala Harris for being an extraordinary partner in all this work. And let me express my heartfelt appreciation to the American people for the faith and trust you have placed in me.

I believe today what I always have: that there is nothing America can't do – when we do it together. We just have to remember we are the United States of America.



Update: A follow-up tweet endorsed Kamala.

My fellow Democrats, I have decided not to accept the nomination and to focus all my energies on my duties as President for the remainder of my term. My very first decision as the party nominee in 2020 was to pick Kamala Harris as my Vice President. And it's been the best decision I've made. Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats – it's time to come together and beat Trump. Let's do this.

Harris accepts!

On behalf of the American people, I thank Joe Biden for his extraordinary leadership as President of the United States and for his decades of service to our country. His remarkable legacy of accomplishment is unmatched in modern American history, surpassing the legacy of many Presidents who have served two terms in office.

It is a profound honor to serve as his Vice President, and I am deeply grateful to the President, Dr. Biden, and the entire Biden family. I first came to know President Biden through his son Beau. We were friends from our days working together as Attorneys General of our home states. As we worked together, Beau would tell me stories about his Dad. The kind of father—and the kind of man—he was. And the qualities Beau revered in his father are the same qualities, the same values, I have seen every single day in Joe's leadership as President: His honesty and integrity. His big heart and commitment to his faith and his family. And his love of our country and the American people.

With this selfless and patriotic act, President Biden is doing what he has done throughout his life of service: putting the American people and our country above everything else.

I am honored to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination. Over the past year, I have traveled across the country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election. And that is what I will continue to do in the days and weeks ahead. I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party—and unite our nation—to defeat Donald Trump and

his extreme Project 2025 agenda.

We have 107 days until Election Day.
Together, we will fight. And together,
we will win.

Big Gretch:

President Biden is a great public servant who knows better than anyone what it takes to defeat Donald Trump. His remarkable work to lower prescription drug costs, fix the damn roads, bring supply chains home, address climate change, and ensure America's global leadership over decades will go down in history. **My job in this election will remain the same: doing everything I can to elect Democrats and stop Donald Trump**, a convicted felon whose agenda of raising families' costs, banning abortion nationwide, and abusing the power of the White House to settle his own scores is completely wrong for Michigan. [my emphasis]

Hunter Biden:

For my entire life, I've looked at my dad in awe. How could he suffer so much heartache and yet give so much of whatever remained of his heart to others?

Not only in the policies he passed, but in the individual lives he's touched.

Over a life time I have witnessed him absorb the pain of countless everyday Americans who he's given his personal phone number to, because he wanted them to call him when they were hurting. When their last hopes were slipping through their hands.

That unconditional love has been his North Star as a President, and as a parent. He is unique in public life

today, in that there is no distance
between Joe Biden the man and Joe Biden
the public servant of the last 54 years.

I'm so lucky every night I get to tell
him I love him, and to thank him. I ask
all Americans to join me tonight in
doing the same.

Thank you, Mr. President. I love you,
Dad.

Endorsements:

The Clintons

John Kerry

Josh Shapiro

Chris Coons

Mark Warner

Tim Kaine

Elizabeth Warren

Adam Schiff

Jon Ossoff

Tammy Baldwin

Mazie Hirono

Steny Hoyer

James Clyburn

Pramala Jayapal

Jamie Raskin

Eric Swalwell

Lucy McBath

Dan Kildee

Annie Kuster

Ilhan Omar

Cori Bush

Deborah Ross

Summer Lee

Katie Porter

Tish James

Keith Ellison

Gabrielle Giffords

Alex Soros

Not endorsing:

Nancy Pelosi

Obama

Reed Hastings (one of the donors
who led the attack on Biden)