

Riding Super Tuesday Momentum, Obama Builds Strong Grassroots Organization in Texas

CHICAGO, IL – One day after winning a majority of delegates and states on Super Tuesday, the presidential campaign of Senator Barack Obama today announced it planned to capitalize on that momentum by building a strong, statewide grassroots operation in Texas. In the days to come, the campaign will open 10 field offices in every region of the Lone Star State.

“We’re building a robust, statewide grassroots operation here in Texas, so we can have the foundation in place to capitalize on the momentum Senator Obama has after winning the most states and the most delegates yesterday,” said newly-tapped Obama state director Adrian Saenz. “Our campaign has

enjoyed tremendous success by building organizations that harness the talent and energy of Americans who are responding to Obama’s vision for uniting our country to change Washington. We intend to do the same thing right here in Texas.” Saenz, a highly regarded Texas political operative who will direct the campaign’s activities in Texas, will be joined by senior aides who played a leading role in Obama’s early primary and caucus victories.

Mitch Stewart, who will serve as the Texas Field Director, directed Obama’s field program in the Iowa Caucuses that resulted in a record-setting turnout and historic victory last month.

Eureka Gilkey, who will serve as the Texas Political Director, was the state director of Obama’s blowout victory in yesterday’s Geor

f 67%-31%.

Josh Earnest, who will serve as the Texas Communications Director, filled the same role in Iowa, managing the campaign’s message and press strategy.

Obama has already been endorsed by a number of leading Texas Democrats including US Reps. Al Green and Eddie Bernice Johnson, Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, State Senator Rodney Ellis and State Reps. Juan Garcia, Mark Strama and Dora Olivo.

“We’re pleased to have the support of so many Texans and look forward to working closely with them over the next 27 days to deliver a large number of Texas delegates for Barack Obama on the night of Tuesday, March 4th,” Saenz said.

Fruit Tree Care Workshop Set for Saturday February 16, 2008

Rusk, TX. -Cherokee County Fruit Tree Care Workshop is set for Saturday, February 16. At the workshop, the production of blueberries, blackberries, figs, grapes, pomegranates, persimmons, pears, peaches, apples, plums and pecans will be discussed. Selection of adapted varieties, planting, training, fertilization and pest management of each of the fruits and nuts will be outlined. The workshop will be held at Guinn Plant Farm located on highway 69 just North of the airport. It will be from 10 till noon.

Joe Daniel, Horticulturist with AgriLIFE Extension, Texas A&M University.

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