

# Minnesota GOP only listing President Trump on primary ballot



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President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, in Minneapolis.

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The Minnesota Republican Party is not listing challenger to President Donald Trump on its primary ballot.

A spokesperson for the Minnesota Secretary of State confirmed Thursday the state Republican Party did not include any additional candidates' names on the March 3 primary ballot in paperwork filed to the office.

So far, four Republicans — businessman Roque De La Fuente, former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld and former U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh of Illinois — have announced their intent to primary the president in advance of the 2020 general election.

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In a statement, Walsh denounced Minnesota GOP Chairwoman Jennifer Carnahan's decision to exclude primary challengers on the Republican ballot.

"Carnahan is well aware of the multiple viable primary challengers to Trump, and the state party is not required to submit such information to the SOS until the end of the year," Walsh said. "A Republican primary election will still be held, at the expense of taxpayers, but Minnesota voters will be unable to vote for anyone but Trump and will not even be allowed to write in an alternative."

Carnahan released a statement Thursday explaining the party's decision to just put Trump on the ballot:

"President Trump is extremely popular in Minnesota and my job as Chairwoman is to make sure we deliver our 10 electoral votes to the President on November 3, 2020. President Trump's campaign has been working with the Republican Party of Minnesota regarding the upcoming ballot for months. As of the filing, no other Presidential candidates have reached out to the MNGOP."

The names that appear on primary ballots for all qualifying parties are determined exclusively by each party's state chairperson, according to Minnesota election rules. The deadline to submit a party ballot is Dec. 31.

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