

PROCEEDINGS  
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*Temporary President*

SHELDON SILVER, New York

*Permanent Vice President*

MALCOLM SMITH, Queens

*Temporary Vice President*

JUNE F. O'NEILL, St. Lawrence

*Permanent Secretaries*

HELEN D. FOSTER, Bronx

GEORGE ARTHUR, Erie

*Temporary Secretaries*

DEBORAH A. SLOTT, New York

GEORGE GRESHAM, Bronx

*Tellers*

MARIA LUNA, New York

TERRENCE YANG, New York

BARBARA FIALA, Broome

JON COOPER, Suffolk

*Proceedings of the Electoral College of the State of New York  
Senate Chamber of the State Capitol  
Albany, New York  
on Monday, December 15, 2008*

## **Morning Session**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF COLOR GUARD AND SINGER FOR NATIONAL ANTHEM**

#### **Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Secretary of State:**

Ladies and gentlemen, will you please stand, and remain standing for the presentation of the colors by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Color Guard, followed by the singing of our national anthem by Ms. Michala (MEE-SHA-LAY) Childs of Albany High School. Please remain standing while the Color Guard departs.

#### **(PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AND SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.)**

#### **Secretary of State, Presiding:**

Thank you, Michala (MEE-SHA-LAY) for the wonderful anthem. Electors, you may be seated. Ladies and gentleman, I am pleased to call to order this meeting of the Electoral College of the state of New York for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President of the United States. What an exciting proceeding to participate in and bear witness to as this body will elect the first African American President of the United States.

It is now a privilege and honor for me to present to you Rabbi Zev Brenner, President and CEO, Talkline Communications Network for the Invocation.

#### **Rabbi Brenner: (Invocation)**

#### **Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Rabbi Brenner.

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm now pleased to recognize Mr. William Cunningham, Secretary to the Governor, who is representing the Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of New York.

**Mr. Cunningham:**

Madame Secretary, representing the Honorable David A. Paterson, I take pleasure in presenting on behalf of the Governor of the state of New York, the certified list of Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Mr. Cunningham.

We will now call the roll of this College of Electors. Please acknowledge your attendance by saying "Present" as your name is called.

Stuart Applebaum  
George Arthur  
Suzy Ballantyne  
Frank A. Bolz, III  
Jon Cooper  
Andrew Cuomo  
Maritza Davila  
Inez Dickens  
Thomas P. DiNapoli  
Barbara Fiala  
Richard Fife  
Helen D. Foster  
Bethaida Gonzalez  
Pamela Green-Perkins  
George Gresham  
Velda Jeffrey  
Hakeem Jeffries  
Alan Lubin  
Maria Luna  
Robert Master  
Dennis Mehiel  
June F. O'Neill  
David A. Paterson  
Christine Quinn  
Sheldon Silver  
Deborah A. Slott  
Malcolm Smith  
William Thompson  
Alan Van Capelle  
Terrence Yang

Ivan Young

Thank you. The Chair notes that David A. Paterson is absent for the proceeding. The Chair now recognizes the Honorable William Thompson of Kings County.

**Mr. Thompson:**

Madame Secretary, it is my pleasure to nominate the Speaker of the Assembly the Honorable Sheldon Silver of New York County, as the Temporary President of this Electoral College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you. The Chair now recognizes the Honorable Bethaida Gonzalez of Onondaga County.

**Ms. Gonzalez:**

It is my pleasure to second the nomination of the Honorable Sheldon Silver as Temporary President of this Electoral College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you. The Honorable Sheldon Silver has been nominated as Temporary President of this College.

Are there any further nominations? None being offered, the nominations are now closed.

I now ask those in favor of the election of the Honorable Sheldon Silver as Temporary President of this College to signify by saying Aye.

Any opposed?

The motion is carried, and the Honorable Sheldon Silver is unanimously elected. I now ask the Honorable Pamela Green-Perkins, of New York County and the Honorable Dennis Mehiel of Westchester County if they would be kind enough to escort the Temporary President to the Chair.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to present the Temporary President of this College, the Honorable Sheldon Silver.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you very much for that unanimous election. (Brief Remarks)

Secretary Cortés-Vázquez, Attorney General Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, Distinguished Members of the Electoral College and Honored

Guests:

On behalf of the College of Electors, I want to express our appreciation to Secretary Cortés-Vázquez and to her very able staff for their professional and courteous management of this event.

I would now like to recognize the Honorable Alan Lubin of Saratoga County.

**Mr. Lubin:**

Thank you, Mr. President and thank you for those remarks. They were well said.

I would now like to nominate the Honorable June F. O'Neill of St. Lawrence County and the great Chair of the State Democratic Party, as the Temporary Vice President of this College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. I now recognize the Honorable Velda Jeffrey of Kings County.

**Ms. Jeffrey:**

Thank you, President Silver, I second the nomination of the Honorable June F. O'Neill as Temporary Vice President of this College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. Are there any other nominations? None being offered, all those in favor of the election of the Honorable June F. O'Neill as Temporary Vice President of this College, signify by saying Aye.

Opposed?

The motion is carried. Will the Temporary Vice President please take your place on the dais.

I now recognize the Honorable Richard Fife of New York County.

**Mr. Fife:**

Thank you President Silver. It is my honor to nominate the Honorable Deborah A. Slott of New York County and the Honorable George Gresham of Bronx County, both who worked so very hard in this election, as Temporary Secretaries of this College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Mr. Fife. I now recognize the Honorable Maria Luna of New York County.

**Ms. Luna:**

President Silver. It is my honor to second the nomination of the Honorable Deborah A. Slott and the Honorable George Gresham to be Temporary Secretaries of this historic Electoral College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you Ms. Luna. Are there any other nominations? None being offered, all those in favor of the election of the Honorable Deborah A. Slott and the Honorable George Gresham as Temporary Secretaries of this College, signify by saying Aye.

Opposed?

They are unanimously elected and I ask them to take their place on the dais.

The next order of business is filling the vacancy created by the absence of David A. Paterson of New York County.

I will entertain a motion to fill the vacancy. I recognize the Honorable Suzy Ballantyne of Saratoga County.

**Ms. Ballantyne:**

Mr. Temporary President, I offer the nomination of Chung Seto of New York County to fill the vacancy of David A. Paterson.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. The Chair recognizes Pamela Green-Perkins of New York County.

**Ms. Green-Perkins:**

Mr. Temporary President, I second the nomination of Chung Seto of New York County for the vacancy.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. Are there any further nominations? None being offered, the nominations are now closed.

I now ask those in favor of the election of Chung Seto of New York County to fill the vacancy of David A. Paterson to signify by saying Aye.

Opposed?

The motion is carried. Will the Honorable Chung Seto of New York County step forward to take your oath administered by the Secretary of State.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York and that you will faithfully execute the duties of this office as Elector of President and Vice President of the United States of America, to the best of your ability so help you God?

**Ms. Seto:**

I do.

**Temporary President Silver:**

The Electoral College now consists of its legal 31 members. I now want to recognize our wonderful Secretary of State.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Mr. President, it is now my highest honor to extend an invitation to the members of this Electoral College and its distinguished guests to lunch which will commence immediately after the end of this session.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Secretary Cortés-Vázquez.

I recognize the Honorable George Arthur of Erie County.

**Mr. Arthur:**

Mr. President, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to move that we accept the gracious invitation of the Secretary of State to join her for lunch.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. I recognize the Honorable Alan Van Capelle of New York County.

**Mr. Van Capelle:**

Mr. President, it gives me equal pleasure to second the motion of the Honorable George Arthur, that we accept the invitation of the Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez to join her for lunch.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Excellent motion.

All in favor of the motion indicate in the usual manner.

Any opposed? The motion is carried.

I'd like to now recognize the Honorable Robert Master of Kings County.

**Mr. Master:**

Mr. President, I move we now recess in order that we may accept the invitation, the gracious invitation, of the Secretary of State, and we reconvene at 1:15 this afternoon.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Mr. Master.

I recognize the Honorable Helen D. Foster of Bronx County.

**Ms. Foster:**

I am honored to second the motion that we recess for lunch, and reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Ms. Foster.

All in favor of the motion, please indicate by saying Aye.

Any opposed?

The motion is carried. After acknowledgments by Secretary Cortés-Vázquez, this session of the Electoral College will recess for lunch and will reconvene promptly at 1:15 this afternoon.

Madame Secretary?

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to acknowledge the presence of the following distinguished guests gathered here today...Please welcome Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymember Ron Canestrari, Assemblymember John McEneny, Albany County Executive Mike Breslin, Albany City Mayor Jerry Jennings, Albany City Treasurer Betty Barnette, and New York State Democratic Committee Executive Committee Chair Reginald Lafayette.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Ladies and gentlemen, we are now in recess.

## **Afternoon Session**

### **Temporary President Silver:**

Could I ask all of the electors to please come forward now and gather around the front of the podium, so that our photographer will be able to record these historic proceedings? Our official photograph will be taken at this time. Come forward, please.

Thank you. Please take your seats so we can quickly continue with our business of the Electoral College.

I will now introduce to you, New York Secretary of State, the Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez.

### **Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Mr. President.

I am pleased and honored to be a part of the Electoral College of 2008.  
(Brief remarks)

Mr. Temporary President, I also want to acknowledge the absence of the Honorable Chung Seto at this time.

### **Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary. The absence is duly noted.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable George Gresham of Bronx County.

**Mr. Gresham:**

Mr. Temporary President, I offer the nomination of our great leader of our State, the Honorable David A. Paterson from New York County, as the official Elector to fill the vacancy in the office of Elector for this College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Deborah A. Slott of New York County.

**Ms. Slott:**

Mr. Temporary President, it gives me great honor to second the nomination of the Honorable David A. Paterson as an Elector.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Are there any further nominations? Since there are none, I would ask that all in favor of the unanimous election of the Honorable David A. Paterson as Elector and fill the vacancy created by the absence of the Honorable Chung Seto to indicate by saying Aye.

Any opposed?

I declare the Honorable David A. Paterson unanimously elected. Will the Honorable David A. Paterson come forward to take the oath administered by the Secretary of State.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York and that you will faithfully execute the duties of this office as Elector of President and Vice President of the United States of America, to the best of your ability so help you God?

**Mr. Paterson:**

I do.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Will the Honorable David A. Paterson please take his seat.

The Electoral College now consists of its legal 31 members.

The next order of business is the election of a Permanent President, and I recognize the Honorable Inez Dickens of New York County.

**Ms. Dickens:**

Mr. Temporary President, it is my personal pleasure and deep honor to nominate as Permanent President of this Electoral College someone who I have known for many years and a favorite son of Harlem, the great Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable David A. Paterson of New York County.

**Temporary President Silver:**

I now recognize the dynamic Attorney General of the State of New York, the Honorable Andrew Cuomo of New York County.

**Mr. Cuomo:**

Thank you Mr. President. It is also my distinct pleasure and great honor to second the nomination of the Honorable David A. Paterson, who is ably leading this great State during this economic downturn, as Permanent President of this Electoral College.

**Temporary President Silver:**

Thank you, Attorney General Cuomo.

Are there any further nominations? Since there are none, I would ask that all in favor of the unanimous election of the Honorable David A. Paterson as Permanent President of this College to indicate by saying Aye.

Any opposed?

I declare the Honorable David A. Paterson unanimously elected as the Permanent President of this Electoral College. I now appoint the Honorable Suzy Ballantyne and the Honorable Ivan Young to escort President Paterson to the podium.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you your Permanent President, the Honorable David A. Paterson.

**Permanent President Paterson:**

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, each and every member of this Electoral College of New York here, thank you. I welcome you to our state Capitol here in Albany. It is wonderful to be in the soon-to-be Democratic led Senate Chamber. (Brief remarks).

Thank you, and I now look forward to proceeding with the business at

hand, and I now turn the gavel over to the Secretary of State for the nomination of the Permanent Vice President and Secretaries to this Electoral College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Mr. President...speaking of gavel...It is my honor on behalf of the members of this Electoral College to present you with this ceremonial gavel as a memento of this historic occasion and in recognition of your election as Permanent President of this College.

I now recognize the Honorable Christine Quinn of New York County.

**Ms. Quinn:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary. It is my pleasure to offer the Honorable Malcolm Smith of Queens County, the soon to be majority leader of the State Senate, as the Permanent Vice President of this College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the esteemed Comptroller of the great State of New York, the Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli of Nassau County.

**Mr. DiNapoli:**

Madame Secretary, it's an honor and pleasure to second the nomination of the Honorable Malcolm Smith to be the Permanent Vice President of this College and offer him my congratulations for the upcoming session.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Comptroller DiNapoli. Are there any other nominations? There being none, I ask those in favor of the election of the Honorable Malcolm Smith as Permanent Vice President of this College to indicate so by saying Aye.

Those opposed?

There being none, I now declare the Honorable Malcolm Smith as Permanent Vice President for this Electoral College.

Would Mr. Smith please take his seat on the dais?

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

I now recognize the Honorable Barbara Fiala of Broome County.

**Ms. Fiala:**

Thank you Madame Secretary. It is my pleasure to nominate the Honorable Helen D. Foster of Bronx County and the Honorable George Arthur of Erie County to be Permanent Secretaries of this College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you, Ms. Fiala. I recognize the Honorable Terrence Yang of New York County.

**Mr. Yang:**

Madame Secretary. I enthusiastically second the nomination of the Honorable Helen D. Foster and the Honorable George Arthur to be Permanent Secretaries of this historic body.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you. Are there any other nominations? There being none, I ask those in favor of the election of the Honorable Helen D. Foster and the Honorable George Arthur as Permanent Secretaries of this College to indicate so by saying Aye.

Those opposed?

There being none, I now declare the Honorable Helen D. Foster and the Honorable George Arthur as Permanent Secretaries and ask them to take their seats at the dais.

The next order of business is the casting of the ballots for President of the United States. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Deborah A. Slott of New York County.

**Ms. Slott:**

Madame Secretary, it is my honor to move that we proceed with balloting for President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Stuart Appelbaum of New York County.

**Mr. Appelbaum:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary. It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to

second the motion to proceed to balloting for President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

It has been moved and seconded that we proceed to balloting for President of the United States. All those in favor of the motion will indicate in the usual manner.

All those opposed? Motion is carried.

The Chair appoints the Honorable Maria Luna of New York County, the Honorable Terrence Yang of New York County, the Honorable Jon Cooper of Suffolk County, and the Honorable Barbara Fiala of Broome County as Tellers to count the votes which are to be cast. Will the Tellers please take their places by the ballot box.

Let me remind you that we will be casting separate ballots for President and Vice President. So that you may retain your ballots as a souvenir, please print your name on the back of each ballot so it may be returned to you.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Malcolm Smith of Queens County.

**Mr. Smith:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary.

I'm very proud to request that the ballot box be taken to the Honorable David A. Paterson so that he may have the honor of casting the first ballot for the office of President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Would Mr. Yang bring the ballot box to the Honorable David Paterson? The Honorable Helen D. Foster will call the roll. Please proceed to the ballot box and place your ballot when called.

**Ms. Foster:**

Proceed with Roll Call.

Madame Secretary, the call is complete.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

It appears that all ballots have been cast, and we'd ask the Tellers to count them and, when ready, to announce the results.

Ms. Fiala.

**Ms. Fiala:**

Madame Secretary, after counting the ballots, we find 31 votes have been cast for the Honorable Barack Obama of Illinois, for President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair announces that the entire membership of this Electoral College of the state of New York have cast their ballots for the Honorable Barack Obama as President of the United States.

The College will now proceed to the balloting for the Vice President of the United States, and at this time the Chair recognizes the Honorable Maritza Davila of Kings County.

**Ms. Davila:**

Madame Secretary, I move we now proceed to the balloting for Vice President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Frank A. Bolz, III of Suffolk County.

**Mr. Bolz:**

Madame Secretary, I take pleasure in seconding the motion to proceed to the balloting for Vice President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

It has been moved and seconded that we proceed to the balloting for Vice President of the United States. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

Opposed? The motion is carried. As we begin to ballot, be sure to sign your ballots so they may be returned to you by the Secretary of State as a souvenir of this occasion.

We will now proceed to balloting for Vice President of the United States. The Honorable George Arthur will call the roll.

**Mr. Arthur:**

Proceed with Roll Call.

Madame Secretary, the voting is complete.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

It appears all the ballots have been cast. I request the Tellers to count them and announce the results.

**Mr. Cooper:**

Madame Secretary, after counting the votes, it gives me great pleasure to announce that we find 31 ballots cast for the Honorable Joe Biden of Delaware, for Vice President of the United States.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you. The Chair announces that the entire membership of this Electoral College has voted for the Honorable Joe Biden for Vice President of the United States.

At this time, I ask each member of this College to come to the dais as your name is called to sign the Certificates of Vote which my office has prepared for your signature. You'll be required to sign your name 12 times, so if you will come forward and sign your name, I will call the roll.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Certificates have been duly signed by each elector of this Electoral College.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable June F. O'Neill of St. Lawrence County.

**Ms. O'Neill:**

Madame Secretary, I move that the Permanent Secretaries be authorized and directed to file through the Department of State the certificates which we have signed, with the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of State of the State of New York, the New York State Board of Elections, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, the National Archives and Records Administrator and the Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Columbia University, which is the repository of historical archives of the New York State Democratic Committee.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Dennis Mehiel of Westchester County.

**Mr. Mehiel:**

Madame Secretary, it gives me great pleasure and an honor to second the motion made by the Honorable June F. O'Neill.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying Aye.

Opposed? Motion is carried.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Pamela Green-Perkins of New York County.

**Ms. Green-Perkins:**

Madame Secretary, I move that the proceedings of this Electoral College of the great state of New York be printed and bound and that copies of the proceedings be distributed to all members of this Electoral College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The chair recognizes the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries of Kings County.

**Mr. Jeffries:**

Madame Secretary, it is my privilege to second the motion made by the Honorable Pamela Green-Perkins and it has been an honor to participate in this historic College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

Opposed? The motion is carried.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Suzy Ballantyne of Saratoga County.

**Ms. Ballantyne:**

Madame Secretary, it is my pleasure to move that the President, the Secretaries and the officers of this College be thanked for their services and to offer my thanks for an enjoyable day at the Capitol for this historic proceeding.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Ivan Young of Suffolk County.

**Mr. Young:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary. I second the motion made by the Honorable Suzy Ballantyne and I am also thankful for the opportunity to participate in today's proceedings.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

Contrary? Motion is carried.

At this time on behalf of the Office of Permanent President, I wish to personally thank the members of this College for their dedicated efforts in organizing these proceedings, and I want to thank my staff and the staff of the New York State Democratic Committee for all their work to make this event a success.

The Chair now recognizes the Honorable June F. O'Neill of St. Lawrence County.

**Ms. O'Neill:**

Madame Secretary, it's my pleasure to offer a resolution of appreciation in your honor, the Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Secretary of State, for arranging the meeting of this Electoral College and for your gracious hospitality.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable William Thompson of Kings County.

**Mr. Thompson:**

Madame Secretary, I take pleasure in seconding the remarks made by the Honorable June F. O'Neill.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The motion has been made and seconded.  
All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

Those opposed? Motion is carried.

It has been a pleasure to organize and coordinate this milestone proceeding.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli of Nassau County.

**Mr. DiNapoli:**

Thank you, Madame Secretary. On a financial note, I now move that the Electors of this College unanimously agree to forgo their compensation as Electors to have the money go back to the New York State Treasury. We all know we need to count every penny.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Alan Lubin of Saratoga County.

**Mr. Lubin:**

Madame President, I take great pleasure in seconding the motion made by our Comptroller the Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli and doing all I can to help the State's Treasury.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

It has been moved and seconded that the compensation for the Electors of this 2008 Electoral College be forgone and given back to the New York State Treasury. All those in favor signify by saying Aye.

Opposed? Motion is carried.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable George Gresham of Bronx County.

**Mr. Gresham:**

Madame President, I move that the 2008 Electoral College of the state of New York be adjourned and further would note that Speaker Sheldon Silver invites you all to join him in the Assembly chambers for refreshments following the close of this Electoral College.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

The Chair recognizes the Honorable Bethaida Gonzalez of Onondaga County.

**Ms. Gonzalez:**

Madame Secretary, I second the motion to adjourn.

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor signify by saying Aye.

All those opposed? The motion is carried.

The Chair introduces the Rev. Gabriel A. Salguero, Pastor of the Lamb's Church and Director, Hispanic Leadership Program at the Princeton Theological Seminary, for the benediction.

**Rev. Salguero: (Benediction)**

**Secretary of State Cortés-Vázquez:**

Thank you very much.

I now declare this 2008 Electoral College adjourned.