

WISH-TV'S NEWS 8 TO BROADCAST INDIANA STATE CONVENTIONS FOR BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS VIEWERS EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EVENTS

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INDIANAPOLIS – May 4, 2020 – **DuJuan McCoy, owner, president, and CEO of Circle City Broadcasting** (parent company of <u>WISH-TV</u> and <u>MyINDY-TV 23</u>), the <u>Indiana Republican Party</u>, and the <u>Indiana Democratic Party</u> today announced exclusive partnerships to broadcast state conventions for both political parties.

News 8, your local news source, will cover both events live from the WISH-TV studios early this summer. In-studio coverage will include state party officials, candidates, current legislators, and will be anchored by familiar faces from the News 8 team. According to both organizations, this is the first time in recent memory that either convention has been broadcast live on television.

Viewers can watch the Indiana Democratic Convention Thursday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. The Indiana Republican Convention will air Thursday, June 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Additional details for each of the 90-minute broadcasts will be announced at a later date, as they are finalized.

"As a local news source, we don't take sides when it comes to political coverage," said McCoy. "That's why we're pleased to be the only originating station in the state bringing live coverage of both these events directly into the homes of viewers. The recent pandemic has exposed gaps in access to web-based coverage, but we know that nearly 99% of American homes have a television. That's why it's important to offer free, over-the-air coverage of significant events affecting the lives of Hoosiers whenever feasible."

Both events will also be streamed live on <u>WISHTV.com</u>.

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WISH-TV has set the standard for television excellence in Central Indiana since 1954. The station has been honored as "Television Station of the Year" by the Indiana Broadcasters Association, for its "Overall Excellence" by the Edward R. Murrow Awards, and as "Outstanding News Operation," "Outstanding Weather Operation," "Best Newscast," and "Best Website" by the Indiana Associated Press Broadcast Association. WISH-TV offers viewers 77 hours per week of local news and local programming and provides around-the-clock information on its digital platforms. WISH-TV is locally owned and operated by <u>Circle City Broadcasting</u>, and is an affiliate of <u>The CW</u> network. The station serves more than one million households.