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Summary by ChatGPT

- Gratitude to Supporters: She expressed deep appreciation for her campaign team and supporters.
- Commitment to Values: Reaffirmed her dedication to principles like justice, equality, and opportunity.
- Respect for Democracy: Acknowledged the democratic process and the importance of voter participation.
- Unity Call: Urged Americans to come together despite political differences.

- Encouragement for Future: Motivated supporters to continue advocating for change.

Kamala Harris 00:00:02

Good afternoon. Good afternoon.

Kamala Harris 00:00:09

Good.

Kamala Harris 00:00:19

Good afternoon, everyone. Good afternoon. Good afternoon. Good afternoo.

Kamala Harris 00:00:33

Thank you all. Uh, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Kamala Harris 00:00:38

So let me say. And I love you back. And I love you back. So let me say my heart is full today. My heart is full today.

Kamala Harris 00:00:52

Full of gratitude for the trust you have placed in me. Full of love for our country and full of resolve. The outcome of this election is not what we wanted, not what we fought for, not what we voted for. But hear me when I say. Hear me when I say the light of America's promise will always burn bright as long as we never give up.

Kamala Harris 00:01:35

And as long as we keep fighting.

Kamala Harris 00:01:44

To my beloved Doug and our family, I love you so very much.

Kamala Harris 00:01:53

To President Biden and Dr. Biden, thank you for your faith and support.

Kamala Harris 00:02:00

To Governor Walz and the Walz family, I know your service to our nation will continue.

And to my extraordinary team, to the volunteers who gave so much of themselves, to the poll workers and the local election officials, I thank you. I thank you all. Look, I am so proud of the race we ran and the way we ran it and the way we ran it. Over the 107 days of this campaign, we have been intentional about building community and building coalitions, bringing people together from every walk of life and background, united by love of country, with enthusiasm and joy in our fight for America's future.

Kamala Harris

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And we did it with the knowledge that we all have so much more in common than what separates us now. I know folks are feeling and experiencing a range of emotions right now. I get it.

Kamala Harris

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But we must accept the results of this election. Earlier today, I spoke with President Elect Trump and congratulated him on his victory. I also told him that we will help him and his team with their transition and that we will engage in a peaceful transfer of power.

Kamala Harris

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A fundamental principle of American democracy is that when we lose an election, we accept the results. That principle, as much as any other, distinguishes democracy from monarchy or tyranny. And anyone who seeks the public trust must honor it. At the same time, in our nation, we owe loyalty not to a president or a party, but to the Constitution of the United States and loyalty to our conscience and to our God.

Kamala Harris

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My allegiance to all three is why I am here to say, while I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign.

Kamala Harris

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The fight. The fight for freedom, for opportunity, for fairness, and the dignity of m all people. A fight for the ideals at the heart of our nation, the ideals that reflect America at our best. That is a Fight. I will never give up.

Kamala Harris

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I will never give up the fight for a future where Americans can pursue their dreams, ambitions and aspirations, where the women of America have the freedom to make decisions about their own body and not have their government telling them what to do. We will never give up the fight to protect our schools and our streets from gun violence and America.

We will never give up the fight for our democracy, for the rule of law, for equal justice, and for the sacred idea that every one of us, no matter who we are or where we start out, has certain fundamental rights and freedoms that must be respected and upheld.

Kamala Harris

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And we will continue to wage this fight in the voting booth, in the courts, and in the public square. And we will also wage it in quieter ways in how we live our lives, by treating one another with kindness and respect, by looking in the face of a stranger and seeing a neighbor.

Kamala Harris

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By always using our strength to lift people up, to fight for the dignity that all people deserve. The fight for our freedom will take hard work. But like I always say, we like hard work.

Kamala Harris

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Hard work is good work. Hard work can be joyful work. And the fight for our country is always worth it. It is always worth it.

Kamala Harris

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To the young people who are watching, it is. I love you.

Kamala Harris

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To the young people who are watching, it is okay to feel sad and disappointed, but please know it's going to be okay. On the campaign, I would often say when we fight, we win. But here's the thing. Here's the thing. Sometimes the fight takes a while.

Kamala Harris

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That doesn't mean we won't win. That doesn't mean we won't win. The important thing is don't ever give up. Don't ever give up. Don't ever stop trying to make the world a better place.

Kamala Harris

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You have power. You have power. And don't you ever listen when anyone tells you something is impossible because it has never been done before.

Kamala Harris

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You have the capacity to do extraordinary good in the world. And so, to everyone who is

watching, do not despair. This is not a time to throw up our hands. This is a time to roll up our sleeves.

Kamala Harris

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This is a time to organize, to mobilize, and to stay engaged for the sake of freedom and justice and the future that we all know we can build together. Look, many of you know I started out as a prosecutor. And throughout my career, I saw people at some of the worst times in their lives.

Kamala Harris

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People who had suffered great harm and great pain and yet found within themselves the strength and the courage and the resolve to take the stand, to take a stand to fight for justice, to fight for themselves, to fight for others. So let their courage be our inspiration.

Kamala Harris

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Let their determination be our charge. And I'll close with this. There's an adage an historian once called a law of history true of, uh, every society across the ages. The adage is only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. I know many people feel like we are entering a dark time, but for the benefit of us all, I hope that is not the case.

Kamala Harris

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But here's the thing, America. If it is, let us fill the sky with the light of a brilliant, brilliant billion of stars.

Kamala Harris

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The light. The light of optimism, of faith, of truth and service.

Kamala Harris

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Hu and may that work guide us even in the face of setbacks toward the extraordinary promise of the United States of America. I thank you all. May God bless you and may God bless the United States of America. I thank you all.