

Top Ten Duties of a Successful Precinct Committee Person (PCP)

1. PCPs serve for two years as a Republican Party representative in their own home neighborhood.
2. PCPs support all Republican candidates after the Primary Election. You are the eyes, ears and legs for candidates in your precinct. You play a critical role in electing Republican candidates for a wide range of positions, from the local school board to US Congress.
3. PCPs are the “grassroots base” of the Republican party. You are the liaison to the county party organization. This is a year-round commitment, which entails certain responsibilities; the most important is to keep in touch with your Republican neighbors. Recruit and train volunteers (eg, Street Captains to help you) whenever possible. Maintain an updated list of the Republican voters in your precinct with phone numbers and emails when possible.
4. PCPs canvass their precinct, going door-to-door passing out literature for candidates and the party, as well as talking to voters. Your HD35 team will provide you with voter lists and the data you need.
5. PCPs help register voters. There are two choices: If someone would like a person to visit, register them, and turn the form in directly to the Election Office, give the voter’s name, address and phone to your District Captain as soon as you can. If the voter doesn’t want a visit, give them a mail-in registration form. (You can let them know you’re proudly Republican, but can’t coerce them in any way to register for a particular party.)
6. PCPs identify voters. Lots of voters “think like” Republicans, but are not registered with the party. Phone calls and personal contacts are good ways to identify which issues are hot buttons for them and whether they are likely to vote Republican. This information can be compiled and used later for special mailings and other projects.
7. PCPs help Get-Out-The-Vote. Without votes, even the best Republican candidate can’t win. Making sure voters turn in their ballots by Election Day is one of the most crucial jobs you have as a PCP. GOTV (Get-Out-The-Vote) drives include phone banks and doorbelling. These efforts are especially urgent in the final days before the ballots are due.
8. PCPs may participate in fundraising activities. They may be asked to volunteer at events sponsored by the local or state parties.
9. PCPs attend meetings (as voting members) of the County Republican Central Committee (there are 3 required meetings in a 2-yr period.) They may also choose to attend other county meetings held throughout the year for various reasons.
10. PCPs need to be flexible. There is no magic formula for success. Use your best judgment to inform voters and get them to cast a favorable ballot for Republicans.