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What Is A Political Party

1. A Political Party is a shifting alliance of ideological groupings of the Electorate and a temporary alignment of political factions for the purpose of winning elections.

2. A Political Party is not a private organization; it is a public organization defined in Title 35 of the Ohio Revised Code consisting of those Citizens who are registered to vote in the State of Ohio who align themselves with a Party by voting in a partisan primary election in an even numbered year.

3. A Political Party stands for what the people in the party want it to stand for:
    a. by framing and adopting a platform
    b. by specific policy positions put fort by state or county party officials
    c. by endorsing and nominating candidates espousing its ideals and policy positions
    d. by electing State and County Central Committee Members who manage the Party according to the mandate of the people in the Party

4. A Political Party is a geographically based political grassroots organization or team managed by a State Central Committee and County Central Committees in each County of the State.
    a. The State Central Committee is composed of a man and woman elected by voting members of the party from each State Senate District.
    b. The County Central Committee in each County is composed of a person elected from each city ward and township, or each precinct of a County, as the outgoing Committee determines.
    c. The members are elected at the Primary Election in even numbered years; and the term of office is two years, unless set at 4 years by party bylaws.

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Why You Should Run for County Central Committee

1. In Ohio, the County Central Committee of a political party is the CONTROLLING COMMITTEE of the County Party (ORC 3517.03).

2. Candidates who are endorsed by the major political parties (D or R), usually win and are nominated in the Primary Election to face the other party's candidate in the General Election.

3. The County Central Committee determines which Candidates shall be endorsed and otherwise supported by the party machinery (fundraising and grassroots campaign activities).

4. County Central Committee Members are elected in each political subdivision of a county (City Ward, Village, and Township or Precinct) by the Voting Members of their party in the Primary Election in even numbered years.

5. County Central Committee Members choose party officers, frame and adopt bylaws, provide for the endorsement of candidates for public office, provide for the selection of Members to the County Board of Elections, make appointments to vacancies in public and party offices, and otherwise provide for all party activities pursuant to the election to public office of all Candidates representing the party and its ideals as stated in its platform.

6. County Central Committee Members are the point of action persons to the voting members of their party in the political subdivision they represent (City Ward, Township, Village, or Precinct) for the purpose of informing voters on endorsed candidates and their qualifications, making available and distributing to voters party slate cards and candidate literature, as well as yard signs and other campaign items. They also may take opportunity to recruit Precinct Election Poll Workers and Election Poll Watchers in coordination with the County Board of Elections, and to engage in Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts at election time.

7. County Central Committee Members possess an active and real stake in determining who our Elected Representatives will be, and are closest link to the voting citizens themselves whose WILL shall be SOVEREIGN in a REPUBLIC established by THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.

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How to Run for County Central Committee

1. Identify your jurisdiction:
   a. Find out from your County Board of Elections (BOE) the City Ward, Village, Township or Precinct in which you live that has representation to the County Central Committee for your Political Party
      i. Call your Board of Elections
      ii. Visit your Board of Elections
      iii. Visit BOE Website and lookup personal Voter Registration (or go to voteohio.gov

2. Get a map of your political subdivision (city ward, village, or township with precinct designations; or of your individual precinct) from your County BOE
   a. Visit BOE in person (Petitions and Filings/Map Department)
   b. Request a map by phone or email
   c. Download off BOE website

3. Get a walking list of Voters in your political subdivision (city ward, village, or township with precinct designations) or of your individual precinct, as the case may be for CCC representation
   a. Organize list by precinct, street, and house number
   b. Filter by party designation (R, U, D)
   c. May also designate frequent voters and primary voters by including recent voter record
   d. Obtain Walking lists from BOE, your county Political Party or third party actors (contact us if you are having difficulty)
   e. Prepare your own Walking lists by obtaining Voter Data files from your BOE and organizing them yourself (Excel)
      i. Obtain disc with voter data from BOE
      ii. Download voter data files from website (BOE or SOS)

4. Prepare a flyer, literature piece, or handout for both door-to-door distribution and mail out
   a. Name (required) and picture (optional)
   b. Office you are running for (CCC)
   c. A few policy positions
   d. Date of Election
   e. Contact information (email address, or social media location)
   Note: No campaign finance filings are required for CCC

5. Obtain and circulate Candidate Petition
    a. Obtain form 2-L from BOE or Secretary of State (SOS) - https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/forms-petitions/ (this is a legal size document, 8 ½ x 14)
    b. Fill out properly
    c. Get 5-15 signatures from registered voters in your political subdivision (ward, village, or township) who are of the same party or unaffiliated
        i. Use your Walk List to make sure signatories are registered voters and of correct party designation
        ii. Make sure dates of signatures are in chronological order
    d. Fill out Circulation statement and record accurately the number of signatures.

6. File Candidate Petition at BOE on or before the 90th day prior to the Primary Election. (If you missed this deadline you may file a Write-In petition (Form No. 13 from SOS website link above, 8 ½ x 11) on or before the 72nd day prior to the Primary Election

7. Mail or hand deliver literature piece to every prospective voter at least 30 days prior to election (Early Voting starts about then so about 5 weeks out get your information to them)

8. Go door-to-door and talk in person to your most likely voters all the way up to Election Day
    a. If you invest in yard signs, ask them to put one in their yard
    b. If they are really interested recruit them as a volunteer
        i. Hand out literature at precinct polls on Election Day
        ii. Host a meet and greet
        iii. Be a poll worker (paid) or watcher (non pay)
        iv. Get Out The Vote Whip
    c. Ask them to join your grassroots contact network for the ward, village, township, or precinct (email, phone, social media)

9. Chase the Absentee Voters
    a. Obtain daily updates of Absentee ballot requests from BOE
    b. Immediately mail or hand-deliver literature to them (Absentee Address Labels may be downloaded from BOE website)
    c. Door-knock if possible

10. Final Mailer 1 week before Election
    a. Mail your literature to remaining targeted voters so they get it the weekend before Election
    b. Consider including your own Recommended Candidates List or Slate Card for them to take with them to the polls

11. Election Day Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Activities
    a. Get volunteers to pass out your literature at precinct voting locations (100 feet from entrance)
    b. Whip the Vote by checking the 11AM and 4PM Voter tallies posted inside and contact those who have not voted yet
    c. Obtain Results from each Precinct Poll posted on the door at the end of day (8-8:30PM). Absentee and Early Vote results should be posted at BOE website (Live Results Feed) immediately after polls close at 7:30 PM.

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Powers and Responsibilities of
County Central Committee Members

1. To meet at an Organizational Meeting and elect Officers, as well as to elect an Executive Committee and provide for the election of its Officers;

2. To frame and adopt a constitution and bylaws and file them with Secretary of State (SOS);

3. To file a list of its Members, Executive Committee and other Party Officials with SOS;

4. To meet on occasion and as needed to conduct all party business in accordance with it bylaws;

5. To provide for the organizational support and program of activities in recruiting, screening, training, endorsing, nominating, and electing candidates of their choosing in accordance with party bylaws;

6. To participate in the staffing of screening committees, finance committees, and other subcommittees of the Party;

7. To participate in fundraising campaigns, activities, and events and to provide for timely accounting and financial filings required of the Party;

8. To provide for the recommendation by the Executive Committee of qualified persons for appointment by the SOS to the County Board of Elections;

9. To make appointments to vacancies in certain public offices and to fill vacancies on the County Central Committee;

10. To call a County Convention for specified purposes;

11. To represent the views, ideas, and concerns of the voting members of the Party in their political subdivision to the Party Organization;

12. To provide the voters in their jurisdiction with timely information and resources from the Party Organization related to Party events, fundraisers, election times, poll locations, candidate literature, yard signs, campaign rallies and events, party slate cards, as well as opportunities to volunteer as poll workers, poll watchers, and help with campaign activities.